



10 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, 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 and Albania ratified the Convention on 5 February and 6 June 2016 respectively, becoming the sixth and seventh States party to 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 2 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**

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

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

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

11:45	<b>Detection techniques and mechanisms: detection of falsified medical products in the legal supply chain</b> Mr José María ESTEBAN FERNÁNDEZ, Member of the Spanish National Health Pharmaceutical Squad
12:20	<b>How to overcome obstacles in the ratification process: Armenian case</b> Mr Hamlet GASOYAN, 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.

<b>Judicial authorities (J)</b>	<b>Law enforcement authorities (LEA)</b>	<b>Customs authorities (C)</b>
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	<b>J</b>	<b>LEA</b>	<b>C</b>
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, 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, Staatsanwaltschaft, Potsdam, Germany

**Cooperation with Law Enforcement authorities**

Mr Jan VAN DEN BOEYNANTS, Judicial Commissioner, Federal Judicial Police, Serious and organised crime Directorate, Belgium

**Cooperation with Customs authorities**

Mr José María ESTEBAN FERNÁNDEZ, Member of the Spanish National Health Pharmaceutical Squad

Mr Francisco Javier MOLINERA DE DIEGO, Police Chief Inspector of the Consumer, Environment and Doping Section, Spain

**- SESSION III -  
CURRENT TRENDS**

**Chair:** Ms Verica TRBIC

16:10	<b>Online threats: actions taken in illegal online sales and suppliers</b> Ms Lynda SCAMMELL, Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), United Kingdom
16:40	<b>The fight against falsified medical products: current situation and investigative techniques</b> 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	<b>Reflections on the break-out sessions</b> 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.		
	<b>Judicial authorities (J)</b> Mr Alexander ROTH	<b>Law enforcement authorities (LEA)</b> Mr Jan VAN DEN BOEYNANTS	<b>Customs authorities (C)</b> Ms Alicja CEGLARZ

10:45	<b>Country coordination meetings</b> 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><b>Debate</b></p> <p>Ms Alicja CEGLARZ   Mr Jan VAN DEN BOEYNANTS   Ms Verica TRBIC Mr Francisco Javier MOLINERA DE DIEGO   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><b>Final remarks</b></p> <p>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**

**Criminal Law Division**  
Action against Crime Department  
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