

The schedule of meetings for 2026 is **provided in the appendix** at the end of these minutes.

BMSD Network – TC 1 meeting

Date: 13 January 2026 8:00 – 9:00 CET

Venue: Microsoft Teams meeting

Attendees: Mario Alberto Battaglia, Helmut Butzkueven, Jiří Drahota, Katharina Fink, Lars Forsberg, Anna Glaser, Tommaso Guerra, Jan Hillert, Dana Horáková, Pietro Iaffaldano, Hanna Poulina Joensen, Pernilla Klyve, Giuseppe Lucisano, Melinda Magyari, Elena Flavia Mouresan, Luigi Pontieri, Michela Ponzio, Marco Salivetto, Tim Spelman, Valentina Tageo, Maria Trojano, Irena Vukusic, Sandra Vukusic

Meeting Agenda

1. Update on funding
2. Introduction and presentation of Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026–2027 (Health): European call
3. BMSD Annual Report (Dec 2025) and deliverables for pharma companies supporting the network
4. 2026 BMSD Annual Meeting: dates
5. BMSD Registration on the EMA RWD Catalogue
6. Update on the inclusion of German and Finnish registries

Main discussion points

1. Update on funding

Maria confirmed that Sandoz will provide financial support in 2026 and 2027.

2. Introduction and presentation of Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026–2027 (Health): European call

Valentina Tageo, director and founder of Wise Angle, a Spanish consultancy which supports the Italian MS Foundation in participation and management of European-funded projects, presented the European call for proposals entitled “*Identifying and addressing low-value care in health and care systems*” under the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026–2027. The call opens February 10, 2026, with a €38M budget to fund four projects focused on reducing healthcare overuse, underuse, and misuse through evidence-based research and AI tools. The scientific core requires interlinking diverse registries—including disease, socioeconomic, and payer databases—to enable cross-country comparisons and evaluate the impact of discontinuing ineffective practices while accounting for gender and intersectional inequalities. Proposals must deliver transferable pilot strategies, clinical implementation studies, and sustainable financing models for registry collaboration to benefit policymakers, providers, and patients by reallocating resources toward high-value, safe, and efficient care pathways.

The group agreed on the importance of identifying registry-based outcomes to tackle low-value care. Key research priorities include analyzing delays in treatment initiation or escalation, gender-based healthcare differences, and the cost-effectiveness of extended dosing schedules. The discussion clarified that low-value care encompasses both the absence of required treatment and the overuse of services. To facilitate cross-country comparisons, members highlighted the need to select suitable and feasible variables for benchmarking healthcare performance across all participating registries.

- **BMSD Annual Report (Dec 2025) and deliverables for pharma companies supporting the network**

The draft of the BMSD Annual Report (updated December 2025) was circulated prior to the meeting. Pharma companies, specifically Biogen and Merck, requested access to the EMA QO application dossier. At this stage, network members agreed to share only the finalized Annual Report. It was agreed that the full documentation package will be shared after receiving the final review from EMA. However, the most appropriate modality for sharing the complete documentation package still needs to be clarified among all registries

Post-meeting note:

- *No further comments or revisions were received for the Dec 2025 Annual Report, that will be shared to supporting pharma companies.*

3. 2026 BMSD Annual Meeting: dates

The survey results did not identify any clear preferred dates. After discussion, it was agreed that the most suitable dates for the majority would be 24–26 September 2026, in Genoa.

4. BMSD Registration on the EMA RWD Catalogue

Marco shared the draft version of the profile for the EMA RWD Catalogue website. The draft will be submitted for review shortly.

Post-meeting note:

- *The page has been reviewed and published (available at the following link: <https://catalogues.ema.europa.eu/network/1000000867>)*

5. Update on the inclusion of German and Finnish registries

The German Registry completed the tasks that the Network requested and sent all the documentation. The Finnish Registry is still working on the CDM.

Post-meeting note:

- *The Registry leaders have reviewed the documentation provided by the German group and agree to include them in the Network. They will be invited to join the upcoming monthly meeting, scheduled for 11 February.*

Appendix. 2026 BMSD Meeting Calendar

TC BMSD Meetings in 2026	Meeting dates in 2026
TC 1	Tuesday, 13 th January 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 2	Wednesday, 11 th February 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 3	Thursday, 5 th March 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 4	Tuesday, 14 th April 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 5	Wednesday, 13 th May 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 6	Thursday, 11 th June 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 7	Tuesday, 7 th July 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 8	Wednesday, 9 th September 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 9	Thursday, 8 th October 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 10	Tuesday, 3 rd November 8:00-9:00 CET
TC 11	Wednesday, 2 nd December 8:00-9:00 CET