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Dear readers,

Europe's medtech sector continues to innovate and create jobs, but its global position is narrowing. MedTech Europe's newly launched **Facts & Figures 2026** shows that employment has passed 950,000 and that more than 15,900 medtech patent applications were filed in 2025. At the same time, Europe's share of the global medtech market fell to 25.6%, market growth slowed to 1.8%, and the report recorded its first year-on-year fall in company numbers.

The message is clear. Europe does not lack innovation, but too many medical technologies struggle to be certified, adopted, reimbursed and scaled. Smarter regulation, better access and procurement that rewards long-term value will be critical to keeping medical technology and investment in Europe.

On **10 November, MedTech Europe and The Parliament Magazine** will bring together policymakers, industry leaders, healthcare stakeholders and patient representatives at the **European Parliament** to discuss the future of the Medical Devices Regulation and In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation.

Explore Facts & Figures 2026 and join the discussion on strengthening Europe's medtech sector.

Read on to discover more.

Highlights

Just released: MedTech Europe's Facts and Figures 2026

Oliver Bisazza, CEO

Just launched, our Facts & Figures 2026 reveals the number behind a sector at a crossroads. Europe's medical technology industry reached record employment and patent filings in 2025, yet the report records the first-ever fall in the number of medtech companies operating in Europe. As policymakers revisit the MDR, IVDR and public procurement rules, the findings highlight what is at stake for innovation, competitiveness and patient access.

DISCOVER OUR REPORT

SOTEU 2026: our reaction to President von der Leyen's State of the Union Address

Oliver Bisazza, CEO

The President has placed health inside Europe's competitiveness agenda. Now the words have to reach the hospital ward. Two files will show whether they do: a public procurement regulation that ends buying on price alone, and a device regulation that lets innovation certified in Europe reach patients in Europe first.

READ OUR REACTION

MedTech Views

What will it take to unlock Europe's medtech potential? Hear from our leaders

Don't Miss Out

More predictability for conferences in regional capitals

Sara Abento, Assistant Compliance Officer

From 1 November 2026, the Conference Vetting System (CVS) will introduce a new approach to assessing the Geographic Location criterion for regional capitals. By exempting eligible regional capitals, as identified by the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS), from seasonality and tourism-related restrictions, the update aims to improve predictability, streamline compliance assessments and enhance consistency between corporate reviews and official CVS decisions. Other CVS criteria remain unchanged.

Have your say on the future of European Partnerships

Sophie Koettlitz, Senior Expert Research & Innovation

The European Commission is shaping the future of European partnerships under the next Horizon Europe programme (2028-2034) and is seeking stakeholder input through a public consultation. These partnerships play a key role in advancing collaborative research, innovation and patient outcomes across Europe. Submit your views by 16 October 2026 and contribute to the future of European health innovation.

SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK

IHI Forum 2026: translating research into long-term impact

Sophie Koettlitz, Senior Expert Research & Innovation

Registration is now open for the IHI Stakeholders' Forum 2026, taking place in Brussels on 20-21 October 2026. Bringing together stakeholders from across Europe's health innovation ecosystem, the event will explore how collaborative research is translating into long-term impact for patients, healthcare systems and industrial competitiveness, while creating new opportunities for innovation across Europe.

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MedTech Europe in the Media

Solène Jaspard, Intern Communications

- Medtech Insight, 24 September 2026, New EU Regulation Addresses Many, But Not All, Of Medtech's Procurement Concerns
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Meanwhile in the World

Beyond Europe: understanding the global impact of the EU MDR/IVDR

Alice Bova, Senior Officer International Affairs

At the 30th IMDRF Management Committee Meeting, held in Singapore from 14 to 18 September 2026 and chaired by Singapore's Health Sciences Authority (HSA), regulators and industry exchanged views on AI, cybersecurity and software regulation. Representing the Global Medical Technology Alliance (GMTA), MedTech Europe contributed industry expertise to support globally aligned approaches that advance innovation and patient access.

Unpacking the European regulatory system: 2nd Deep Dive Session

Alice Bova, Senior Officer International Affairs

Global regulatory dialogue on the EU MDR/IVDR continues to gain momentum. On 11 September 2026, MedTech Europe, APACMed, Mecomed, MTAA and CBDL convened the second Deep-Dive Session, bringing together regulators, policymakers and industry leaders to discuss the international impact of the EU framework on registrations and patient access. As regulatory frameworks continue to evolve, open dialogue between regulators and industry remains essential. Next edition: Brazil.

Where to Find us in October

• **Cologne, 6-9 October —** LOINC Conference 2026 — Verena Thaler, Senior Expert Digital Health
• **Bucharest, 7 October** — National Public Health Conference Romania — Hans Bax, Senior Adviser Value & Innovation-based Access
• **Online, 9 October** — Ibec Innovation and Market Access — Teresa Barcina Lacosta, Manager Health Technology Assessment (HTA)
• **Paris, 14-16 October** — European Health Data Protection Congress — Mirella Kavadaki, Manager - Legal & Privacy Counsel
• **Brussels, 14 October —** Healthcare Chain Institute's From Medicine Shortages to Medicines Security: Building a more resilient heathcare system — Oliver Bisazza, CEO
• **Brussels, 14 October** — POLITICO European Resilience Summit —Jesús Rueda Rodríguez, Director General Industrial Affairs & Strategies, & Teresa Barcina Lacosta, Manager Health Technology Assessment (HTA)
• **Vienna, 15 October** — LISAvienna Regulatory Affairs Conference 2026 — Petra Zoellner, Director Regulatory Affairs (IVDR & MDR)
• **Bari, 16 October** — FARE National Conference ''Healthcare Procurement between Innovation, Equity and Sustainability" — Hans Bax, Senior Adviser Value & Innovation-based Access
• **Boston, 18-21 October** — The MedTech Conference (AdvaMed) – Oliver Bisazza, CEO, & Davidson Leite, Director Communications
• **Brussels, 20 October** — IHI Forum 2026 — Jeroen Schuermans, Director Strategic Initiatives, & Sophie Koettlitz, Senior Expert Research & Innovation
• **Galway, 21-22 October** — Irish Medtech's Global Access 2026 — Petra Zoellner, Director Regulatory Affairs (IVDR & MDR), & Alexander Olbrechts, Director Digital Health & Medtech Value

• **Brussels, 27 October —** Team-NB "Regulatory Day" **–** Oliver Bisazza, CEO

Webinars

Learn how SMEs can navigate market access across Europe’s healthcare systems

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