

## **2024 EU Pharmaceutical Package**

The European Union started the process of reforming the pharmaceutical legislation in 2022. Aims of this reform, which includes a Directive and a Regulation are: i) Make sure all patients across the EU have timely and equitable access to safe, effective, and affordable medicines ii) Enhance the security of supply and ensure medicines are available to patients, regardless of where they live in the EU; iii) Continue to offer an attractive and innovation-friendly environment for research, development, and production of medicines in Europe; iv) Make medicines more environmentally sustainable; v) address antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and the presence of pharmaceuticals in the environment through a One Health approach. Many stakeholder meetings have taken place during the process of writing the proposed legislation, in which ESOP Global took part.

In this round table session we will outline the most important changes of the new legislation, which is foreseen to be voted on and adopted in early 2025. In addition, we will describe the challenges and opportunities of the pharmaceutical package for our patients and our profession, but also outline the potential draw-backs and risks. Finally, we will share and debate our opinions on solutions politicians, healthcare professionals and pharmaceutical industry should adopt to ensure that the new legislation will indeed reach its intended goals.