

EFCG welcomes the Global Health Resilience Initiative as complementary to a strong European pharmaceutical supply chain

EFCG, a sector group of Cefic representing the European manufacturers of fine chemicals including Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), excipients and intermediates, welcomes the European Commission's communication on "Reinforcing global health resilience amidst geopolitical challenges" as a positive and timely step towards strengthening international cooperation, global preparedness, and more resilient health systems.

EFCG supports the ambition to build strong health systems capable of delivering essential services, including through the development of local manufacturing capacities for health products, and to shape a more equitable and effective global health architecture. Leveraging Europe's regulatory and industrial excellence to foster cross-border collaboration will be essential to achieving these objectives.

Strengthening global health resilience must go hand in hand with a reinforced European pharmaceutical manufacturing base. For this reason, the Global Health Resilience Initiative should be complementary to and fully coherent with the EU's internal industrial and health resilience agenda and aligned with key EU industrial policy tools, notably the Critical Medicines Act.

EFCG members renew their call for the European Commission to tackle and strengthen the entire pharmaceutical supply chain by anchoring manufacturing capacity of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), pharmaceutical excipients and other key inputs within the European Union. While we recognise the importance of diversifying global manufacturing capacity, re-shoring and expanding manufacturing capacity and the skilled workforce in the EU is essential to ensure EU strategic autonomy, and safeguard patients' timely access to medicines through more secure and continuous supplies.

Ensuring a competitive environment for EU-based manufacturing remains critical. A balanced approach will be key to securing both resilient global health systems and the EU's capacity to produce and supply critical medicines within Europe.

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