



Overview of the situation in EU with focus on Central and Eastern Europe

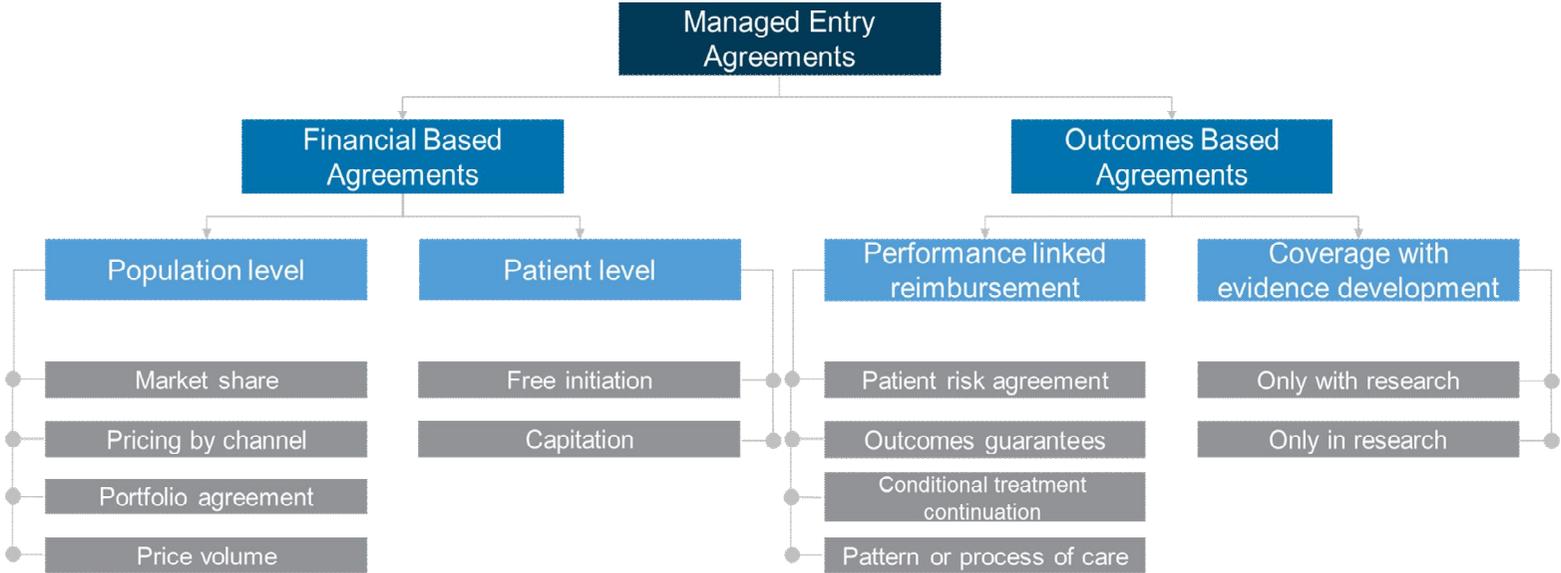
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Agenda

- Development of managed entry agreements
- The evolution of MEAs to reflect new challenges
- Potential solutions

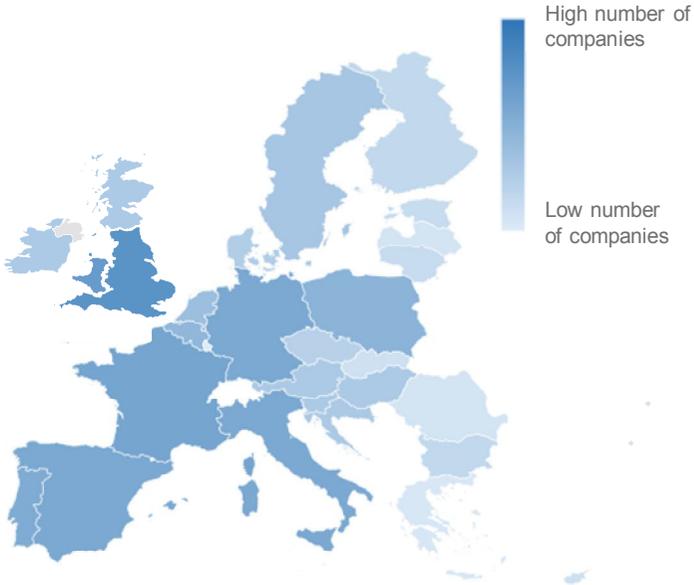
The use of financial and outcomes based agreements has evolved considerably over the last five years

