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Electronic Regulatory Submission in the EU– from the Point of view of the NCA

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EU Telematic Master Plan

- Operation and maintenance of existing systems
- Projects defined in legislation with a defined implementation date
- Projects defined in legislation without a defined implementation date.



Priorities

EudraCT – Paediatrics functionality

EudraVigilance with the Eudra Data Warehouse

EUTCT – EU Telematics Controlled Terms

EudraPharm

EudraGMP

Reference Data Model

EURS - EU Review System & eCTD Implementation

PIM – Product Information Management

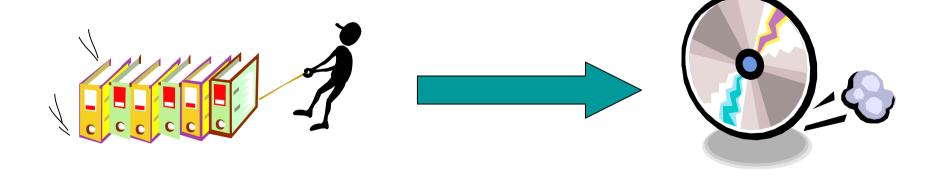
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Electronic submission



e-submission

e-CTD



eCTD Implementation Survey



- New Survey TIG for electronic submission
- Total number of electronic submissions (not only eCTD)
- Total number of eCTDs received
- Does the NCA use a tool to handle eCTD? If so, which?
- Any announcement of acceptance of electronic-only or eCTD only submissions?
- Any plans for such an announcement? If so, what are the details and dates?
- Any national electronic submission/eCTD guidance published?
- Collation of results in a single document for publication in November 2006

Submissions – **situation in Europe**



Country	Paper-only	Paper+ electronic	Paper + eCTD	eCTD only
Austria	74%	24%	2%	-
Belgium	_	98%	-	2%
Czech Rep.	22%	78%	-	_
Denmark	22%	78%	_	_
Greece	90%	10%	-	_

Submissions – **situation in Europe**



Country	Paper-only	Paper+ electronic	Paper + eCTD	eCTD only
Iceland	-	100%	-	-
Ireland	98.79%	1.2%	0.01%	_
Malta	_	100%	-	_
Poland	20%	80%	-	-
Portugal	_	99.2%	0.8%	_

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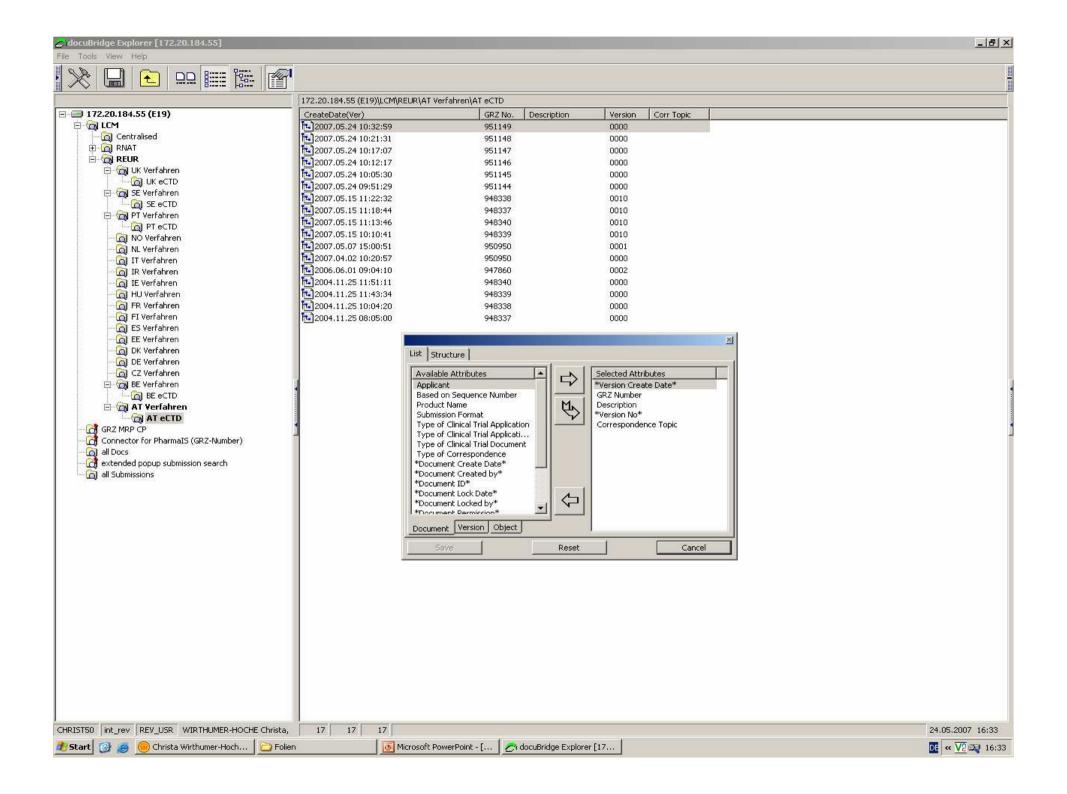


