

How we work with our members

The BioMed Alliance's activities focus on topics of common interest that are aligned with EU Policy priorities. Members are actively involved and receive regular information about the activities of the BioMed Alliance and developments in health policy.

Policies, strategies and activities are annually discussed during the Spring Meeting and the General Assembly, which in addition provide a forum for networking and information exchange with high-level policymakers and relevant stakeholders at European level. Specialised taskforces and committees meet on a regular basis to work in three strategic areas related to improving health research, working towards a harmonized regulatory system and other common matters for our members. These groups regularly come together to discuss policy matters related to: Biomedical Research, Medical Devices, In Vitro Diagnostics, Clinical Trials, Health Data Sharing, Continuing Medical Education and general Health Policy Developments.

Making connections

Through the years, BioMed Alliance has successfully advocated for the position of medical societies, healthcare professionals and researchers at EU level. It maintains good contacts with EU policy makers and stakeholders, replies to a range of public consultations, publishes statements and Journal articles, participates in EU policy meetings and organises its own workshops and events on key policy issues for our members.

Issues that we focus on

BioMed Alliance has addressed important issues for biomedical research and health care in the EU such as: the General Data Protection Regulation, the European Health Data Space, Health Technology Assessment, the regulatory framework for medical devices and In Vitro Diagnostics, Open Access Policies, the clinical trials framework and the EU research budget.

The organisation has e.g. called for more coordination and support for health research through a series of advocacy actions and events, e.g. during the World Health Summit, European Health Forum Gastein, at the European Parliament and in the EU Health Coalition. It shares input and advice in the implementation of the Medical Devices Regulation (MDR) and In Vitro Diagnostics Regulation (IVDR) through participation in the Medical Devices Coordination Group and through advocacy actions including a recent survey which assesses laboratories' preparedness for the IVDR. BioMed Alliance has also shared members' visions' on the future of health data sharing through statements, internal and external events and through participation in the Joint Action Towards the European Health Data Space. The organisation is a partner in two EU funded Projects; CORE-MD and BeWell.

In addition, we have promoted the development of unbiased criteria on continuous medical education. We have been supporting its members through major health crises by facilitating information exchange, advocacy and sharing resources related to COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine.



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