



# Early Access to Reimbursement for Digital Medical Devices (PECAN) in France

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# 1. PECAN, in a nutshell

# Digital Health Acceleration Strategy 2021-2025

A national funding program co-constructed by and for the health digital ecosystem



## An interministerial strategy for 2021-2025

To make France a leader in digital health



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## Co-constructed with the digital health ecosystem

The result of a broad public consultation

429 replies

50 qualitative interviews

6 months of inter-ministerial work

Collective preparation for calls for projects and expressions of interest

12 webinars

More than 120 meetings



## Support the actors with useful tools

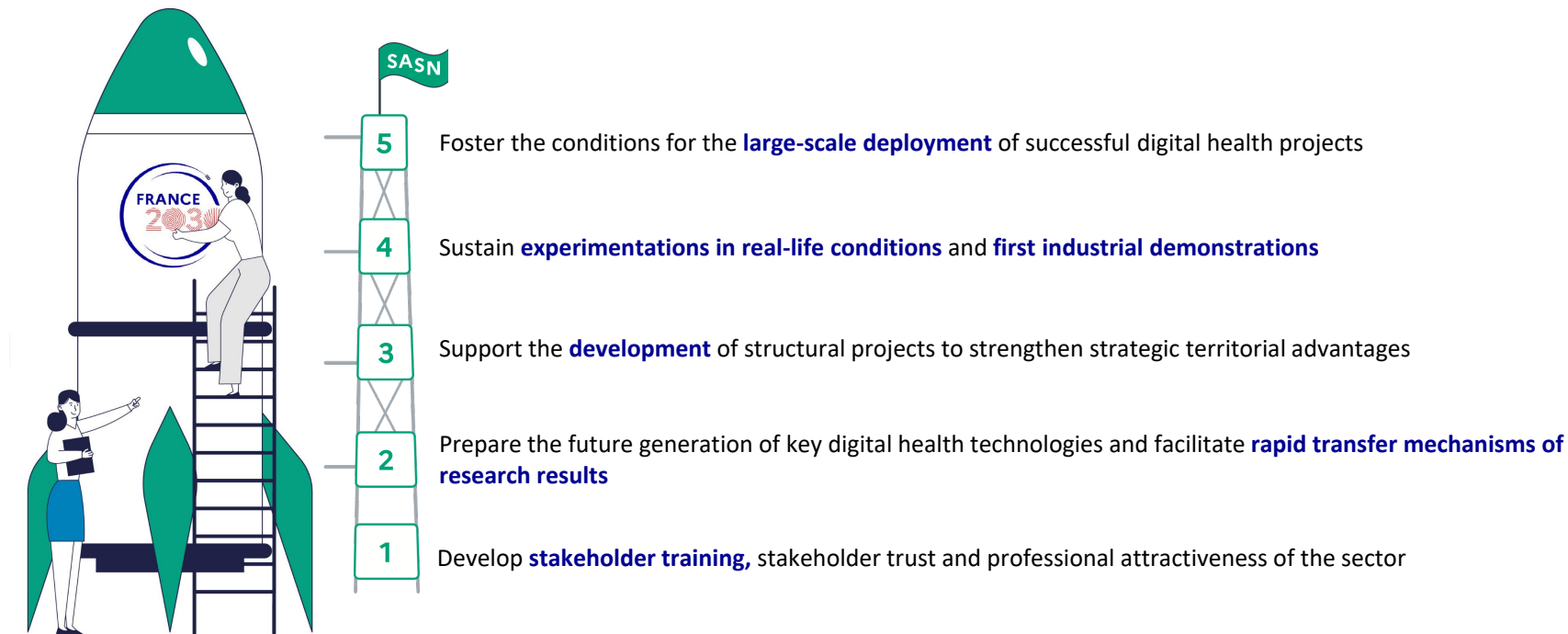
A national portal to support digital health entrepreneurs



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# Digital Health Acceleration Strategy 2021 - 2025

A strategy with € 734 million to support all levels of a digital health project cycle



# PECAN, an innovative approach to derogatory reimbursement of digital medical devices (DMDs)



## Overview

- New **one-year transitional and temporary reimbursement** access scheme
- Launched in April 2023



## Scope

- **Innovative DMDs for individual use**
  - for therapeutic purposes (DTx)
  - remote Monitoring (TLS)
- With **initial elements to assess the potential benefits of the solution** before the end of PECAN



## Why?

- **Rapid access** to digital health innovations for patients
- Operational deployment in parallel of procedures **to get a standard definitive reimbursement**