- Driven by concerns about **affordability of medicines** and whether the **evidence on value** warrants the price
- European countries have **increasingly** used **contracting** (referred to as managed entry agreements - MEAs)
 - These take two main forms
 - The simplicity of financial agreements has meant most countries have focused on financial based agreements

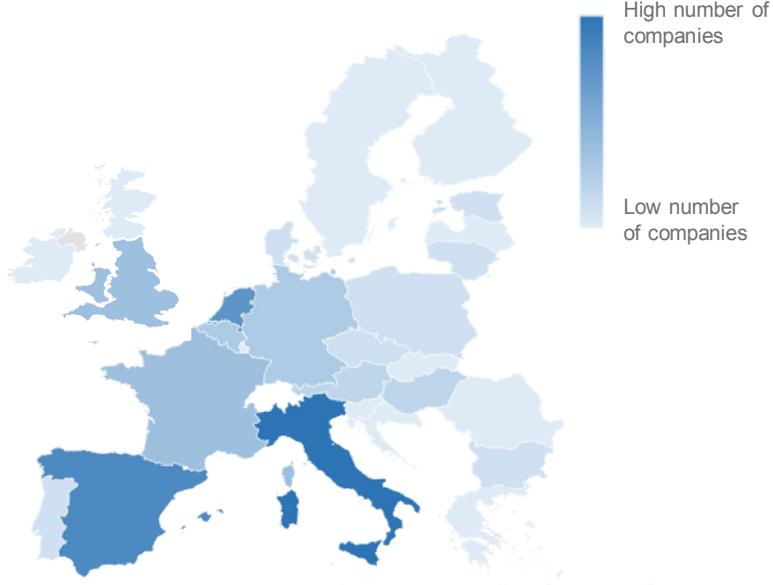


Use of MEAs is developing in many countries but focused primarily on Financial based MEAs

Total number of companies initiating Financial Based MEAs in 2015 to 2017*



Total number of companies initiating Outcomes based MEAs 2015 to 2017*



- Companies initiate financial based MEAs widely across the EU.
- However, in the last three years (2015-2017), outcomes based MEAs have been initiated in many markets across the EU with a focus on Italy and Spain in a few regions

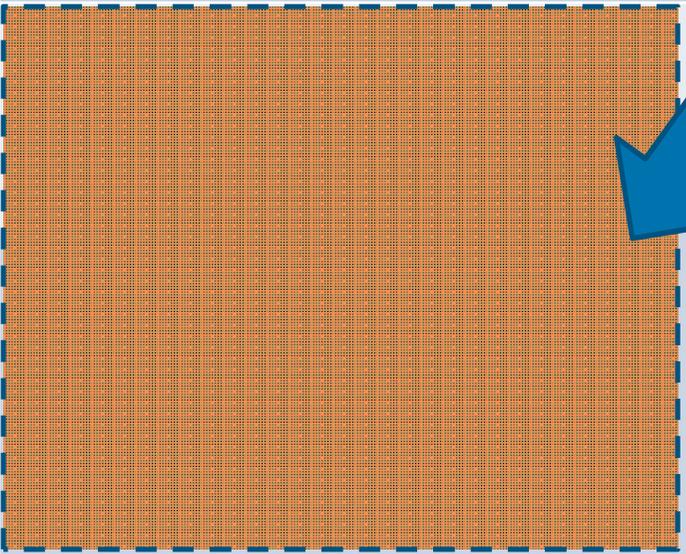
Most MEAs are aimed at managing budgets by creating predictability

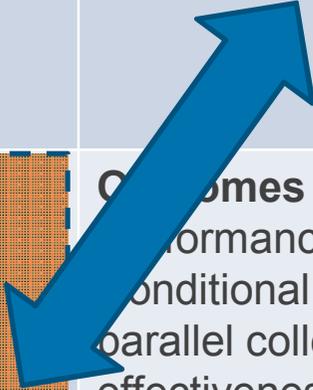
- There are **significant differences** in the use of MEAs by country
 - Outcome based agreements: Italy, the Netherlands Spain
 - Financial based agreements: France, England
- Most countries have focused on **simpler, financial based agreements**
 - But this reflects faster growth in financial agreements (rather than slow down in outcomes based agreements)
 - Use of MEAs is still a minority of products in most countries
- Most MEAs are designed to reduce **uncertainty**
 - Budgetary
 - Usage
 - Clinical performance
 - Alignment of prices with value

