

EMA roundtable with stakeholders on SME support

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Veterinary medicines organisations

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Generic veterinary medicines

- The European Group for Generic Veterinary Products since 2002
- We represent the generic and added-value medicines industry, largely SMEs
- We support animal health by increasing access to veterinary medicines, many for minor species and smaller markets in Europe
- EGGVP market survey 2019: 185 generic veterinary medicines companies in Europe
 - about 50% SMEs, but very few in the SME register
 - 2/3 of EGGVP members qualify, only 1/3 in the register.





69 M€ (in average)





Feedback on SME support

Overall initiative and support very welcome

- Translations services, and fee deferrals and reductions the most useful
 - Time and cost savings
 - Help make decisions regarding development and submission
 - Translators for all languages not easy to find
- Regulatory advice and administrative assistance considered competent and quick, including SME registration process
- Communication and materials were highly rated.





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Suggestions for the future

- Administrative burden has a greater impact on SMEs
 - Simpler, shorter and more focused communication materials
 - Practically oriented training
 - Clearly indicate who the communications and documents are for (V, H or H+V)
- The annual "vet-only" SMEs workshops and webinars are missed
- Increase awareness
 - Only a small part of the SME veterinary sector able to identify and exploit the opportunities
- Revision of the SME criteria.