## How?

- **Parallel evaluation** process by **HTA Agency (HAS) & Digital health agency (ANS)**
- **Authorisation decision** by the **Minister of Health**
- **Duration: 3 to 4 months** after candidate submission of file

# PECAN, a new fast-track to facilitate the launch of digital health innovations



## 1 year

Pre-reimbursement at fixed price and a springboard for innovators to obtain generalized reimbursement

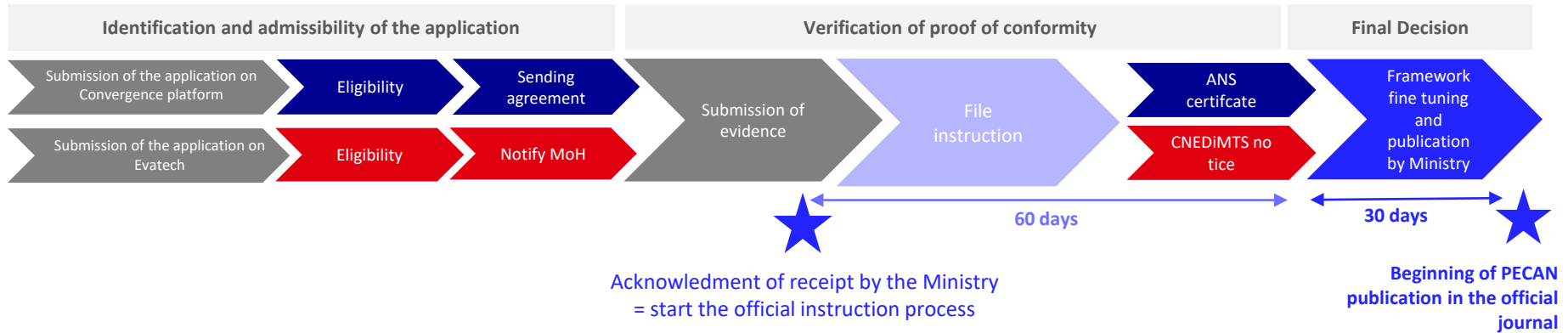


## Facilitated application

through two simultaneous applications (medical/scientific and security/interoperability) and simplified evaluations

# PECAN – Step by step

## Steps to benefit from early reimbursement scheme



**Caption:**





# PECAN and DiGA, two pioneering mechanisms in the EU


In Germany, the Diga Fast Track has enabled accelerated market access for certain categories of digital health applications

## Social Security Funding Law 2022 : Article 58

### PECAN:

 **Therapeutic** (DTx) or **telemonitoring activities**

 Class I, IIa, IIb and III **HAS** (CNEDiMTS) and **ANS** evaluate PECAN applications


 **One-year transitional reimbursement**  
predefined fixed compensation  
Negotiated final price after 12 months (only for DTx)  
Telemonitoring prices are predefined (no negotiation)

## German Digital Healthcare Act

### DiGA Fast Track:

 **Therapeutic DMD** (DTx)

 Class I and IIa only **BfArM** evaluates Diga candidates

 **One-year transitional reimbursement**  
at manufacturer's price  
Negotiated final price after 12 months



Other European countries are actively working to implement similar procedures





# Focus on the requirements of the DMN Interoperability and Security



The repository is composed of different **sections of requirements**:

## National Health Identity



Securing patient identification

## Pro Health Connect



Securing HCP Authentication

## Health Directory



HCP directory

## GDPR



GDPR data privacy

## Data portability



Access to health data (interoperability)

## Electronic identification



HCP access Patient access



The requirements of the repository are derived from **the doctrine of digital healthcare** and the various ANS **benchmarks**.



Documents available on the Digital Health Agency portal for industrials:

<https://industriels.esante.gouv.fr/produits-et-services/dispositifs-medicaux-avec-des-fonctions-numeriques>

# “ G\_NIUS, a one-stop shop to save time for digital health entrepreneurs ”

Set up by the Ministry of Health and Prevention, the purpose of G\_NIUS is to **make life easier** for entrepreneurs in the digital health sector and **speed up the development of their solutions**

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## G\_NIUS services

Entrepreneurs are directed to the **right contacts** and have access to the **right information**, so that they can better **anticipate** the stages of their development.