Country	Paper-only	Paper+ electronic	Paper + eCTD	eCTD only
Slovenia	98%	2%	-	_
Sweden	15%	83%	2%	-
The Netherlands	69%	30%	1%	_

e-submissions in AT



- Stored in a document-management system (Docubridge)
 - eCTDs are technically validated latest complete version always available
 - e-submissions only stored electronically
 - No life cycle management
 - Assessors always have to open all submission to have a complete dossier
 - Electronic archive



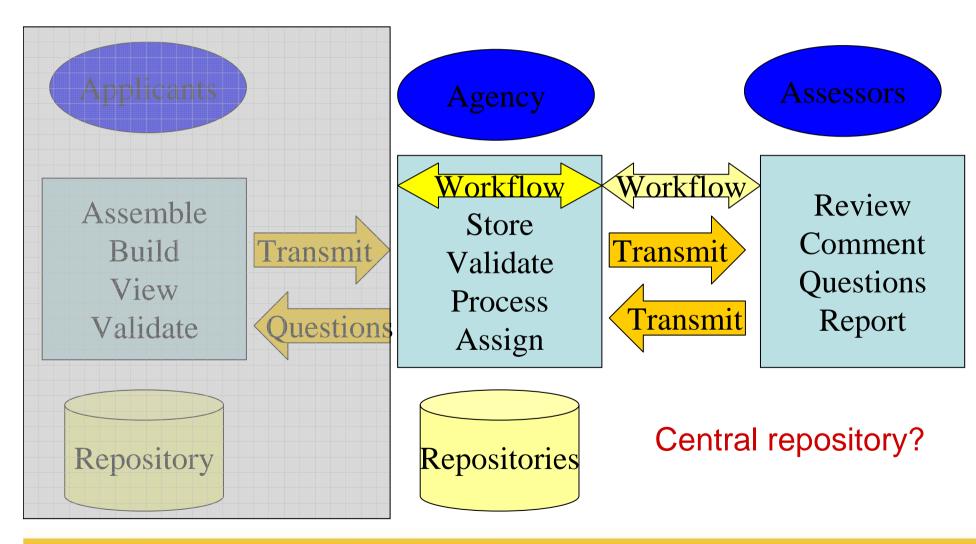
e-submission & e-CTD



Number of e-submissions				
2006		4.329		
1.1.07-30.04.07		3.200		
e-CT	D - National/MRP & DCP applica	ations		
	New applications	Following submissions (variations,)		
2006	45	49		
1.1.07-30.04.07	11	58		
	e-CTD — Centralised Procedure	}		
	New applications	Following submissions (variations,)		
2006	22	27		
1.1.07-30.04.07	17	93		

