



REGIONAL CONFERENCE

TOWARDS THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON COUNTERFEITING OF MEDICAL PRODUCTS AND SIMILAR CRIMES INVOLVING THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH (MEDICRIME CONVENTION)

*Organised with the support of
Vice-prime Minister of Ukraine Mr Kostiantyn HRYSHCHENKO,
the State Administration of Ukraine on Medicinal Products and
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine*

PROGRAMME

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Kyiv
Ukraine

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Background and objectives

The Council of Europe drafted a convention which constitutes, for the first time in world history, a binding international treaty in the criminal law field on counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (MEDICRIME convention).

Safeguarding of public health through penal measures against criminal behaviours, protection of victims, promotion of cooperation at national and international levels, and preventive measures are the overarching aims of the above convention.

The core values of the Council of Europe, a pan-European intergovernmental organisation comprising 47 member states in Europe, are the protection of human rights and essential freedoms, the promotion of the rule of law and of democracy. The Organisation aims at identifying solutions for challenges faced by today's societies.

Counterfeiting medical products and similar crimes threaten the right to life enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR). Incidences of counterfeit medical products and similar crimes undermine public trust in healthcare systems and authorities' surveillance thereof.

Counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes have a global spread, no country is spared.

The Council of Europe has long been concerned about the absence of harmonised international legislation, non-deterrent sanctions in proportionate to the harm caused to patients, and the involvement of criminal organisations which operate across borders.

Thanks to its pan-European membership and cooperation with states and regions beyond Europe, the Council of Europe was able to embark on developing an international criminal law treaty focusing on public health and with a truly global impact: mandated by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and supported by intersecretariat cooperation between the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law and the Directorate General of Democracy through its European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM), the text of the above Convention was opened for signature in Moscow (Russian Federation) on 28 October 2011. Ukraine is the first country in having ratified the MEDICRIME convention.

Aim of the conference

The aim of this conference is to significantly advance in the fight against counterfeit medical products and similar crimes in Europe and worldwide through promoting political support for the practical implementation of the MEDICRIME convention. The objectives are the following:

1. to encourage member states to sign and ratify the Convention;
2. to raise awareness among members of parliament, law enforcement, NGOs, the media and professionals working in the field;
3. to discuss the benefits and challenges of ratifying the Convention;
4. to exchange experiences, know-how and networking.







Target audience


The target audience of the conference includes officials responsible for policy-making, representatives of judicial, health and enforcement authorities as well as State Prosecutors, Heads of Police and Customs Agencies, Heads of Medicines Agencies and relevant international and European institutions and organisations.

Speakers

Details of speakers are listed in the appendix of the programme.

Organisation

Venue.		O.O. Bogomolets National Medical University. Morphologic building, 34 Peremohy Avenue, Kyiv (Ukraine)
Registration		9h30
Coffee break		
Lunch		
Interpretation		Simultaneous interpretation (English/Ukrainian/Russian) for all sessions
Proceedings		The proceedings will be published in English and Ukrainian after the conference
Press conference		10h30

9.30	 Registration of participants
10h00	Welcome addresses and opening remarks

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr Kostiantyn HRYSHCHENKO, Vice-prime Minister of Ukraine ➤ Mr Carlo Chiaromonte, Head of the Criminal Law Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe ➤ Ms Tetiana BAKHTEEVA, Head of the Committee of Health, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine ➤ Mr Vitalii MOSKALENKO, Rector of the National Medical University ➤ Mr Oleksii SOLOVIOV, Head of the State Administration of Ukraine on Medicinal Products
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10.20 - 10.40	 Press conference
10.20 - 10.45	 Coffee break

SESSION 1

OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEDICRIME CONVENTION

Chair: Mr Andrii SHYPKO,
Deputy Head of the Committee of Health, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

10.45	The work of the PACE in the MEDICRIME Convention Mr Jim Dobbin, Vice-chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
11.00	Ways of implementation of the MEDICRIME Convention: experience of the national regulatory Authority Mr Oleksii SOLOVIOV, Head of the State Administration of Ukraine on Medicinal Products
11.15	The implementation of the MEDICRIME Convention Mr Andrii SHYPKO, Deputy Head of the Committee of Health, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
11.30	Discussion


