

## Drugs and Devices: Different sectors

Pharma sector	Device sector
-basis: science	-basis: technology
-limited number of active substances (NL: ±3000) and products	- A large variety of products (EU: ±400,000)
-relatively easy to overlook	-difficult to overlook (many SME's)
-patiënt	-user
-'sellers' market	-'buyers' market

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## Drug and devices: two worlds apart?

- Different history
- Different culture
- Different organisation
- Different legislation
- Different language

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# Drugs and Devices:

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### Not only differences, also similarities

- Purpose of the products: diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment or alleviation of disease....
- Setting in which the products are used: Healthcare
- European/Global orientation

And also.....

- Lack of understanding of the 'other sector' creates the risk of mutual miscommunication

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