



WEBINAR

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**GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN THE  
FIGHT AGAINST THE  
FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL  
PRODUCTS AND SIMILAR CRIMES**

MEDICRIME CONVENTION

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### Objectives

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The purpose of this webinar is to discuss in depth the topic of the falsification of medical products and similar crimes from a gender perspective.

The webinar is designed to encourage an interactive participation, and to facilitate information-sharing among participants, exchanging relevant experiences and good practices, and discussing challenges and opportunities.

### Expected outcomes

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- Present relevant Council of Europe standards on the gender perspective Identify and discuss mechanisms to better protect victims and trends of falsified medical products by men and women
- Discuss gender specific decision- making behaviour and use of medical products by men and women
- Present the role of the Gender Equality Rapporteur (GER) appointed within intergovernmental bodies (work mainly focused on identifying ways to integrate a gender equality perspective into the functioning, policies, programmes and activities of their respective body or structure. In cooperation with the GEC, they identify opportunities to develop new measures and activities to promote gender equality).
- Present recommendations in the fight against counterfeit medical products from a gender perspective

## Participants

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The webinar is deemed particularly useful for officials and policy makers and legal professionals responsible of falsified medical products and similar crimes and gender policies, non-governmental organisations and academia with an interest in the subject.

Each registered participant will receive a confirmation email one day prior to the webinar with instructions on how to connect and rules of engagement.

## Background

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In the framework of the Needs Assessment - Falsified Medical Products (NA FAMED) project, a series of thematic webinars on the main topics related to the MEDICRIME Convention are being held.

The webinar aims at providing the professionals with competence in the field of gender within the national authorities with an overview of the prevention of the falsification of medical products and similar crimes.

A gender-neutral approach when dealing with criminal offences is not correct as certain offences have clear gender-related links. As noted in report "A gender perspective on the falsification of medical products and similar crimes" (1) this shift in perspective is based on the following assumption: "women are more vulnerable to the falsification of medical products than men, due to the different roles of men and women in the household, differences in status and entitlement, differences in access to resources, care and support, and cultural norms affecting both health risks and the use of falsified medical products".

Furthermore, in times of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and continuing restrictions of the normal use of the health care systems even more vulnerability may arise for those victims of falsified medical products. A more coherent and coordinated approach between governments, the private sector and the civil society is need it to fight against these crimes.

(1) A gender perspective on the falsification of medical products ad similar crimes. CDPC (2017) Document prepared by: Ms Lynda Scammell (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and Ms Wilma Henderikse

## Programme

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### Date and hour

**7 May 2021, at 15:00 PM CET**

### Main speakers

- **Ms Peggy MAGUIRE**, *Director General, European Institute of Women's Health*
- **Ms Lynda SCAMMELL**, *Senior Policy Adviser, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)*
- **Ms Elisabetta SIMEONI**, *Gender Equality Rapporteur, Pompidou Group*
- **Ms Vita HABJAN BARBORIČ**, *Gender Equality Rapporteur, GRECO*

### Moderator

- **Mr Oscar Alarcón Jiménez**, *Executive Secretary, MEDICRIME Committee*

## Expected duration

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1h30': 55' presentations + 35' general discussion

## Relevant resources

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- [Council of Europe MEDICRIME website](#)
- [Council of Europe, Gender Equality Strategy \(2018-2023\)](#)
- [Council of Europe, Recommendation CM/Rec\(2019\)1 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on preventing and combating sexism](#)



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