SESSION 2

FROM SIGNATURE TO RATIFICATION

Chair: Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE,
Head of the Criminal Law Division, Council of Europe

2.1 Counterfeiting & similar crimes threatening public health

11.45	Considerations of the MEDICRIME convention: European standards Mr Domenico di Giorgio, Director of Counterfeit Prevention Unit, AIFA – Italian Medicines Agency
12.00	Needs and benefits for public health protection: different perspectives Committee on Legislative Support of Law enforcement Activity, Verkhovna Rada
12.15	Discussion

12.45 – 14.00	 Lunch break
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SESSION 3
HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE MEDICRIME CONVENTION INTO NATIONAL LAW

Chair: Mr Jim Dobbin, Vice-chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Health,
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

3.1 Tackling a transborder crime

14.00	Ukrainian legislation & practices: possible approaches for implementation Mr Andrii ZAKHARASH, Deputy Head of the State Administration of Ukraine on Medicinal Products
14.15	Counterfeiting of medicinal products Mr Oleksiy ILLIASHENKO, Head of the International department, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ukraine
14.30	The fight against counterfeit and similarly dangerous medical products Mr Christian Tournié, Head of Intelligence and International Division, Gendarmerie Nationale Headquarters, Ministry of Interior, France
14.45	Customs role in fighting counterfeit products Mr Oleksandr DOROHOVSKIY, Head of customs Department, Ministry of incomes and taxes of Ukraine, TBC
15.00	Discussion

15.15 – 15.45

 **Coffee break**

SESSION 4
FROM SIGNATURE TO RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Chair: Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE,
Head of the Criminal Law Division, Council of Europe

4.1 Preventing harm and protecting public health

15.45	Spurious/falsely-labeled/falsified/counterfeit (SFFC) Global Surveillance and Monitoring Project Dr. Olexandr POLISHCHUK, Technical Officer, Division of Health Systems and Public Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe
16.00	Combating counterfeit medical products Mr Oleksandr DANYLEVSKIY, Deputy Head of Department, Security Service of Ukraine
16.15	Round table: Status of play of the signature/ratification of the MEDICRIME Convention The following delegations will take the floor: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey.
17.30	Discussion

End of Day 1

18.00 – 22.00

Cultural Event

SESSION 5
DEVELOPING A LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITH A GLOBAL IMPACT
ASSOCIATING STATES AND REINFORCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Chair: Mr Oleksiy Volodymyrovych ILLIASHENKO,
 Head of the International Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ukraine

5.1 How to facilitate multisectorial co-operation at international level

9.30	<p>Consideration of the MEDICRIME Convention and relevance to medicines and devices sectors Dr Lincoln Tsang, Chair of biological/biotechnology committee and Vice chair of nomenclature committee, British Pharmacopoeia Commission</p>
9.45	<p>Considerations of the MEDICRIME Mr Domenico di Giorgio, Director of Counterfeit Prevention Unit, AIFA – Italian Medicines Agency</p>
10.15	Discussion

5.2 How to facilitate multisectorial co-operation at national level

10.30	<p>Consideration of the last case of discovered counterfeit medical products in Ukraine Mr Oleksiy ILLIASHENKO, Head of the International Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ukraine</p>
10.45	<p>Experiences & possible approaches for implementation The following delegations will take the floor: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia.</p>

11.15 - 11.30 ☕ *Coffee break*

11.30	<p>Experiences & possible approaches for implementation (Continuation) The following delegations will take the floor: Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey.</p>
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SESSION 6
CLOSING REMARKS

Chair: Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE,
 Head of the Criminal Law Division, Council of Europe

12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr Oleksii SOLOVIOV, Head of the State Administration of Ukraine on Medicinal Products ➤ Mr Oleksiy ILLIASHENKO, Head of the International Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs ➤ Mr Carlo Chiaromonte, Head of the Criminal Law Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
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13.00 End of the conference

13.00 - 14.00 ☕ *Coffee break*