

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE OPERATION OF EUROPEAN CONVENTIONS ON CO-OPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS (PC-OC)

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: Subordinate body

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2022 until 31 December 2025**

PILLAR/PROGRAMME/SUB-PROGRAMME ▼	
Pillar: Rule of Law Programme: Action against crime, security and protection of citizens Sub-programme: Action against crime and protection of citizens	
DELIVERABLES ▼	
Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, the PC-OC is instructed to complete the following deliverables, within the following deadlines:	
	<i>Deadline ▼</i>
1. Draft policy paper dealing with the question of accession of third States to Council of Europe Conventions on international cooperation in criminal matters	31/12/2022
2. Draft Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters on the relations with the European Public Prosecutor's Office	31/12/2023
3. Draft Protocol updating the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters	31/12/2024
4. Practical tools and guidelines on international cooperation in criminal matters	31/12/2025
5.	
6.	
COMPOSITION ▼	
Members: Governments of member States are invited to designate one or more representatives of the highest possible rank in the relevant field of international criminal law, in particular officials in charge of international co-operation in criminal matters. The Council of Europe will bear the travel 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 of Experts 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 representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE);- Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE);- European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ);- Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY);- 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- European Union (one or more representatives, including, as appropriate, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA));- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;- United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC);- International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL);	

- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI);
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);
- International Criminal Court (ICC);
- European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI);
- Organisation of American States (OAS);
- Ibero-American Network for International Legal Cooperation (IberRed).

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 ▼			Working Group meetings ▼ All member States may send representatives to the working group meeting without defrayal of expenses.			Bureau meetings ▼ The Bureau is composed of the Chair and the Vice-Chair. The Chair and the Vice-Chair are elected for a term of one year, renewable once.		
	Members	Meetings	Days	Members	Meetings	Days	Members	Meetings	Days
2022	47	2	3	9	2	3	XX	XX	XX
2023	47	2	3	9	2	3	XX	XX	XX
2024	47	2	3	9	2	3	XX	XX	XX
2025	47	2	3	9	2	3	XX	XX	XX

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.

In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

The PC-OC holds two regular meetings a year, one of which may be hosted by a member State. When a regular meeting is hosted by a member State, arrangements with the host country shall ensure that the meeting will not entail additional costs for the Council of Europe.

The PC-OC will appoint from amongst its members a Gender Equality Rapporteur.

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

BUDGETARY INFORMATION*

[Please do **not** complete this table. Budgetary information will be filled by DPB on the basis of the information entered in the PBT]

	Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €K	Bureau €K	Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2022							
2023							
2024							
2025							

*The costs include the per diem, travel costs, interpretation, translation and document printing. These costs are calculated on the basis of the **2021** standard costs.