

About EDMA

The Voice of In Vitro Diagnostics in Europe



What are in vitro diagnostics (IVDs)?

IVDs are devices that provide diagnostic information by examination of a specimen derived from the human body. Specimens include blood, urine and tissue samples to detect diseases, conditions or infections. IVD tests are used to diagnose and monitor different types of disease in laboratory or other health professional settings (such as hospitals) as well as at home.



Why are they useful?

IVDs provide a unique source of information for doctors and patients that can help diagnose, monitor, screen, manage and assess predispositions to diseases. IVDs are also essential for guaranteeing safety of blood supply and donor typing to ensure accurate screening of donations.



Examples of IVDs

Pregnancy tests, Self blood glucose monitors, HIV tests, Cancer screenings, Blood type identification.



What is MedTech Europe?

In October 2012 EDMA and Eucomed launched the MedTech Europe alliance to represent the common policy interests of both associations more effectively and efficiently. MedTech Europe, which sits underneath both founding members, remains a separate entity, as are EDMA and Eucomed.

The alliance is not only beneficial for its members, but also provides healthcare stakeholders with one unified industry discussion partner, making dialogue with other healthcare actors more efficient and effective.

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► What We Do

Committed to raising awareness of the important role of diagnostics in the entire healthcare equation, the European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association (EDMA) provides services and activities to members engaged in the research, development, manufacturing or distribution of in vitro diagnostic (IVD) products in Europe.

Our Mission

- To raise awareness of the importance, usefulness and added value of IVDs in healthcare
- Contribute to the development of legislative and regulatory framework that will shape our industry's future
- Provide technical, regulatory and market research information to our members

► Who We Are

The Association

- More than 30 years showcasing the enormous potential of the IVD industry
- Based in Brussels
- Multi-national staff with IVD experience
- Recognised voice of the IVD industry in Europe

Our Members

- National associations representing more than 500 small and medium size enterprises in Europe
- Corporations engaged in the research, development, manufacturing or distribution of IVDs
- Organisations contributing to the overall development or advocacy of IVDs

Three teams namely Public Affairs, Regulatory Affairs and Market Research – fall under the scope of the secretariat, working to further the EU and international interests of our members and ensure that in vitro diagnostics are high on the list of priorities of the European health agenda.

Public Affairs Committee and department:

Provides strategic engagement with on-going and upcoming EU policies and legislative processes to its members. Members benefit from targeted advocacy and awareness activities, active agenda-setting, and strong networks in the EU institutions and among relevant stakeholders to help make faster, balanced and well-informed decisions.

Regulatory Affairs Committee and department:

Collaborates with decision-makers at EU institutions to shape legislative framework affecting IVD devices and technical regulations, while stimulating harmonisation efforts globally at international levels. Provides guidance to members on how to interpret and comply EU regulatory requirements.

Market Research Committee and department:

Provides comprehensive overview of the latest market trends via its two market statistics programmes – the European Diagnostic Market Statistics (EDMS), issued every quarter, and the Management Information System (MIS), issued once a month.

► How We Work

By engaging with European and international stakeholders and monitoring global initiatives, EDMA influences European policy and provides support for its members, including national associations, small and medium enterprises and large corporations. The EDMA secretariat, based in Brussels, runs the day-to-day operations of the association, encompassing everything from logistics to stakeholder outreach.



Why Become a Member?

- Shape EU policy to define the IVD industry
- Receive timely guidance and technical assistance reflecting legislative and regulatory developments
- Gain market intelligence to understand IVD market trends
- Save time and money by gaining access to exclusive expert opinion on- and offline
- Strengthen the European IVD industry's voice in globalisation.

In the heart of the European Union, EDMA offers its members the unique opportunity to be involved in European policy making without having to be in Brussels.