

**Pharmaceutical manufacturers give their commitment at the meeting of the Sectoral Strategic Committee for Healthcare Industries and Technologies**

Today's meeting of the Sectoral Strategic Committee for Healthcare Industries and Technologies provided Solidarity and Health Minister Olivier Véran and Secretary of State to the Minister for the Economy and Finance Agnès Pannier-Runacher, with the opportunity to present the updated industry strategic roadmap incorporating the lessons to be learned from the Covid-19 health crisis and the government's health industries relocation action plan.

Leem, the French Pharmaceutical Companies Association, welcomes the opportunity to discuss these issues frankly with the two government ministers, and commends the vision of the major issues facing the industry shared during the meeting.

Leem will make an active contribution to the industrial recovery plan to be announced by the French President midway through July.

It does however advocate that the plan should cover the full range of issues faced by the industry by addressing all of the following points simultaneously:

- ✓ The challenges of competitiveness within the value chain to increase the level of healthcare product self-sufficiency in France and the wider Europe
- ✓ The challenges of inward investment appeal, which demand that every aspect of the pharmaceutical industry must be integrated into a single overarching strategy covering clinical research, product manufacture and patient access to pharmaceuticals, especially the most innovative.

Leem notes the willingness stated by both ministers to develop this approach at European level.

Lastly, and without overlooking the economic impact of the current crisis, Leem will pay particular attention to ensuring that the need for alignment accepted by the government feeds through into greater consistency in public-sector decision-making and action, especially during the discussions leading up to the next Social Security Finance Act and the renegotiation of the CEPS/LEEM framework agreement.

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