

As a member of the **Critical Medicines Alliance's** Steering Board, EFCG warmly welcomes the publication of the **Strategic Report**. This pivotal document lays the foundation for the forthcoming Critical Medicines Act, which promises to be the game-changer the EU needs to address recurrent shortages of critical medicines and the vulnerability of its pharmaceutical supply chain.

The Critical Medicines Alliance has established a common understanding of the key drivers behind the supply of pharmaceutical products, particularly for critical medicines. Its remarkable efforts have led to the development of a robust methodology for assessing vulnerabilities and identifying the root causes of industry challenges.

Crucially, the report highlights the significant industrial challenges facing the EU, particularly the competitiveness gap with Asian counterparts. The Critical Medicines Act must now deliver on its promise by implementing bold measures to bridge this gap, ensuring a sustainable future for the EU pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. A strategically autonomous and resilient manufacturing base is especially vital in the current complex geopolitical landscape.

EFCG, representing the European manufacturers of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, excipients, intermediates and fine chemicals, is the backbone of the pharmaceutical supply chain. Our industry thrives on technological innovation and manufacturing excellence. We firmly believe that a robust EU-based pharmaceutical supply chain is essential for the future of the EU and its citizens, ensuring uninterrupted access to medicines at all times.

EFCG Director stated:

"It is time to turn words and good intentions into ambitious, concrete and enforceable measures. EU citizens deserve a secure healthy future and our industry needs to regain its competitiveness on the global stage."

Note to editors:

EFCG, The European Fine Chemicals group, a sector group of Cefic, represents the European manufacturers of Fine Chemicals, Intermediates and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs). Our vision is to help create a world where access to safe and good quality nutrients and innovative medicines is guaranteed for all. We promote a fairer and safer environment for future generations and we champion sustainable processes and enforced regulations that deliver safe products and enhance growth, employment and environmental performance.

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Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, founded in 1972, is the forum of large, medium and small chemical companies across Europe, which provide 1.2 million jobs and account for approximately about 13% of world chemicals production.



