

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS AND ARTICLES (CD-P-MCA)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Type of committee: Steering Committee

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021**

PILLAR/PROGRAMME/SUB-PROGRAMME
<p>Pillar: Rule of Law Programme: Action against crime, safety and security of citizens Sub-Programme: Quality of Medicines and Healthcare (EDQM, Pharmacopoeia)</p>
MAIN TASKS
<p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers and in its composition restricted to the representatives of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia, the Committee for Food Contact Materials and Articles (CD-P-MCA) is instructed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) examine questions related to the safety and quality of food contact materials and articles; (ii) collect and evaluate relevant data, especially, when materials and articles are used for both foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals; (iii) draft provisions for standards and prepare technical guidance related to food contact materials and articles, and, where deemed necessary, draft resolutions that are intended for adoption by the Committee of Ministers and follow their implementation; (iv) regularly update technical guidance documents to take account of state-of-the-art methodology; (v) hold an exchange of views annually in order to evaluate its activities and advise the Committee of Ministers and the Secretary General on future priorities in its sector including possible new activities and those that might be discontinued; (vi) take due account of a gender perspective in the performance of its tasks; (vii) take the pertinent aspects of the European Convention on Human Rights into consideration in its thematic work.
SPECIFIC TASKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Develop or strengthen standards and policies to improve the health protection of consumers, in particular with a view to updating existing technical guidelines addressed by Council of Europe Resolutions. (ii) Draft general provisions for a new Council of Europe resolution on food contact materials and articles for which no harmonised measures have been implemented so far. (iii) Provide technical guidance for the safety and quality of food contact materials and articles made, for example, from metals, paper and board or coatings, subject to appropriate support from designated rapporteurs. (iv) Review progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), as evidenced by monitoring mechanisms and promoted through standard-setting and exchange of experiences and good practices.
COMPOSITION
<p>Members:</p> <p>Governments of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia are invited to designate a representative of the highest possible rank with expertise for the implementation of national policies and programmes in the area of food contact materials and articles. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.</p> <p>The sending authorities of these States will bear the travel and subsistence expenses for their representatives' participation in the meetings of the CD-P-MCA. The travel and subsistence expenses of the Chair will be borne by the EDQM budget.</p>
<p>Participants:</p> <p>The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; - Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe; - European Court of Human Rights; - Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights; - Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe; - Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Council of Europe member States other than those mentioned above under “Members” and other states with observer status to the European Pharmacopoeia Commission;
- European Union;
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

Observers:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities.

WORKING METHODS

Plenary meetings:

38 members, 1 meeting in 2020, 2 days

38 members, 1 meeting in 2021, 2 days

Extraordinary meetings of the CD-P-MCA can be convened upon request by the Chairperson.

Representatives taking part in the Committee and its subordinate bodies shall complete a declaration of interest and confidentiality undertaking form (EDQM Form/226).

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

With a view to reaching its objectives and to enable multidisciplinary working methods, the CD-P-MCA may, in derogation of Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 and within the limits of budgetary appropriations, create subordinate bodies.

Whenever appropriate, it will prioritise environmentally sound working methods, such as virtual meetings facilitated by information technology and written consultations.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION*

	Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €K	Bureau €K	Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2020	1	2	38	9.3	-	-	1 A; 1 B
2021	1	2	38	9.3	-	-	1 A; 1 B

*The costs include the per diem, travel costs, interpretation, translation and document printing. These costs are calculated on the basis of the 2020 standard costs.