eCTD Process





Pre-requisites for Implementation: Hardware/Software, Business-process

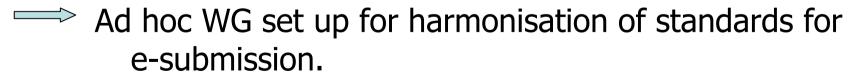


- Adequate technical support (double flat screen working places, high capacity server, ...
- Secure communication channel
- Clear architectural and operating guidance
- Training
- An established and feasible business process for receipt, validation, processing & storage of eCTDs
 - Ongoing project about "electronically workflow" in AT
 - Currently "electronically only" in UK, NL, BE
- Electronic archiving policy



e-submission/eCTD Roadmap

- A Roadmap to support the implementation of e-submission/eCTD within the EU.
- e-submission is considered with high priority.
- To provide guidance towards achieving the target timeline endorsed by the HMA namely the
 - acceptance of paperless submissions using the eCTD as the format for submission of the dossier for MA by 2009.



EU Guidance harmonisation Topic Group



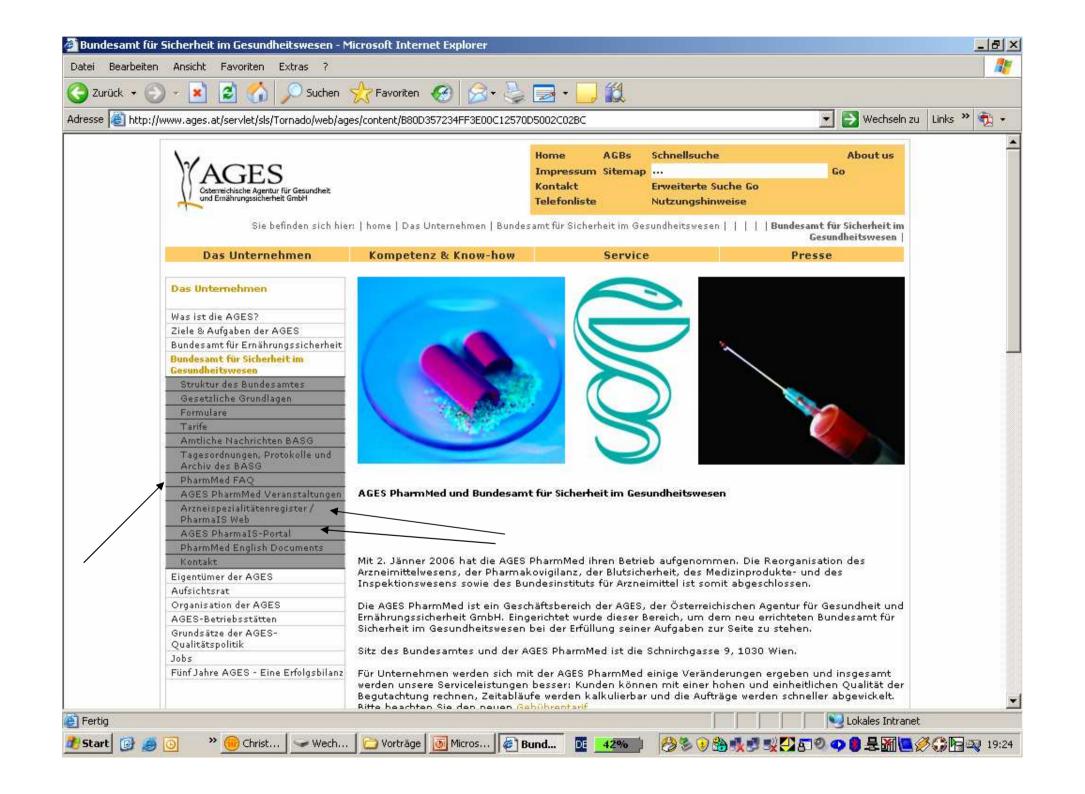
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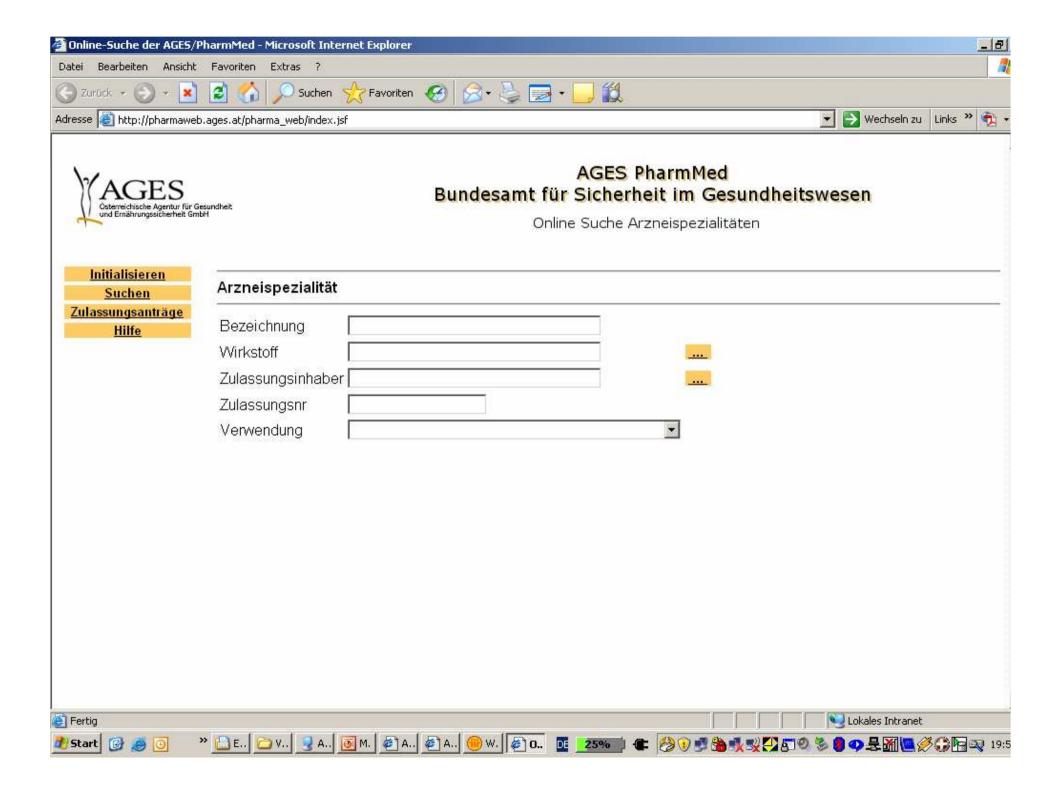
- Review current guidance on e-Submission in the different MSs
- Identify the level of harmonised guidance
- Define requirements and business rules for eCTD and for Non-eCTD submissions as a transition to eCTD.

