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Dear readers,

MedTech Europe, together with other European associations representing the medical technology sector, sent an [open letter](#) to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, urgently requesting dialogue with our industry to address the growing threat of trade tariffs on medical technologies.

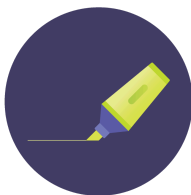
The letter highlights the severe consequences tariffs could have, including disruptions to supply chains, increased production costs, and limited access to essential medical devices and services across Europe. The medical technology industry is already grappling with significant challenges, such as shortages of critical devices, the burdens of regulations, and the risk of losing innovation to other global markets.

Moreover, the availability of life-saving medical technology solutions could be delayed or restricted, putting patient safety on the line. From surgical procedures and emergency care to chronic disease management, uninterrupted access to medical technologies is critical for timely diagnosis, effective treatment, and patient safety. Delays or increased costs could put lives at risk, strain healthcare systems, and reduce the quality of care available to millions across Europe.

Tariffs for medical technologies should be eliminated. The medical technology industry supports the European Commission's proposal for "Zero-for-Zero" tariffs on trade in industrial goods between Europe and the United States. We urge the European Union to safeguard patient safety, continuity of care, and protect access to life-saving medical technologies, and we call in the strongest possible terms for the extension of this proposal to all medical technologies and their essential components.

Sincerely,

- Oliver Bisazza, CEO of MedTech Europe



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Claudia Peters
Events Manager

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MedTech Europe calls for medical technology sector to be an integral part of the future Life Sciences Strategy

Jessica Imbert
Director External Affairs

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On 22 May 2025, MedTech Europe answered the European Commission Call for evidence on the Life Sciences Strategy, urging policymakers to prioritise the medical technology sector in the upcoming Strategy. As medical technology patent filings declined and regulations become increasingly complex and burdensome, the European Union (EU) must act soon or it will fall behind other global innovation hubs. This is not just a medical technology problem, rather, it is a European competitiveness problem.

MedTech Europe urges Policymakers to place the medical technology sector as an integral part of the EU Life Sciences Strategy and use the upcoming Strategy as an opportunity to reinstall Europe's attractiveness for medical technology innovation.

MedTech Europe welcomes the broadening of the Strategy's scope, from research-and-innovation-only. We urge policymakers to seize the opportunity of the Strategy by taking seven Priority Actions, ranging from the adoption of a structural reform of the medical technology sector's regulatory system, better alignment and simplification of regulatory requirements across different policy domains, to allocating strategic investments to build a more efficient, sustainable, and resilient healthcare infrastructure.



Blogs & podcasts



The new Regulation introduces permanent cooperation at European Union (EU) level on the clinical assessment of medical technologies for Health Technology Assessment purposes, while Member States will remain responsible for deciding how to use this information. Will the Regulation enhance efficiencies that promote medical technology innovation in the EU?

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Assessing digital tools is essential, but should not be a barrier to access. Amid a range of initiatives at a national and European Union level, a MedTech Forum session explores solutions that could unlock the full potential of a fast-moving field.

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In short

Leaflet: towards a revised European Union Regulatory Framework for medical devices

[Merlin Rietschel](#), Senior Manager Medical Devices

MedTech Europe has published a new leaflet outlining four urgent targeted measures to support an effective implementation of the Medical Devices Regulation (EU)2017/745 (MDR) and the *In Vitro* Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (EU) 2017/746 (IVDR). The four targeted measures are urgently needed to improve system functionality and to ensure the availability of devices in Europe and to restore the innovation-capacity and competitiveness of the medical technology sector.

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MedTech Europe welcomes eight new Partners in Research

[Patrick Boisseau](#), Director General Strategic Initiatives

MedTech Europe welcomes eight new Partners in Research (PIRs) members in the past four months. PIRs can join MedTech Europe's research and innovation activities and participate in programmes like the Innovative Health Initiative.

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Just published – Innovative Health Initiative draft topic texts for Call 11

[Patrick Boisseau](#), Director General Strategic Initiatives

The Innovative Health Initiative has just published the draft topic texts for Call 11 for proposals. The draft topics include topics such as diabetes, brain disorders, heart disease and medicines safety. Call 11 is a two-stage call, planned to launch this summer.

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Anti-Corruption Compliance: a collaborative guide by transparency international France and the French Sustainable Investment Forum

[Marta Paci](#), Junior Legal Counsel

Transparency International France and the French Sustainable Investment Forum have collaborated to develop the guide "Preventing corruption in business", a tool for investors interested in analysing companies' governance to ensure anti-corruption compliance.

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