Find relevant subventions and call for projects



Get reimbursement from the Health Insurance



Find e-health events



Identify the actors of the ecosystem



Decipher DMD regulation



Discover the news on e-health



Understand the regulations



Explore e-health abroad



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Diagnose the regulatory requirements of your project



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# G\_NIUS

In figures

562 000

pages viewed

163 000

visitors since its opening

3 150

members of the community

12 institutional partners



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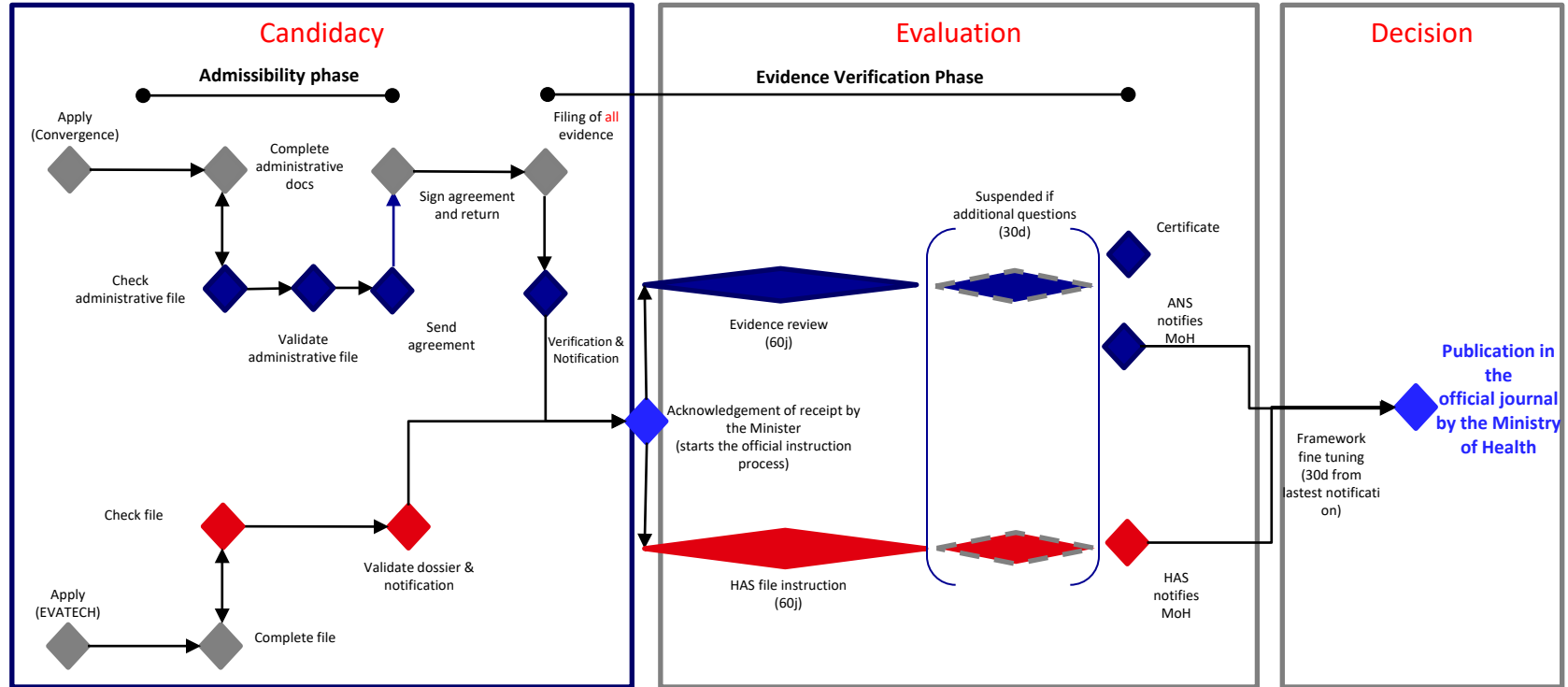
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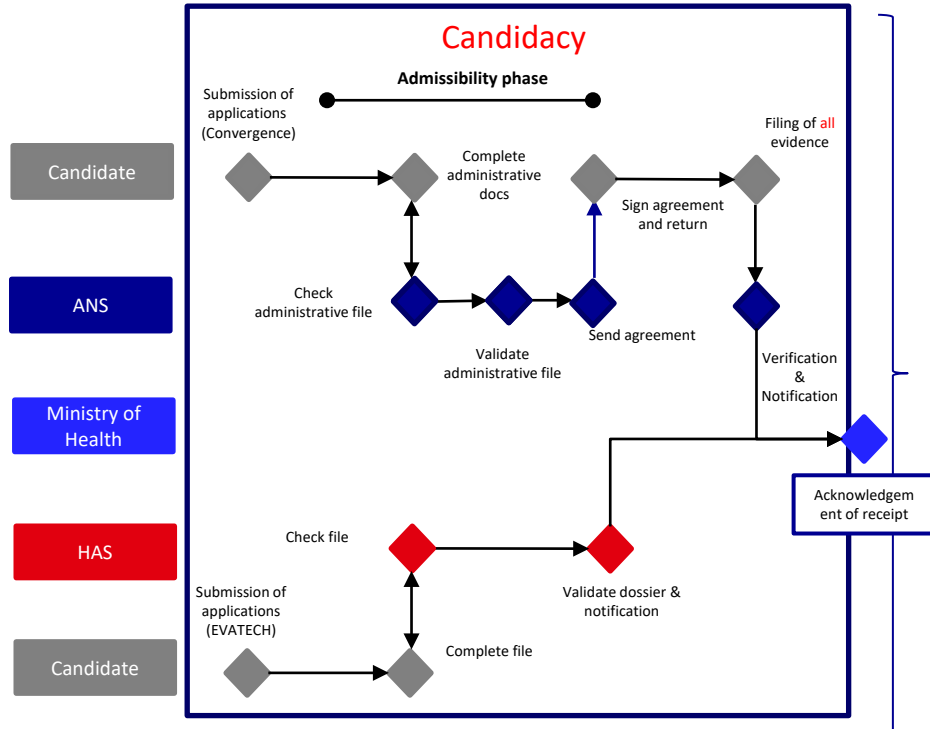
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## 2. PECAN, deep-dive in the process