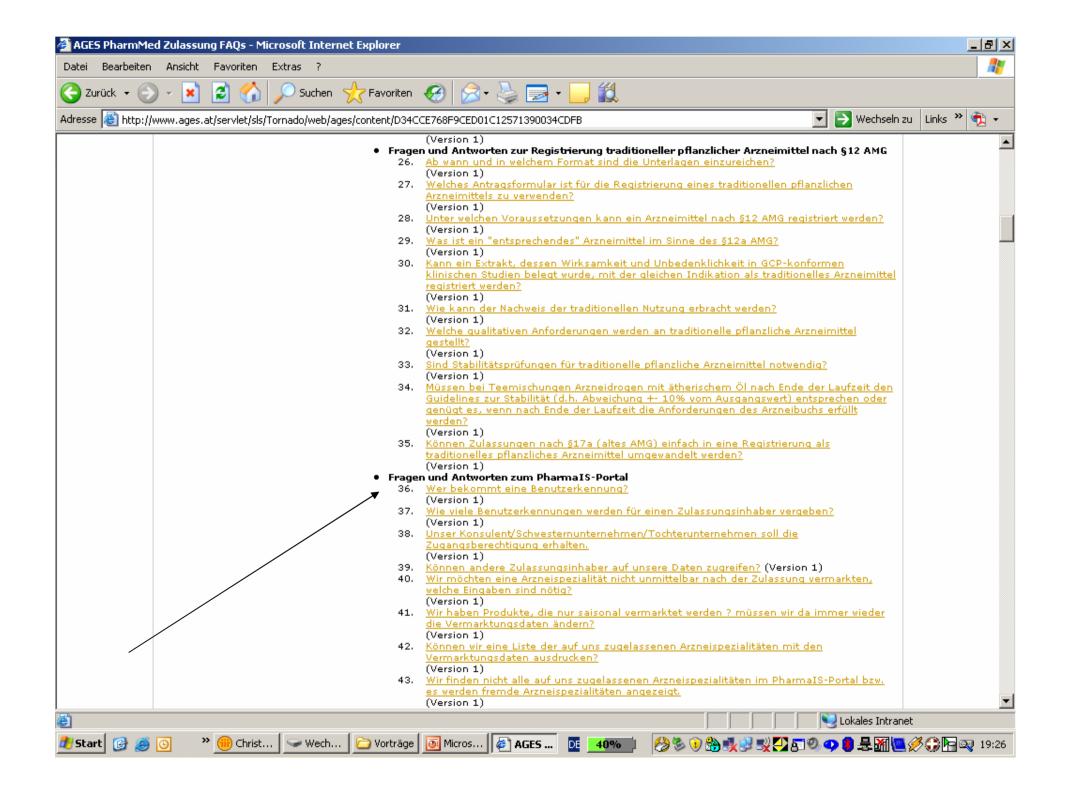
Deadline 2009?



