



# Medicines Verification 6 years



## EMVS celebrates its 6 year birthday and Greece' full connection to the system

February was full of celebrating in the EMVS community! On February 9th the EMVS (European Medicines Verification System) and Finland's medicines verification system reached its six-year milestone. Introduced in 2019, the system plays a central role in combating counterfeit medicines on a daily basis.

[Read more about the EMVS birthday](#)

On the same week we received great news from EMVO: Greece is now fully connected to the European Medicines Verification System. This further enhances the ability to combat counterfeit medicines in Europe. When the system was launched in Europe, Greece and Italy were granted a six-year extension to join the system, as they already had national systems in place for tracking medicine packages. Fimvo warmly congratulates Greece on reaching this important milestone!

[Read more about Greece' full connection](#)



## Reminder: Recall and withdrawal in EMVS – Nordic recommendations

The Nordic NMVOs provide secure, straightforward and supportive systems for verifying medicines. The system alerts if a falsified medicine should turn up and warns if medicines already dispensed or destroyed are dispensed.

The system can also be used to ensure that packs from recalled batches never reach the patient. This results in additional quality control in the medicine handling process. Together we help to make sure every individual can have confidence in their medicine.

The Nordic NMVOs have published "Nordic Best Practice" on how to do a Recall or Withdrawal through the EMVS, check it out.

[Read the guidance](#)

## Ritva Lehtonen appointed as the New Chair of Suomen Lääkevarmennus Oy

The Board of Pharma Industry Finland (Lääketeollisuus ry) has appointed Ritva Lehtonen, CEO and Chair of the Board of Sanofi Oy, as well as the head of the company's vaccine business in Finland, as its representative on the Board of the Finnish Medicines Verification Organisation. With this appointment, Lehtonen also assumes the role of Chair of the Board.



Ritva Lehtonen brings to the Board extensive experience in the pharmaceutical industry and leadership. Her expertise will contribute to the development of the organisation and the achievement of strategic goals. She has a background as a licensed pharmacist and has worked in the pharmaceutical sector for over 25 years in various roles.

[Read the article here](#)



## News

### EU Hub Release 1.16: Confirmation of deployment & mandatory fields in the PMD & PPD

EMVO announced that the EU Hub Release 1.16 was successfully deployed to production on **25 January 2025**.

As part of the deployment of EU Hub Release 1.16, EMVO introduced critical changes to the Product Master Data (PMD) and Product Pack Data (PPD). Additional existing fields are now mandatory, and action is required to ensure compliance.

For more information, please read EMVO's Letter of Announcement

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