

## Panion at EMA's SME InfoDay

Panion has an active status as SME (Small and Medium-sized Enterprise) – at the European Medicines Agency (EMA), which gives access to a number of benefits, information sources, and financial incentives. CEO Anja Holm attended the SME InfoDay on Friday 17 November at the EMA's offices where agency officials together with scientific and regulatory experts from the European Network presented developments and were ready to meet and discuss with companies on an informal basis.

The SME-office provides an amazing amount of support to foster innovation from academia and small research companies and to help the new ideas from “lab-bench to market”. Besides guidance in the complex regulatory field, which is caused by the innovative nature of the new development products, the day also revealed changes in the structures of scientific advice and financial opportunities provided by the European Commission and their support programs.

When a company plans their evidence-creating clinical trials, it is possible to get input and advice to ensure that e.g. the parameters measured in the trial are those found most relevant by the authorities. This was demonstrated to clearly improve the probability for a positive outcome of the marketing authorization application and, hence, a product on the market.



“Panion plans to pursue all the advice we can get that will help us through with our innovative development product for epilepsy in dogs” says Anja Holm.

The InfoDay provided an overview of EU initiatives supporting development stage SMEs. The future EU funding opportunities were highlighted and platforms for early dialogue with regulators from EMA, national authorities and the EU Innovation Network were presented. Specific support to optimize development plans was described together with feed-back on experience at stage of marketing authorization. The event was attended by 120 persons from SME companies and 150 more were linked in via webcast, the majority from the human medicines sector.



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**Developing animal health** – In Panion, we want to improve the quality of life for animals suffering from chronic diseases. We are convinced that gene therapy has promising prospects. Our aim is to develop and commercialize a gene therapy treatment for dogs with drug refractory epilepsy, based on CombiGene AB’s technology and platform. Panion Animal Health AB is listed at AktieTorget.

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