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ANTI-DOPING CONVENTION

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Terms of reference
Ad Hoc Group on the development of the anti-doping
laboratory network in the States Parties
(T-DO Lab AHG)

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AD HOC GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANTI-DOPING LABORATORY NETWORK IN THE STATES PARTIES

Set up by the Monitoring Group to the Anti-Doping Convention (T-DO) under Article 11.2 of the Convention and Article 17 of the T-DO Rules of Procedure.

Type of committee: Ad hoc group of experts

Terms of reference valid from **1 May 2021** until **30 June 2022**

TASKS OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS

Under the authority of the Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention (T-DO) and within the framework of the Advisory Groups on Science and Legal Issues, the Ad Hoc Group on the development of the anti-doping laboratory network in the States Parties (hereinafter referred to as “Ad hoc Group”) will:

- Study of the following applications from the States Parties about their plans to establish a doping control laboratory in accordance with the Article 5 of the Convention and to apply for accreditation or approval for the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) for this laboratory by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA):
 - Belarus (Annex 1);
 - Bulgaria (Annex 2);
 - Ukraine (Annex 3).
- Request the Secretariat to provide any additional information regarding the applications or the process;
- Assess the following strategic, legal, financial and personnel criteria that are outside the scope of the World Anti-Doping code and the international standard for laboratories and compare them between the applicants:
 - Strategic
 - Stability of current network of European laboratories.
 - Influence of a new laboratory on the existing network.
 - Rational consideration of capacity of sample collection authorities.
 - Legal
 - Independence of the laboratory.
 - Relations with the National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADO).
 - Efficient transportation arrangements.
 - Clear customs procedures.
 - Unobstructed exchange of samples with other laboratories.
 - Adequate data protection level.
 - Financial and personnel
 - Sufficient, guaranteed and sustainable financial resources.
 - High quality and sustainable human resource policy.
 - Clear and detailed research plan and related budget.
- Based on this assessment, formulate a recommendation to the Monitoring Group to support one or more State Parties laboratory’s application for accreditation by the World Anti-Doping Agency

COMPOSITION**Members:**

The Monitoring Group (T-DO) in derogation of the Article 17 of its Rules of Procedure will not elect the Chair of the Ad hoc Group, but will appoint up to seven members representing national delegations from the States Parties who didn't apply for establishing a doping control laboratory in its territory (see above), and the Chair and the Vice-Chair will be elected from among members during the first meeting of the Ad hoc group.

The Monitoring Group (T-DO) may decide, in the future and upon the recommendation of the T-DO Co-ordination Group, to appoint additional members of the Ad hoc Group and/or to invite other Council of Europe bodies or external organisations.

WORKING METHODS

The Ad hoc Group will carry out its work through regular meetings (in-person or remotely) and online communication between the meetings, including communication with the States parties who indicated their intention to establish a doping control laboratory. The meetings are held in-camera and discussions remain confidential until they are communicated to the Co-ordination and/or Monitoring Groups.

The Ad hoc Group may decide to hold consultations or hearings with the representatives of stakeholders not included in the group.

The Ad hoc Group will provide the recommendation for the Monitoring Group. This recommendation should be reasoned, explained and in writing.

The Ad hoc Group will report regularly to the T-DO Co-ordination Group and to the Monitoring Group. If needed, the Ad hoc Group may be assisted by a consultant.

The work of the Ad hoc Group will be supported by the T-DO Secretariat.