# How to get a derogatory reimbursement



# How to benefit from the derogation reimbursement– Application for PECAN



- Parallel submission on Evatech platform (HAS) and on Convergence platform (ANS) and possibility of discussion with the instructors
- Possible types of discussion:
  - HAS:
    - Early meeting to discuss a study protocol
    - Pre-deposit meeting to discuss the construction of your file
  - ANS:
    - Contact ANS teams through the [industrial contact form](#)
- When the file is complete, Ministry of Health sends **acknowledgment of receipt**
- Starts the official evaluation process by HAS and ANS

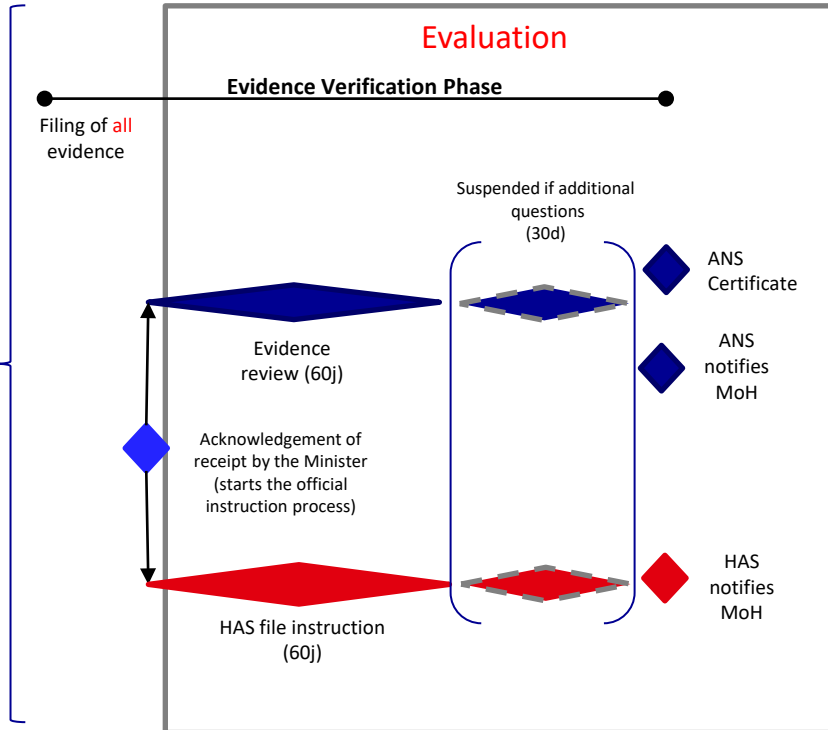
# How to benefit from the derogatory reimbursement — Evaluation for PECAN



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- ✓ Start of the evaluation by HAS and ANS
- ✓ Opinions delivered to MoH and the candidate by the CNEDiMTS of the HAS and the ANS

