

COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE ON COUNTER-TERRORISM (CDCT)

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 2018 until 31 December 2019**

PILLAR/SECTOR/PROGRAMME
<p>Pillar: Rule of Law Sector: Countering Threats to the Rule of Law Programme: Terrorism, Corruption and Organised Crime – MONEYVAL – GRETA</p>
MAIN TASKS
<p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, the CDCT shall identify priority elements for intergovernmental legal co-operation, propose to the Committee of Ministers areas for action in the field of counter-terrorism, by providing technical and analytical advice, collecting information, conducting activities in this area and advise the Committee of Ministers on all questions within its area of competence. With this purpose, the CDCT is instructed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) follow the implementation of the Council of Europe instruments applicable to the fight against terrorism; (ii) co-ordinate the Council of Europe counter-terrorism activities; (iii) continue the work: on country profiles on legislative and institutional counter-terrorism capacity of member States, where appropriate, on the development and exchange of “best practices” concerning, inter alia, preventing and suppressing terrorism, on financing of terrorism, on “foreign terrorist fighters”, on “terrorists acting alone” and on disengagement from terrorism and deradicalisation, as well as on the examination of other legal and practical priority issues related to the effective prevention and suppression of terrorism in full respect of the rule of law and democratic values, human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as other provisions of international law, including international humanitarian law when it is applicable; (iv) identify possible additional priority activities against terrorism and make appropriate proposals to the Committee of Ministers with a view to intensifying the Council of Europe’s action against terrorism, including through preventative measures; (v) identify potential shortcomings in international law and address them in the most appropriate form including a binding or non-binding legal instrument; (vi) further develop the database on the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights relevant for the fight against terrorism. (vii) take due account of a gender perspective in the performance of its tasks; (viii) follow the implementation of the non-binding instruments that it has prepared as well as conventions for which it has been given supervision by the Committee of Ministers; (ix) contribute to co-operation and support activities to national initiatives in this field, promote internationally the Council of Europe standards applicable to counter-terrorism through participation in the international counter-terrorism effort; (x) without prejudice to the mandates of intergovernmental committees of the Council of Europe that already follow the work of monitoring mechanisms, follow the activities of the relevant monitoring and other bodies or convention mechanisms; (xi) in accordance with decisions CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 of the Committee of Ministers, carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind its priorities, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which it has been given responsibility,¹ in co-operation, where appropriate, with the relevant convention-based bodies, and report back to the Committee of Ministers.
SPECIFIC TASKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In close co-operation with other relevant Council of Europe committees, elaborate and oversee the implementation of a Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy for the period 2018-2022 focusing on prevention, prosecution and protection. (ii) Provide analysis of topical developments in the counter-terrorism area (such as the phenomena of foreign terrorist fighters, self-radicalisation and the role of the Internet in terrorism, the juvenile justice response to

¹ Cf. Relevant decision of the Committee of Ministers (CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2) and list of Conventions in CM(2017)132.

terrorism, the roles of women and children in terrorism, the risk assessment of individuals indicted and convicted for terrorism offences) and, where appropriate, draft guidelines and identify relevant best practices.

- (iii) Examine the feasibility of elaborating and agreeing a pan-European legal definition of terrorism.
- (iv) Examine, in co-operation with other relevant committees of the Council of Europe, the need for updating Council of Europe legal instruments pertaining to the financing of terrorism, including the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No. 198).
- (v) Organise a counter-terrorism conference on the roles of women and children in terrorism.
- (vi) Develop a system for establishing a common set of indicators for assessing that a terrorist attack may be carried out by radicalised individuals.

COMPOSITION

Members:

Governments of member States are invited to designate one or more representatives of the highest possible rank with responsibility at the national level for the planning and/or development and/or implementation of policies relevant to the work of the Committee and with extensive knowledge of legal or financial questions concerning terrorism.

The Council of Europe budget will bear the travelling and subsistence expenses of one representative from each member State (two in the case of the State whose representative has been elected Chair).

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.

In accordance with decisions CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 of the Committee of Ministers, in cases where there is no convention-based body including all the Parties, non-member States are invited to take part, with a right to vote, in the committee meetings pertaining to the conventions to which they are Parties.

Participants:

The following may send a representative without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
- European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ);
- European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC);
- Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH);
- Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI);
- Other Council of Europe intergovernmental committees as appropriate;
- Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL).

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

- European Union (one or more representatives, including, as appropriate Europol and Eurojust);
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- United Nations;
- International Criminal Police Organisation-Interpol (ICPO-Interpol);
- Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE);
- Organization of American States (OAS);
- Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM);
- Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS);
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
- The Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF).

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;
- civil society and representatives of business, technical, professional and academic communities.

WORKING METHODS**Plenary meetings:**

48 members, 2 meetings in 2018, 3 days

48 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 3 days

Bureau:

7 members (the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Chair of the Group Consultation of the Parties and four members of the Committee), 2 meetings in 2018, 1 day

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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.

Budgetary information***2018**

Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €	Bureau €	Subordinate structures / Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2	3	48	99 900	7 600	-	1 A; 1 B

2019

Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €	Bureau €	Subordinate structures / Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2	3	48	99 900	7 600	-	1 A; 1 B

*The costs presented above take into consideration the per diem, travel, interpretation, translation and document printing. Costs calculated on the basis of the per diem and recharged services costs at their 2018 level.