The relationship between underlying cause and type of MEA

Issue	MEA solution
<p>Budget Uncertainty: Management of budget impact</p>	<p>Financial agreements: PVAs, budget caps, dose caps, discounts, and price-match with comparator, free initiation</p>
<p>Value Uncertainty: Management of value for money (utilisation to optimize performance)</p>	<p>Outcomes agreements: Performance linked agreements, Conditional reimbursement for limited time with parallel collection of additional evidence on drug effectiveness, Reimbursement decisions updated post assessment of new evidence</p>
<p>Clinical Uncertainty: Management of uncertain or unacceptable clinical and or cost-effectiveness</p>	

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New medicines are leading to a range of new challenges

Multi
indication/combination
based products

- Number of assessment/agreements
- Different value per indication
- Tracking usage

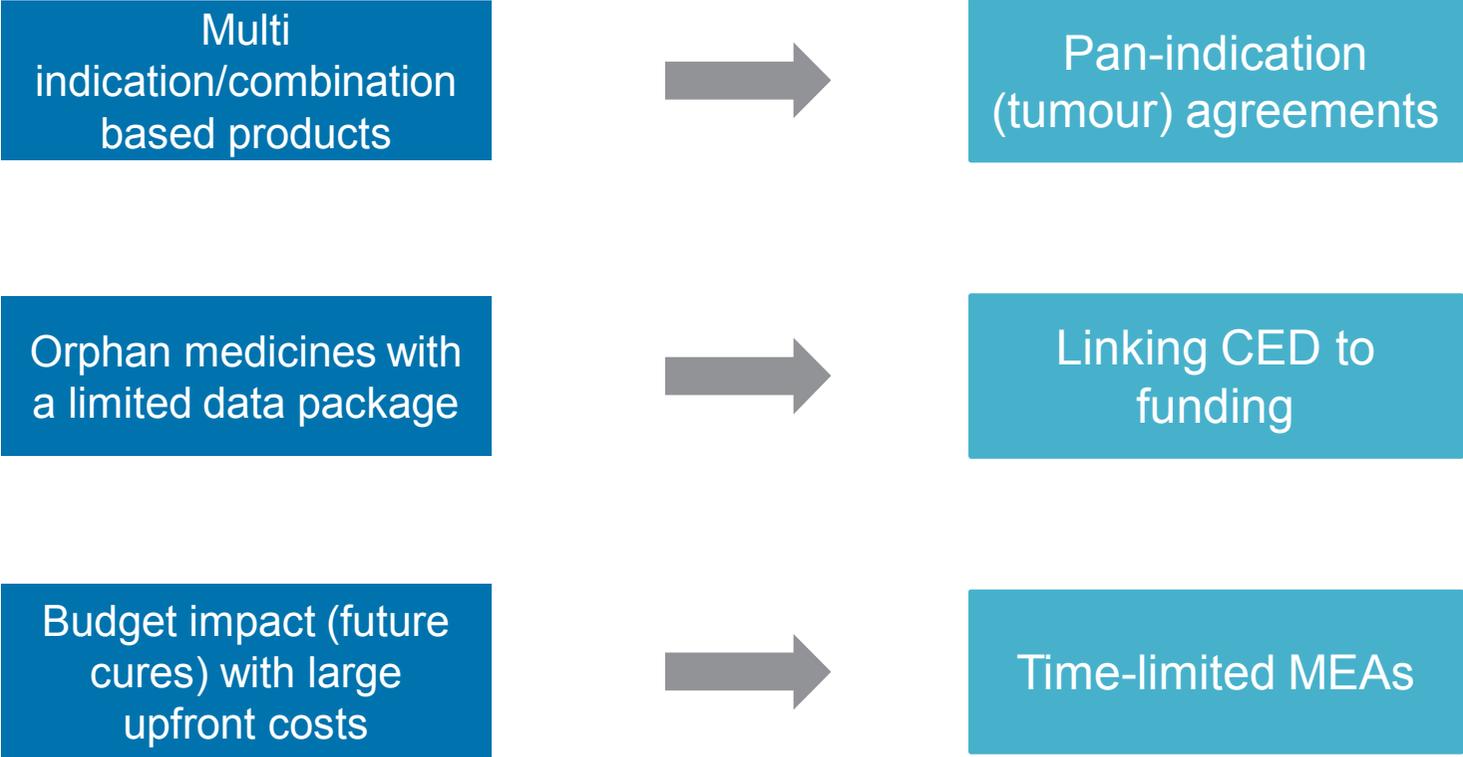
Orphan medicines with
a limited data package

- Requirement of evidence development
- Reassessment

Budget impact (future
cures) with large
upfront costs

- Limiting budgets
- Maintaining competition

Changing nature of innovation is leading to MEAs evolving to reflect challenges to payer



Novel agreements allocating spending to new medicines has accelerated access

- On 1 January 2017, Belgium implemented a **new reimbursement system** for all PDx immuno-oncology products with a **segregated and capped budget**.

