



# Start EU-HTA 2025

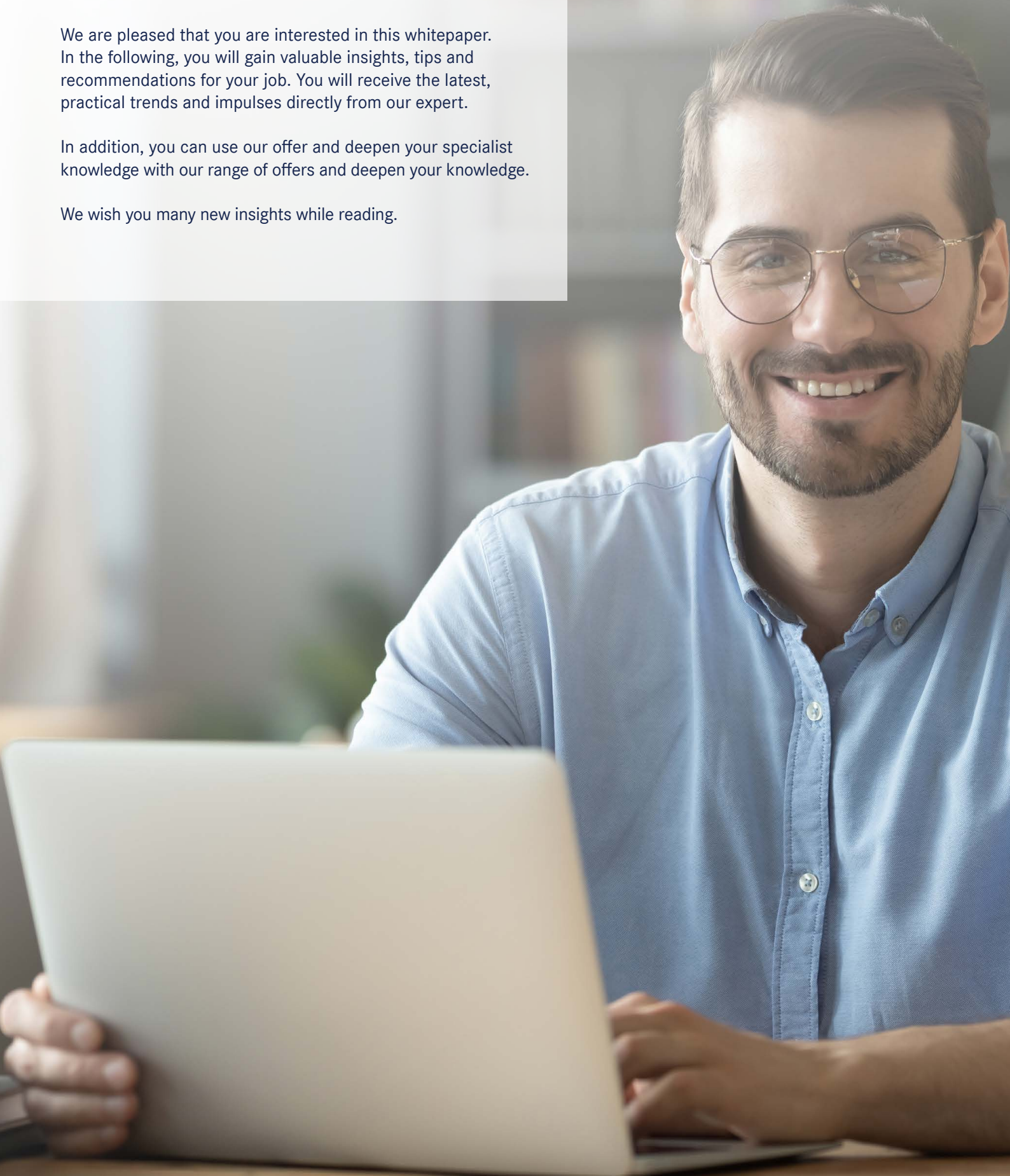
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## Current project status and milestones

EU-HTA launches with first product groups and indications in 2025.

This white paper outlines the genesis and current status of the Regulation and its implementation rules as well as the milestones up to the start of the process. It also discusses the central body – the coordination group.

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## Cross-border healthcare should promote cooperation

### **Directive 2011/24/EU on the „Application of patients’ rights in cross-border healthcare“**

- Regulations on the reimbursement of cross-border healthcare
- Cooperation between European health systems

#### **Article 15**

- Support voluntary cooperation of national HTA institutions
- To support Member States in providing and efficiently exchanging objective, reliable, timely, transparent, comparable, and transferable information on the relative effectiveness of health technologies (Joint Assessment)
- Objective: avoid duplication of work

The first approaches of a joint assessment have already been established here. The challenge is the „harmonisation“ of 27 member states.

