



# Joint EDQM-AESAN Symposium on “Food Contact Materials and Articles”

18-19 September 2024, Madrid (Majadahonda), Spain



## 18 September 2024

**08:15 - 09:00** *Registration*

**09:00 - 09:20** **Opening & Welcome Addresses**

*AESAN speaker to be confirmed.*

Laurent Mallet, Head of Biological Standardisation, OMCL Network & HealthCare Department, EDQM, Council of Europe

Katharina Adler, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), Germany and Chair of the European Committee for Food Contact Materials and Articles (CD-P-MCA), Council of Europe

## SESSION I: Harmonisation of FCM rules in Europe

*Moderator: Katharina Adler, BMEL, Germany and Chair of the CD-P-MCA, Council of Europe*

**09:20 - 09:40** **The Council of Europe's European Committee on Food Contact Materials and Articles (CD-P-MCA) and its Secretariat**

Laurent Mallet, EDQM, Council of Europe

Susanne Bahrke, EDQM, Council of Europe

**09:40 - 10:40** **Achievements: Guiding principles for food contact materials (FCM) and technical guides on FCM - Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 - Guiding principles for food contact materials**

Katharina Adler, BMEL, Germany, and Chair of the CD-P-MCA

**- Technical guide on metals and alloys used in FCM**

Ingo Ebner, Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Germany

**- Technical guide on documentation supporting compliance and safety of FCM**

Stefan Kucsera, Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA), Switzerland

**- Paper and board used in FCM**

Thomas Schwartz, Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES), Austria

**10:40 - 10 :50** Discussion

**10:50 - 11:10**

*Coffee break*

**11:10 - 11:30 Contributions of consumer organisations to food safety**

Pelle Moos, The European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC), Belgium

**11:30 - 12:10 Producers/users of Food Contact Materials**

**- The paper industry and its commitment to food safety**

Victoria Trujillo, Spanish Association of Pulp and Paper Manufacturers (ASPAPPEL), Spain

**- Safety and compliance of food contact materials, a brand owner prospective**

Claudia Pasti, Nestlé Research, Switzerland

**12:10 - 12:50 Official control and enforcement**

**- The true reality of official control: Observations from border and manufacturing site inspections**

Catia Simoes, DGAV Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Portugal

**- Official controls in France**

Benjamin Teneul, General Directorate for Consumption and Repression of Fraud (DGCCRF), France

**12:50 - 13:00** Discussion

**13:00 - 14 :30**

*Lunch break*

## SESSION II: Workshops & Laboratory Visits

**14:30 - 14:40** Introduction to the workshops and moderators  
Susanne Bahrke, EDQM, Council of Europe

**14:40 - 15:30** Workshops

Workshop 1: Compliance	Workshop 2: Paper & Board	Workshop 3: Metals & Alloys
<b>Moderator:</b> Stefan Kucsera, FDHA, Switzerland	<b>Moderator:</b> Thomas Schwartz, AGES, Austria	<b>Moderator:</b> Ingo Ebner, BfR, Germany

**15:45 - 16:30**

**Guided visit of the laboratory facilities OR Coffee break**

## SESSION III: Compliance testing

Moderator: *Bianca van de Ven, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), the Netherlands*

- 16:30 - 16:50**    **Guidelines on test conditions for kitchenware and developments in migration testing**  
Eddo Hoekstra, Joint Research Centre - European Commission
- 16:50 - 17:10**    **Analytical challenges in FCM testing**  
Lydia Richter, Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA) Stuttgart, Germany
- 17:10 - 17:40**    **Outcomes from the workshops**  
Stefan Kucsera, FDHA, Switzerland  
Thomas Schwartz, AGES, Austria  
Ingo Ebner, BfR, Germany
- 17:40 - 18:00**    Discussion
- 18:00**            Social event

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## SESSION IV: Prospects for better regulation of food safety

Moderator: *Adam Hardgrave, Food Standards Agency, United Kingdom*

- 09:00 - 09:40**    **EU rules on FCM**  
- **EU rules on FCM - present and future**  
Jonathan Briggs, European Commission, Belgium
- 09:40 - 10:20**    **A national perspective**  
- **Transposing technical guides of the Council of Europe in Belgian and Benelux legislation**  
Elis Heyvaert, Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (FPS), Belgium
- **Complementarity of the Turkish Food Codex on Food Contact Materials and Council of Europe Recommendations and Guidance**  
Hatice Uslu Yilmaz, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Türkiye (Virtual)
- 10:20 - 10:30**    Discussion
- 10:30 - 11:10**    **Planned CD-P-MCA work**  
- **Technical guidance on cork**  
Paula Bico, DGAV Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Portugal
- **Technical guidance on enamels**  
Viviana Golja, National Institute of Public Health (NIPH), Slovenia

**11:10 - 11:20** Discussion

**11:20 - 11:40**

*Coffee break*

**11:40 - 12:40** **Scientific work on selected FCM, with a focus on materials with no specific measures in EU legislation**  
**- New FCM and analytical tools for risk assessment**

Cristina Nerin, University of Zaragoza, Spain

**- Criteria and analytical strategy for the safety assessment of medium density fibreboard (MDF) for food contact**

Juana Bustos, Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) - National Food Centre (CNA), Spain

**- Replacement of single use plastics SUP/ articles for re-use**

**Alternative FCM to replace SUP and substances with the potential to migrate into food**

Bianca van de Ven, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), the Netherlands

**Migratables from paper and board FCM and potential risks**

Melanie Di Mario, Sciensano, Belgium

**12:40 - 12:50** Discussion

**12:50 - 13:00** Closing remarks

**13:00** Close of the event