A full price-and-reimbursement process is only **required for the first indication**.

All **subsequent indications** are **automatically reimbursed**, once approved by the EMA, in line with the EMA label and without restrictions.

One **master MEA contract** for all IOs and all indications within the class.

List prices can **remain different** and do not change with new indications.

Accelerated **time to patient**



A **budget cap** is set based on budget estimates by the Belgian Sick Insurance Agency and revised every 3 years.

If the **cap** is **exceeded** – companies are required to make a refund, based on respective market share (net turnover).

Time-limited managed entry agreements

MEAs and competition

- There is a tension between MEAs negotiated at launch and exploiting competition of new entrants into therapeutic classes
- This is particularly evident for hepatitis C (HCV) where multiple competitors were anticipated
- This lead to evolution in the use of MEAs in a number of EU markets



Price negotiation for anti-HCV

The agreements reached were innovative for the Italian system:

- Listed a set of **criteria** for types of **patients** to be reimbursed
- Included a **procedure of de-listing** of drugs that share similar indications, when **higher efficacy drugs** are available ensuring continuity of care.

Mandatory **renegotiation** of listed drugs within specified time periods occurs to ensure treatment with drugs with increased efficacy and the best cost-benefit ratio.

Linking agreements on evidence development to funding

MEAs and dedicated funds

- Over the last few years, many countries have developed ring-fenced funds for innovative medicines.
- There vary in terms of focus
 - Innovative medicines
 - Orphan medicines
 - Therapy areas specific funds: Oncology, HCV medicines
- Increasingly eligibility for funding depends on HTA appraisal and MEA



Cancer Drug Fund (CDF)

- All cancer drugs/indications appraised by HTA body (NICE)
- **Early funding option** available, through new interim funding arrangements and clear entry and exit points for drugs in the CDF
- **Managed Access Scheme (MAS)** between NHS England and pharmaceutical companies, setting out the terms of a drug's entry into the CDF, and the means for data collection necessary to resolve uncertainty relating to clinical and cost-effectiveness over a 2-year period
- **Fund pays for medicines** where **evidence is not robust enough**. To allow for a final decision to be made, the drug could be recommended for the CDF

The use of MEAs in CEE markets

- Use of MEAs **has increased in CEE countries** since the mid-2000s
 - This reflects change to legal framework (Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Slovenia)
 - Evolution in the process of price negotiation (Estonia)
- The **majority of MEAs are financial**, but there is growing number of performance-based MEAs
 - Addressing uncertainty in clinical effectiveness and/or cost-effectiveness and appropriate utilisation were identified as policy goals, as well as limiting budget impact

MEAs are not a panacea: there can be advantages and disadvantages depending on where and how they are used

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater access to promising treatments • Further innovation promoted • Potential for future influential involvement in design • Possible greater influence as reimbursement no longer binary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative burden • Possible withdrawal at the end • Data protection issues • More robust research not done • Limited engagement opportunities
Payers / Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages products to show value • Avoid trade-off between spending and access • Build evidence base • Limit total budget impact • More cost effectiveness: VBP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs & bureaucracy • Uncertain accuracy of reporting system • Difficult to withdraw technologies if ultimately fail • Limited ability to assess and implement evidence • Uncertainty in expenditure
Manufacturers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access for new therapies • Best product performance through targeted use • Mitigation pricing spillovers • Better public image 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs & bureaucracy • Lost price / volumes if targets are not reached • Challenge to business model if use increases

Conclusions

- The use of MEAs **varies from country to country** reflecting the needs of health care system, the infrastructure, experience
- There are a range of **different types of MEA that can be useful** – both financial and outcome based MEAs can be used to manage budgetary and clinical uncertainty
 - No single solution
 - Simple solution are usually preferred
 - Some confidentiality is an important pre-requisite for use of MEA
- It takes **time to for the use of MEAs to develop**
- MEAs can offer **win-win solution** benefiting patients, healthcare system and innovators
 - Predictability, value for money and money for value, timely access