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## WORKSHOP ON THE MEDICRIME CONVENTION

### PROGRAMME

7 July 2016  
Minsk  
Belarus



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## Background

The Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (the **MEDICRIME Convention**) constitutes the first international treaty in the criminal law field dealing with the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health.

Safeguarding public health through penal measures targeting criminal behaviour, protecting victims, promoting co-operation at national and international levels, and providing preventive measures are the principal aims of this Convention.

The core values of the Council of Europe are the protection of human rights and essential freedoms, the promotion of the rule of law and democracy. The organisation aims to identify solutions to the challenges faced by today's society.

The counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes threatens 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 the authorities' surveillance thereof.

The counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes has spread worldwide, no country has been spared. The Council of Europe has long been concerned about the absence of harmonised international legislation, the existence of non-deterrent sanctions in proportion to the harm caused to patients and the involvement of criminal organisations which operate across borders.

Thanks to its pan-European membership and co-operation with States and regions beyond Europe, the Council of Europe has been able to develop an international criminal law treaty focusing on public health and with a truly global impact.

The MEDICRIME Convention was opened for signature in Moscow (Russian Federation) on 28 October 2011 and entered force on 1 January 2016 after the ratification of five signatories (Republic of Guinea, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Spain and Ukraine). Armenia and Albania ratified the Convention on 5 February and 7 June 2016 respectively, becoming the sixth and seventh State party of the Convention. On 21 January 2014, Belarus was invited by the Committee of Ministers to sign the MEDICRIME Convention.

## Aim of the workshop

The aim of this workshop is make significant advances in the fight against counterfeit medical products and similar crimes in Belarus through promoting political support for the signature and further ratification of the MEDICRIME Convention. The objectives are the following:

- to present the core provisions of the Convention;
- to discuss the practical application of some provisions in some Parties to the Convention;
- to review the current relevant law of Belarus on pharmaceutical crime;
- to encourage Belarus to sign and ratify the Convention;
- to raise awareness among members of parliament and representatives of judicial, law enforcement and customs authorities working in the field;

- to discuss the benefits and challenges in ratifying the Convention;
- to exchange experiences, know-how and networking.

## Participants

1. Government of Belarus
  - Ministry of Justice
  - Ministry of Health
  - Ministry of interior
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2. Council of Europe
  - Representative of the Council of Europe
  - 2 experts in MEDICRIME convention

The working languages will be English and Russian.

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### Republic of Belarus

- **In Minsk**  
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8:30 - 9:00 □ Arrival and registration of participants

9:20	➤ Mr Igor LOSITSKIY, Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Belarus ➤ Ms Larissa LUKINA, Council of Europe Information Point in Minsk
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<b>- SESSION I -</b> <b>THE MEDICRIME CONVENTION: STATE OF PLAY</b>
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr Igor LOSITSKIY, Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Belarus
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9:20	<b>The MEDICRIME Convention: purposes, objectives and the importance of ratifying it.</b> Mr Oscar ALARCÓN JIMÉNEZ, Co-Secretary of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Council of Europe
10:00	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>
10:10	<b>Problems, risks and trends in the counterfeiting of medicines, medical devices and similar crimes</b> Ms Lynda SCAMMELL, Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), United Kingdom
11:00	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>

*11:15 - 11:30* □ *Coffee break*

11:30	<b>The prosecution of the perpetrators: the criminal law perspective of the MEDICRIME Convention and its implementation at national law</b> Mr Asier URRUELA MORA, Professor of Criminal Law, University of Zaragoza, Spain
12:15	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>

*12.30 - 14:30* □ *Lunch break*

- SESSION II -

**REVIEW OF THE BELARUSIAN LEGISLATION**

**Chair:** Ms Ludmila REUTSKAYA,  
Head, Board on Pharmaceutical Inspection and Organization of Medicines Provision,  
Ministry of Health

14:30	<p><b>Review of Belarusian legislation: Substantive criminal law</b></p> <p>↳ Discussion of domestic legal provisions related to the MEDICRIME Convention and the measures taken by the Government of Belarus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Mr Oleg GOLUBEV, First Secretary, European Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li><li>➤ Mr Kirill GRUSHEVSKY, Second Secretary, Department of Treaties, General Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li><li>➤ Mr Sergey KANAPLITSKI, deputy Head of Board on economic crimes investigations, the Chief investigative board, Investigative Committee</li></ul>
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16:00 - 16:15 ☐ *Coffee break*

16:15	<p><b>Review of Belarusian legislation (cont'd)</b></p> <p>↳ Domestic legal provisions, procedures, conditions and safeguards regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Medical devices</li><li>- Medicines</li><li>- Medication online</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Ms Iryna Kautaniuk, Deputy Head, Republican control and analytical laboratory</li><li>➤ Mr Sirgey Zinchanka, Deputy Director, Center for Examinations and Tests in Health Service State Enterprise</li><li>➤ Ms Anastasiya Zarankovich, Chief specialist, Medical devices registration Department, Center for Examinations and Tests in Health Service State Enterprise.</li></ul>
17:00	<b>Conclusions</b>

17:30 **End of the workshop**



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Combating counterfeiting  
of medical products  
and similar crimes



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