



9 June 2016

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE MEDICRIME CONVENTION

SINGLE POINTS OF CONTACT

With the participation of representatives from:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Georgia, Greece, Hungary,
Israel, Republic of Moldova, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation,
Slovak Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine



PROGRAMME

15-16 June 2016
Tbilisi
Georgia



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Background and objectives

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 ratified the Convention on 5 February 2016, becoming the sixth State party of the Convention.

Aim of the workshop

The objectives of this Regional Workshop are:

1. to consolidate the single points of contact (SPOCs) structure foreseen in the MEDICRIME Convention;
2. to align the working methodology of judicial and law-enforcement authorities and link it with the one already developed by health authorities;
3. to share experiences in combating threats to public health.








Target audience

Given the multidisciplinary nature of the action against pharmaceutical crime, the target audience of this workshop includes representatives of judicial, law enforcement and customs authorities from 14 Council of Europe Member States invited to this event as well as from 5 countries participating in the EU-Council of Europe Joint Programme "Strengthening democratic reform in the southern Neighbourhood".

Speakers

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

Organisation

Venue		Tbilisi, Georgia
Registration		8:45 - 9:30 am, 15 June 2016
Coffee break		Workshop venue
Lunch		Workshop venue
Plenary session		Main room
Break-out sessions		Information to be given
Group photo		10:15

8:45 - 9:30  Arrival and registration of participants

OPENING SESSION

Chair: Mr Oscar ALARCÓN JIMÉNEZ
Co-Secretary of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Council of Europe

9:30	Mr Alexandre BARAMIDZE, first Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia Mr Giorgi GOGADZE, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Georgia
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10:15  **Group photo**

**- SESSION I -
THE MEDICRIME CONVENTION: STATE OF PLAY**

Chair: Ms Irina BERIDZE
Advisor, Unit of European Integration and Cooperation with International Organizations,
Chief Prosecutor Office, Georgia

10:30	The MEDICRIME Convention: purposes, objectives and the importance of ratifying it. Mr Mkrtich SHAKARYAN, Head of GMP/GDP inspection department, The Scientific Centre of Drug and Medical Technology Expertise, Ministry of Health, Armenia
10:50	Problems, risks and trends in the counterfeiting of medicines and similar crimes Ms Lynda SCAMMELL, Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), United Kingdom
11:10	The experience in tackling the counterfeiting of medical products: a case study (The Pillendienst Case) Mr Alexander ROTH, Public Prosecutor at the Staatsanwaltschaft Potsdam, Germany

11:30 - 11:45  **Coffee break**

11:45	Detection techniques and mechanisms: detection of falsified medical products in the legal supply chain Mr José María ESTEBAN FERNÁNDEZ, Member of the Spanish National Health Pharmaceutical Squad
12:20	How to overcome obstacles in the ratification process: Armenian case Mr Hamlet GASOYAN, DMD, MPH, Expert, Standing Committee on Healthcare, Maternity and Childhood Issues, National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

12.30 - 14:00  **Lunch break**

**- SESSION II -
THE ROLE OF THE SPOCs**

Note: During this Session, judicial, law enforcement and customs authorities will attend separate seminars.

Judicial authorities (J)	Law enforcement authorities (LEA)	Customs authorities (C)
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	J	LEA	C
14:00	Tasks and role of the SPOCs	Cooperation with Judicial authorities	Cooperation with Law Enforcement authorities
14:30	Cooperation with Customs authorities	Tasks and role of the SPOCs	Cooperation with Judicial authorities
15:00	Cooperation with Law Enforcement authorities	Cooperation with Customs authorities	Tasks and role of the SPOCs
15:30	Cooperation within Judicial authorities	Cooperation within Law Enforcement authorities	Cooperation within Customs authorities

15:50 - 16:10 ☕ **Coffee break**

Lecturers:

Tasks and role of the SPOCs

Ms Verica TRBIC, Expert Adviser Directorate for Cooperation of Police Bodies Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rapporteur of the Committee of Experts on minimising the public health risks posed by counterfeiting of medical products and related crimes (CD-P-PH/CMED) for the CMED Training Strategy

Cooperation with Judicial authorities

Mr Alexander ROTH, Public Prosecutor at the Staatsanwaltschaft Potsdam, Germany

Cooperation with Law Enforcement authorities

Mr Jan van den BOEYNANTS, Judicial Commissioner, Federal Judicial Police, Direction serious and organised crime, Belgium

Cooperation with Customs authorities

Ms Alicja CEGLARZ, Specialist in Customs Chamber in Przemysl, Risk Analysis and Control Department, Non-Tariff Measures Coordinator, Poland

**- SESSION III -
CURRENT TRENDS**

Chair: Ms Verica TRBIC

16:10	Online threats: actions taken in illegal online sales and suppliers Ms Lynda SCAMMELL, Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), United Kingdom
16:40	The fight against falsified medical products: current situation and investigative techniques Mr Francisco Javier MOLINERA DE DIEGO, Police Chief Inspector of the Consumer, Environment and Doping Section, Spain

17.00 **End of Day 1**

19:00 - 20:00  **Dinner**

Thursday, 16 June 2016

**- SESSION IV -
TOUR DE TABLE**

Note: During this Session, judicial, law enforcement and customs authorities will be split again into 3 groups and expand on the questions and views raised during the debates of Day 1. The break-out session will be moderated and assisted by a Chair, who will act as a Rapporteur at a later stage.

9:30	Reflections on the break-out sessions Participants are expected to share opinions and ideas with regard to the setting up of the SPOCs network and to share experiences on their role as judicial, law enforcement or customs authorities.		
	Judicial authorities (J) Mr Alexander ROTH	Law enforcement authorities (LEA) Mr Jan van den BOEYNANTS	Customs authorities (C) Ms Alicja CEGLARZ

10:45	Country coordination meetings Representatives of the different authorities of each country will gather (<u>per country</u>) and discuss their national approach to the SPOCs network. Participants should also determine if they foresee any issue that may hamper the correct implementation of the SPOCs in their countries.
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10:30 - 11:00  **Coffee break**

**- SESSION V –
WAY FORWARD**

Chair: Ms Lynda SCAMMELL

11:30	<p>Debate Ms Alicja CEGLARZ Mr Jan VAN DEN BOEYNANTS Ms Verica TRBIC Mr Francisco Javier MOLINERA DE DIETO Mr Alexander ROTH</p> <p>Rapporteurs of the judicial, law enforcement and customs authorities will present their conclusions in view of a proper implementation of the SPOCs network.</p>
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**- Session VI -
CLOSING**

12:30	<p>Final remarks Mr Alexandre BARAMIDZE, first Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia Mr. Zurab Sanikidze, Director, Analytical Department, Ministry of Justice, Georgia Mr Oscar ALARCÓN JIMÉNEZ, Co-Secretary of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), Council of Europe</p>
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13:00 End of the Regional Workshop

13.00 - 14:00  Lunch break

15:00  Social event

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