The EU-Innovation Network (EU-IN) announces the introduction of a pilot for Simultaneous National Scientific Advice (SNSA) to further strengthen early regulatory support for innovation, featuring:

- Coordinated approach to different National Competent Authorities (NCAs), providing broader expertise for a defined set of questions and data package in line with the procedure for national scientific advice (e.g. minutes and fees)
- Opportunity to discuss issues early and simultaneously across selected Member States
- Possibility to achieve consolidated views and identify divergent opinions of the participating NCAs
- > Supporting measure to encounter the timelines of the new clinical trial regulation
- Tool for early identification of critical scientific or regulatory issues that may require formal EU scientific advice at EMA
- Discussion of the experience and learnings from completed SNSA cases at the EU-IN and potentially relevant working groups and scientific committees of EMA, to support knowledge sharing within the regulatory network, to enhance preparedness for incoming innovation and reflect on regulatory challenges



Announcements of the SNSA with detailed information for the application of the pilot project on the **web-sites of HMA**, **EMA and participating NCAs** will soon follow



<u>Start</u> of the pilot to develop a best practice model is <u>February 1st, 2020</u> with as many different NCA pairs as possible and potential extension planned to the participation of more than two NCAs beyond 2020 pending on a positive outcome of the pilot evaluation at the end of 2020.

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