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Revision of the Urban Wastewater Directive Reaction by pharmaceutical industry rejected

The pharmaceutical industry umbrella organisation stated in a press release that the legislative proposal would "jeopardise patient access to medicines".

The Commission strongly rejects this claim, underlining that the maximum average increase in the cost of pharmaceuticals is estimated at €1.9-2.4 per year/per person by 2040 (or 0.6-0.7% price increase) when the legislation will produce its full effects in 2040.