

Why become an EDMA member?

Added value
of being part of EDMA



Introduction

EDMA represents the *In Vitro* diagnostics (IVD) industry active in Europe.



National Association Member (NAMs)

Most IVD companies are members of one or more of our National Association Members.

EDMA encourages the formation of trade associations in Central and Eastern Europe and their integration into EDMA.

Corporate Associate Member (CAMs)

In addition, **major companies** are Corporate Associate Members of EDMA.

EDMA welcomes membership from companies who in the opinion of the General Assembly satisfy the criteria of Article 5 of the Statutes.

In particular, companies are required to:

- Be engaged, either themselves or through affiliated companies, in research, development, manufacture or distribution of *In Vitro* diagnostic products in Europe
- Be willing to accept the statutes, general policies and decisions of the Association.

If you wish to be considered for membership, we would ask you to visit the EDMA Membership Page on our website (www.edma-ivd.be) and fill the application form in.

www.edma-ivd.be

Advantages of joining EDMA

- > Join the major players of the IVD Industry
- > Get a competitive advantage by accessing information at an early stage on major issues essential to your strategic planning process:

- Make faster & earlier decisions
- Save staff time and resources

The “Members Only” Section of the EDMA website is an invaluable tool as it contains a wide variety of information and materials relating to the activities of the Association, as well as to the manufacture and supply of IVDs for the European market, helping you to make faster and better decisions.

EDMA filters the key developments and provides summaries easy to read. EDMA analyses relevant events, providing expert opinions, helping you to save staff time and resources.

Type of information provided:

- EDMA documents, such as Position Papers, Guidance, EDMA Questions and Answers cards, addressing frequently asked questions etc.
- EDMA e-News: Public Affairs News, European Legislation News, Environmental News, GHTF News, IVD DIR News, NB News, Standard News etc.
- News alerts about EU funding for research project
- Other documents, for example, those relevant to the requirements of the IVD Directive and other European legislation, such as Commission’s, Notified Bodies, GHTF documents.
- Minutes of EDMA Working Group meetings, discussion forums etc.
- Overviews, Presentations, etc.

- > Be introduced in a network, learn by participating in EDMA Discussion Forums

EDMA organises regular Discussion Forums (on late payment, environmental issues, vigilance, etc.)

- Take this opportunity to discuss with your colleagues about your problems, and possible solutions.
- Bring your questions to a panel of experts, sharing their experience with you.

CAMs:

Get an individual password to access to the comprehensive and updated documentation contained in the ‘Members Only’ section of EDMA website

NAMs staff:

The staff working for a NAM can get an individual password and are permitted to use the information presented on the EDMA website to inform their member companies, but cannot make the password available to these companies.



CAMs:

€100 / participant

NAMs staff:

€100 / participant

Non-members:

€500 / participant

Advantages of joining EDMA

> Share views & resources; impact the collective Industry thinking

Participate at EDMA meetings to share information, pool resources (expertise) to deal with issues of common interest: No manufacturer has the resources to follow all of EU regulations.

- Exchange views and co-ordinate opinions.
- Influence the directions taken by the various groups of EDMA.
- Participate in the elaboration of common industry positions and key messages to be presented to policy and decision makers --> Important for short term regulatory issues, but also for longer term health care policy direction.

> Open European institutions doors; impact the business environment

EDMA is the recognised and legitimate organisation for open debate with decision makers at the European level and with other international bodies

- **Become involved with extensive networks and meet major stakeholders in the IVD sector:** European Commission, European parliament, Competent authorities, Notified bodies, GHTF, Professional Users associations, Patient organisations and other healthcare trade associations..
- Be able to **influence IVD regulations** at international, European and national levels.
- Be able to criticise and **deal with delicate issues** through the Association, when a company would not always find it appropriate to act alone.

> Get a competitive advantage in tenders

EDMA membership certificates can help you to participate to public tenders in countries where a statement regarding your business is required from a recognised organisation.

CAMs:

CAMs can nominated participants in EDMA Committees, Task Forces and Ad-hoc groups

NAMs staff:

NAMs can also propose participants to EDMA groups from their member companies, but in case of limited seats, preference will be given to CAMs

CAMs:

CAMs can be nominated by EDMA as Industry representatives in other bodies (e.g. European institutions)

NAMs staff:

NAMs members can also be nominated by EDMA as Industry representatives in these bodies, but Industry participation is limited, thus preference is given to CAMs

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