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## A new approach was needed to promote cooperation in health care.

Year	Event
Until 2017	<p>IMPACT ASSESSMENT Strengthening of the EU Cooperation on HTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Study on impact analysis of policy options for strengthened EU cooperation on HTA</li><li>• Mapping of HTA methodologies in EU and Norway</li><li>• Mapping of HTA national organisations, programmes and processes in EU and Norway</li></ul>
January 2018	<p>Proposal for a Regulation on health technology assessment (31 January 2018, EU-Kommission)</p>
October 2018/February 2019	<p>Approval of the report by the European Parliament with 200 amendments. Parliament adopted the report in a vote on 14 February</p>
March/June 2021	<p>Mandate to start negotiations in the European Council; Agreement in Parliament, Council and the Permanent Representatives</p>
Winter 2021/2022	<p>Approval in the plenary of the European Parliament and entry into force of the EU HTA Regulation</p>

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- Joint scientific advice to manufacturers (also parallel HTA/EMA consultations)
- Identification of new health technologies (horizon scanning)
- Voluntary cooperation in other areas (e.g. non-clinical aspects)

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- Mandatory mechanism for submitting the required data at EU level.
- Data already submitted by manufacturers at EU level may not be requested again at national level
- Supplementary data may be requested at national level
- Maximum transparency on submitted data and exchange via national HTAs
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## The Coordination Group (CG) is the central body in the process of the EU-HTA

- The CG works independently and transparently. The highest quality standards of evidence-based medicine are to be guaranteed
- The members are appointed by the member states
- The Commission supports the CG and formally adopts the necessary legal acts (implementing acts, e.g. codes of practice, format templates, etc.). The Commission does not take decisions on joint clinical evaluation, joint clinical deliberations, their acceptance, preparation or methodology
- The CG establishes subgroups to prepare the decisions. They are responsible, among other things, for the design of processes and methods
- Development of methods and procedures and their updating
- Joint scientific assessments
- Joint scientific consultations
- Horizon scanning

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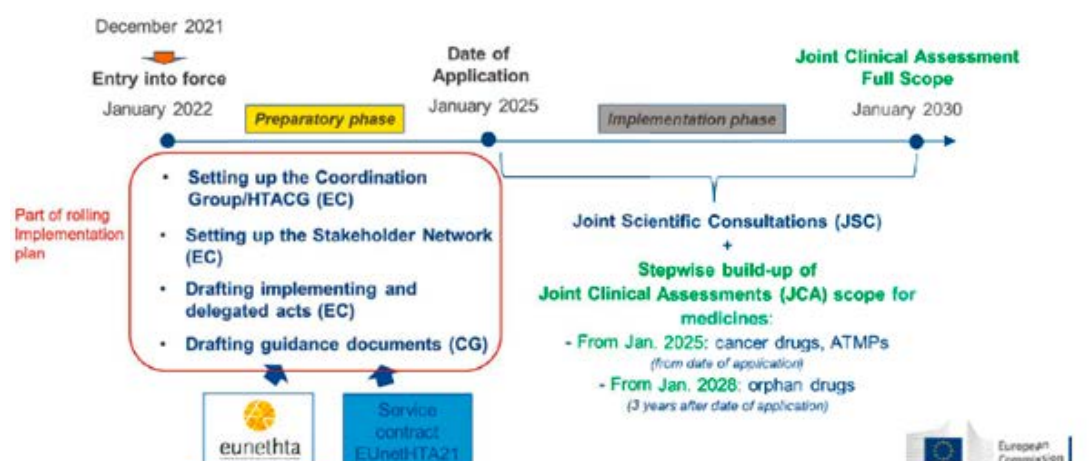
## By the start of the evaluation phase

(3 years after entry into force), the evaluation phase shall include the following

- Rules of Procedure of the CG (Art 3/6a)
- Methodological guidelines in accordance with international standards of evidence-based medicine (Art 3/6d)
- Rules of Procedure for Joint Clinical Evaluations (Art 3/6e)
- Rules of Procedure for Joint Scientific Advice (Art 3/6f)
- Procedure for designation of author/co-author of JCA (Art 3/6f)
- Highest possible quality requirements for procedures according to international standards of evidence-based medicine (Art 3a)

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The preparatory phase is still underway and the coordinating group is working out all the necessary requirements for the start.





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