

**Statement: European Parliament vote on health technology assessment (HTA)**

The European Society of Cardiology (ESC) together with the European Respiratory Society (ERS) strongly believe that HTA is fundamental to high-quality healthcare in the EU.<sup>1</sup>

Today, we commend Members of the European Parliament for the adoption of the legislative proposal on health technology assessment<sup>2</sup> (HTA).<sup>2</sup>

We trust that the vote will pave the way for a truly collaborative framework for the clinical assessment of health technologies, including the effective use of health professionals' expertise throughout the process.

We expect that the decision not to include scientific experts as full members of the Coordination Group will not preclude this collaborative effort, and invite legislators to address this point attentively in future negotiations.

We now wish to call upon EU policymakers to initiate trilogue inter-institutional negotiations without delay, in view of reaching a final agreement ahead of the European elections in 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> See the statement issued ahead of the European Parliament Plenary vote here [https://www.escardio.org/static\\_file/Escardio/Advocacy/Documents/European%20Doctors%20Unite%20To%20Demand%20Policymakers%20Support%20For%20EU-Level%20HTA.pdf](https://www.escardio.org/static_file/Escardio/Advocacy/Documents/European%20Doctors%20Unite%20To%20Demand%20Policymakers%20Support%20For%20EU-Level%20HTA.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU