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Dear readers,

Welcome to the first 2026 edition of **MedTech Monthly**.

We are pleased to announce that [registration](#) for **The MedTech Forum 2026 is now open**. #MTF2026 is Europe's largest health and medical technology conference, and this year's edition will take place on 11-13 May 2026 in Stockholm.

In this issue, you will also find updates on:

- The EU-India Free Trade Agreement
- MedTech Europe's participation at the World Health Expo Dubai 2026
- The Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) call 12
- Other key developments shaping the industry

Read on to discover more.

Highlights of the month

THE MEDTECH FORUM 2026

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[Claudia Peters](#)
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[Registrations](#) for The MedTech Forum 2026 are officially open.

Europe's largest health and medical technology conference will take place in Stockholm from 11 to 13 May 2026. It will gather the medical technology community for three days of inspiring talks, expert insights, and networking opportunities within the healthcare ecosystem.

By securing your spot early, you can benefit from an exclusive registration rate available until 20 March 2026.

Seize the chance to connect with industry leaders, experts, and peers while exploring the latest trends, challenges, and innovations driving the future of medical technology in Europe.



The conclusion of negotiations on the EU–India Free Trade Agreement marks an important step forward for medical technology trade between the

EU–India Free Trade Agreement: key implications for the medical technology sector

European Union and India, with implications for patient access, market access, and competitiveness.

Throughout the negotiations, MedTech Europe engaged closely with the European Commission, providing technical input to support a workable and effective framework for the medical technology sector. [Read the full article](#) to understand the key implications for the medical technology sector and how MedTech Europe will continue supporting a practical and effective application of the agreement for our industry.

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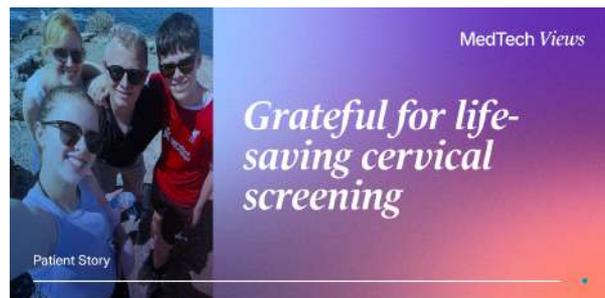
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In short

European Commission's high-level conference on medical devices: innovation and patient safety

[Jana Russo](#), Manager Medical Devices

The European Commission is organising a High-Level Conference on medical devices on 16 March 2026 in Brussels. This important event will feature a wide range of participants, including the Commissioner for Health, Olivér Várhelyi, representatives from EU regulatory authorities, representatives from the Council and the European Parliament and experts from EU stakeholders associations.

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MedTech Europe at World Health Expo Dubai 2026: advancing international dialogue with Mecomed

[Clare Birmingham](#), Manager International Affairs

MedTech Europe will engage in World Health Expo Dubai 2026 (formerly Arab Health) as part of its international engagement, contributing to global discussions on medical technology trade policy, regulation and patient access. In partnership with Mecomed, MedTech Europe will also co-host a high-level side event focused on shared regional and global priorities

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Implementing regulation on uniform application of the requirements for notified bodies (Annex VII)

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

The draft Implementing Regulation on Medical Device Regulation (MDR) and *In Vitro* Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (IVDR) Annex VII marks an important and timely step towards reinforcing the practical functioning of the European medical technology regulatory framework. By introducing clearer operational provisions and expectations, it contributes to greater predictability, transparency, consistency and reliability in conformity assessment - objectives widely shared across stakeholders.

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Just released: Seventh Value-Based Procurement Conference report

[Hans Bax](#), Senior Adviser Value & Innovation-based Access

[The post-conference report](#) of the 7th European Value-Based Procurement Conference is now available, summarising key discussions from the event. The conference was held on 9 December 2025 in Brussels.

Read the full report and learn how scaling up Value-Based Procurement in Europe is driving better outcomes for patients and society.

[READ THE FULL REPORT](#)

Driving innovation in health: Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) call 12 now open

[Jeroen Schuermans](#), Director Strategic Initiatives

In mid-January 2026, the Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) launched its [call 12](#). Applicants are encouraged to use all resources available on the [IHI website](#) to stay informed, share project proposals, find partners, and collaborate to deliver high-quality proposals with real-world impact.

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Everything you need to know about Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) contributing partners

[Jeroen Schuermans](#), Director Strategic Initiatives

Join the Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) Office webinar: “[Everything you need to know about IHI contributing partners](#)”, to learn how contributing partners can strategically support IHI in a specific research area and help shape new IHI projects.

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CVS engages with external stakeholders at PCMA Congress and IPCAA meeting

[Dhana Ong](#), CVS Compliance Officer

In January 2026, the Conference Vetting System (CVS) team participated in a roundtable at the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) congress in Philadelphia, USA and joined several panel sessions at the International Pharmaceutical Congress Advisory Association (IPCAA) meeting in Brussels.

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