



WORKSHOP: ACCESS TO (EXPENSIVE) MEDICINES IN EUROPE

Venue: Erasmus University Rotterdam

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Access to expensive medicines is a significant challenge that can be addressed through strategies like government reimbursement systems, price negotiations between governments and manufacturers, and promoting biosimilars. Other key approaches include improving pharmaceutical supply systems, strengthening regulatory bodies, challenging excessive price-setting by the judiciary, and encouraging the rational use of medicines by healthcare providers.

During this one-day meeting, international experts will address access to high-cost medicines from different perspectives (law, medicine, pharmacology, economics, and ethics) and discuss the impact of the European pharmaceutical strategy on access to expensive medicines.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The workshop has a multidisciplinary approach inviting academics, professionals, students and other interested persons to participate and submit an abstract for presentation, addressing the above mentioned issues. The meeting main objective is to explore different perspectives on new reproductive technologies and exchanging ideas.

Those who wish to deliver an oral presentation should send an abstract (max. 300 words) of their proposed presentation to the workshop to:

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Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis (each submission will be reviewed within a short period from its reception). Those who are selected are expected to present their paper at the workshop to take place on 20 February. They will be given 15 minutes to present, plus 10 minutes for debate.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 11 January 2026

ACCEPTATION: 13 January 2026

Participation in the workshop is free of charge