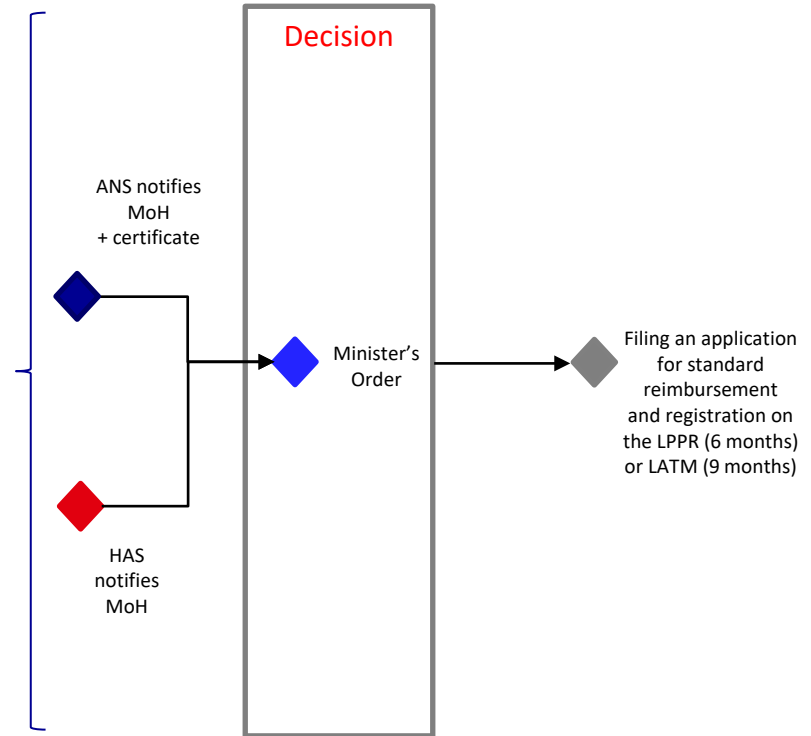
- The instruction may be **suspended when additional information** is expected
- Every suspension (max 30d) is **notified by the Ministry of Health**



# PECAN decision tree towards derogatory reimbursement



- > PECAN decision for a 1-year reimbursement by the ministers responsible for health and social security
- > Commitment of the candidate to file its application for standard reimbursement and registration in the LPPR or the LATM, within a period of 6 months and 9 months respectively from the publication of the PECAN's order



# After a year of reimbursement

## End of the PECAN



- Validation for standard reimbursement
- After a year without validation nor refusal
  - ❑ Absence of final evaluation submission within legal time limits, or withdrawal of the standard reimbursement application
  - ❑ Refusal : Negative decision by the minister
  - ❑ Non-compliance with the legal requirements regarding CE marking, interoperability and security ANS conformity
  - ❑ Removal from the market for serious reasons related to patient's safety by MDR competent authority in France (ANSM)



- **Mandatory treatment continuity for the industrial**, depending on the case :
  - 6 months after the end of the temporary reimbursement
  - 45 days after a refusal by the minister in the claimed indication
  - Except for serious reasons related to patient safety





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## More information on PECAN

- PECAN ministerial order of March 30, 2023 [Link](#)
- PECAN information sheet on G\_NIUS [Link](#)
- PECAN Webinar Replay [Link](#) (in French only)
- HAS guidance [Link](#) (in French only)
- Early stage appointment with the National HTA Agency HAS [Link](#)

## Guidelines by the National Health Technology Assessment Authority (HAS):

Submission guidelines for medical devices (as of June 1, two different platforms, for clinical evaluation: Evatech) [Link](#)

- Evaluation principles by the CNEDiMITS of individual use medical device for their access to reimbursement [Link in English](#) / [Link in French](#) (May 2019)
- Methodology for the clinical development of medical devices (including digital) [Link in English](#) / [Link in French](#)
- Real-world studies for the assessment of medicinal products and medical devices [Link](#)
- Organisational impact for map for health technology assessment [Link](#)
- Analysis grid for the AI component in medical devices [Link](#)
- Remote monitoring uses [Link in French](#)
- Medical device evaluation by the CNEDiMITS (Medical Device and Health Technology Evaluation Committee): Guide to the specific features of clinical evaluation of a connected medical device (CMD) in view of its application for reimbursement [Link](#)
- Guidelines for telemonitoring on 5 chronic diseases (as in ETAPES) [Link](#) (In French)
- Functional classification, according to their intended use, of digital solutions used in the context of medical and paramedical care [Link](#)

## Guidelines by the National eHealth Agency (ANS):

- Interoperability and Security standards for Digital Medical Devices (DMDs) [Link](#)
  - Compliance certification platform [Link](#)
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