

ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INTERIM EVALUATION OF THE IMI2 JU

This section contains the list of recommendations related to the above mentioned evaluation. The final columns indicate to whom the specific recommendation is mainly addressed, the response therewith and actions if appropriate. Approved by the Governing Board of the IMI2 JU at its meeting of 10 November 2017.

Number	Recommendations	Comments from the Governing Board	Actions to be taken	Deadline	Actors
1	<i>A renewed and stronger effort should be made to attract and integrate other industries than the pharmaceutical industry in the collaborative projects.</i>	This recommendation is being acknowledged.	Develop a strategy to attract and integrate non-pharma industries in IMI (why, who, how) which will include an understanding of potential blocking points.	Q1 2018 ¹	IMI2 Programme Office; EFPIA; Commission
			Identify areas of potential cooperation with industries other than pharmaceuticals, develop a survey to assess the interest of these industries to partner with IMI, and engage dialogue with them for future IMI2 activities.	Q2 2018 ¹	IMI2 Programme Office; EFPIA; Commission
			Design and publish topics with an increased share of EFPIA Partners in Research and Associate Partners, as compared to the 25 first IMI2 signed projects. Ensure solid communication around this to targeted sectors.	Q4 2018 ¹	IMI2 Programme Office; EFPIA; Commission
			Organise a 2018 Stakeholder Forum with a focus on cross-sectoral activities and the benefits from integrating industries other than pharmaceuticals.	Q4 2018 ¹	IMI2 Programme Office; EFPIA; Commission
2	<i>Create a better eco-system to attract more SMEs. - Expand the scope of projects to attract SMEs developing innovative technologies to capture novel trends in the development of healthcare of the future.</i>	This recommendation is being acknowledged. Flexibility however needs to be considered within the limits of the legal framework.	Identify and develop topics better adapted to SME participations, in IMI2 JU Annual Work Plan 2018, 2019 and 2020.	Q4 2017; Q4 2018; Q4 2019. ²	IMI2 Programme Office; EFPIA; Commission
			Ensure that text of call topics allow for opportunities for SMEs, and properly identify these opportunities.	Q4 2017 ²	IMI2 Programme Office; EFPIA; Commission

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	<p><i>- Make topic description less prescriptive and allow more flexibility for SMEs to come with creative ideas.</i></p>		<p>Ensure a SME focus during communication on IMI2 JU activities and on call topics.</p> <p>Ensure representation at SME networking events.</p> <p>Liaise with the Executive Agency for SMEs (EASME) and other organisations, in order to reach out to their stakeholders and sectors.</p>	<p>Q4 2017²</p> <p>As from Q1 2018²</p>	<p>IMI2 Programme Office; EFPIA; Commission</p> <p>IMI2 Programme Office</p>
3	<p><i>An accountable Performance Measurement Framework, using SMART KPIs should be developed to assess the impacts and socio-economic benefits of the joint undertaking.</i></p>	<p>This recommendation is being acknowledged. However, based on recommendations from the Commission Internal Audit Service and the European Court of Auditors, we consider that the KPIs should fulfil the RACER principles (Relevant, Accepted, Credible, Easy, Robust).</p>	<p>Include a revised set of 10 RACER (Relevant, Accepted, Credible, Easy, Robust) Key Performance Indicators, with 2014 baselines and defined targets, as of IMI2 JU Annual Work Plan 2018.</p>	<p>Q1 2018</p>	<p>IMI2 Programme Office; EFPIA; Commission</p>
4	<p><i>Review the IP policy and make it more flexible to respond to the needs allowing negotiations on exclusive rights.</i></p>	<p>This recommendation cannot be implemented under IMI2 JU. The IP policy is indeed enshrined in the Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation (Regulation 1290/2013) and the specific IMI2 JU derogations (Commission Delegated Regulation 622/2014). This recommendation is instead to be considered for a potential future initiative.</p>	<p>For further consideration under the preparation of Framework Programme 9</p>	<p>Q2 2018</p>	<p>Commission</p>

5	<p>Improve and broaden access to project outcomes and assure their sustainability to increase impact.</p> <p>- Develop a platform for open dialogue with and between the different groups in the governance structure of the joint undertaking;</p> <p>- Develop a brokerage platform to stimulate that results from IMI2 projects and from other programmes are leading to applications;</p> <p>- Ensure communication to a wider audience to increase awareness of the programme results and outputs.</p>	This recommendation is being acknowledged.	Reorganise IMI2 JU website to ensure communication to a wider audience.	Q4 2017	IMI2 Programme Office
			Develop an IMI2 JU webpage identifying all important assets generated by IMI projects that are accessible to stakeholders other than project participants, and ensure that projects websites also provide such information.	Q1 2018 ³	IMI2 Programme Office
			Seek for advice from IMI2 JU Scientific Committee on how to best ensure sustainability of valuable outputs/outcomes from IMI projects.	Q1 2018 ⁴	IMI2 Programme Office
			Implement projects and further actions for long-term sustainability of important project output/outcomes.	Q4 2018 ⁵	IMI2 Programme Office
			Investigate the feasibility, potential value added, and potential mechanism for a brokerage platform in order to stimulate uptake of projects results.	Q4 2018 ⁵	IMI2 Programme Office
			Define and implement tasks for an improved involvement of, and communication between, the IMI2 JU Scientific Committee, States Representatives Group, Strategic Governing Groups, and Governing Board.	Q4 2018 ⁵	IMI2 Programme Office

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