

## About ECHAMP

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With some 50 full company members from 19 EU Member States, the European Coalition on Homeopathic and Anthroposophic Medicinal Products (ECHAMP) works to ensure that its members can meet the increasing demand for homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products.

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action



Homeopathic and  
anthroposophic  
medicinal products  
**Towards suitable regulation**



## Towards suitable regulation for homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products



**More than 100 million EU citizens choose homeopathic and anthroposophic medicines for their health care.**

- There is significant to high demand for homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products in at least two thirds of EU Member States.
- Patient choice and availability of medicines feature high on the EU policy agenda.
- Homeopathic and anthroposophic medicines can make a substantive contribution to achieve EU health policy goals, lower costs for healthcare and economic development of the industry.
- These medicines fit in well with current EU level health priorities, e.g. chronic disease, patient safety, healthy ageing, patient empowerment and antibiotic resistance.
- This area is also relevant for EU-level initiatives related to supporting SMEs, smart regulation and health economics.

However:

Although more than twenty years since its adoption, the implementation and enforcement of European medicines legislation for this sector is far from complete. This has a negative impact on patients, prescribers and industry.

- Divergent implementation, interpretation and enforcement policies in the Member States make it extremely difficult for companies to operate across Europe.
- As a result, availability of homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products in the EU is insufficient, making it difficult to meet user demand.
- The current EU regulatory environment is not proportionate to the circa three thousand substances and related finished medicinal products, necessary for the proper practice of homeopathy and anthroposophic medicine.
- In many Member States the number of registered and authorised products poorly reflects the high numbers of homeopathic users and prescribers. The bureaucratic and regulatory burden is not sustainable to maintain registrations for the full range of medicinal products required.

**EU regulation constitutes a serious bottle neck to sustainable availability.**

**Action is needed to guarantee freedom of choice for the millions of users to overcome the deficits of enforcement of EU regulation at EU Member State level.**

**Therefore:**

**ECHAMP and its members call on the Members of the European Parliament to support the development and implementation of suitable regulation for our sector, to ensure proper and sufficient product availability, to guarantee real health choices for Europe's citizens.**