- Full adoption of the eCTD is defined as:
 - No requirement for any accompanying <u>paper</u> submission or paper archive copies
 - Valid for <u>all</u> European <u>procedures</u> (CP, MRP/DCP, National Procedures); and,
 - Valid for <u>all</u> types of <u>submissions</u> (MA applications and renewals, Type IA/IB and Type II Variations, responses, commitments)
- Does <u>not</u> imply that the electronic submission of a new dossier will be mandatory by 2009.







National portals



- Web-based interface
 - submission of a variation application electronically possible in some MSs
 - But now each agency is creating a local portal applicant has to fill in identical information on each local website
 - Content of submission is identical but the layout can be different
- Same .xml-file should be uploaded by each applicant via all the national portals

Electronic Application Forms (eAF)



Published on the Notice to Applicants

Critical issues:

For agencies: dictionaries ensuring quality of data

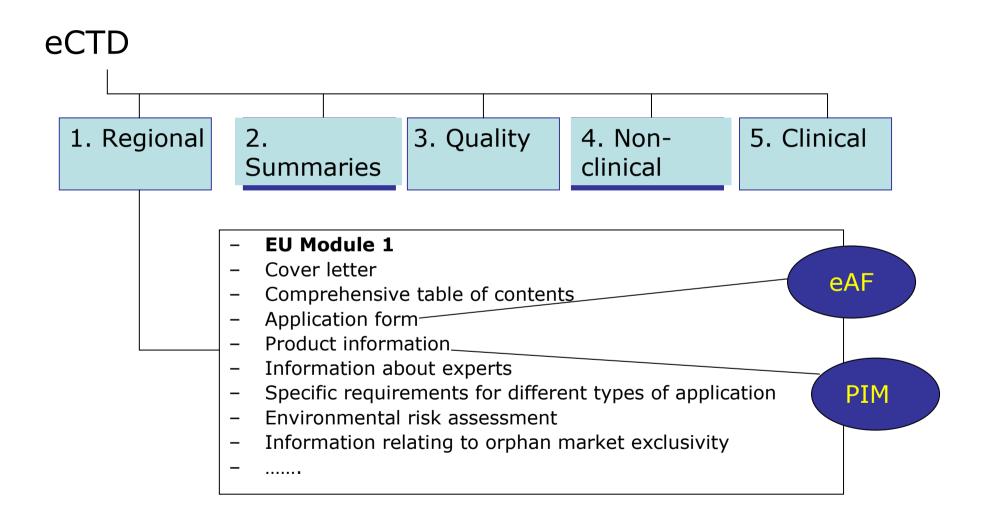
National initiatives:

UK: PDF Forms

DE, IE, ES, PT: Web Applications

A view of the eCTD in Europe









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