TRANSPARENCY POLICY STATEMENT

The Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices (HALMED) is a legal entity vested with public authority providing services pertaining to medicinal products and medical devices in accordance with the laws and bylaws. Following the commitment of the entire regulatory system of the Republic of Croatia as well as our belief and practice, the Head of the Agency is adopting the following transparency policy on behalf of HALMED:

HALMED will continuously improve the transparency of its regulatory system and develop open communication channels aimed at ensuring Croatian citizens a timely access to relevant information about medicinal products and medical devices. Acting accordingly HALMED actively contributes to protection and promotion of public health in line with its mission.

Transparency is a key element in building trust of general public and other stakeholders in HALMED's work. It includes openness, direct communication and responsibility as well as respecting principles of personal data protection and confidentiality, with respecting the balance between these two values.

In line with HALMED's vision to become one of the key and recognisable factors of the health system providing the public of the Republic of Croatia with safe, effective and quality medicinal products and medical devices, we strive to introduce our work and activities to public and accomplish higher level of awareness and understanding of our competences through improving transparency level.

In order for these goals to be achieved, HALMED will continue to continuously improve the availability of information provided at its website, as well as through direct communication with patients and their associations, healthcare professionals, media, academia and overall public. HALMED will proceed with nurturing transparent cooperation with all participants in procedures which it performs under its competence, as well as other national and international institutions and organisations in the field of medicinal products and medical devices.

With this Transparency policy statement we aim at emphasizing our permanent commitment towards complete openness and availability of information on activities, competencies and work organisation of HALMED.

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