
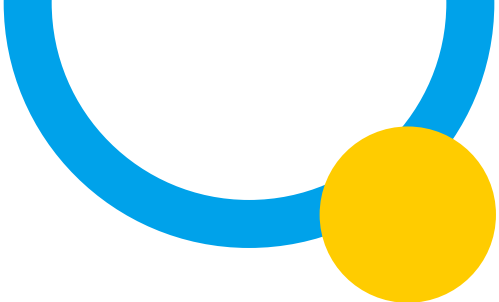




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**The Council of Europe's European Committee
on Food contact materials and articles (CD-P-MCA)**



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Council of Europe

- ★ Founded in **1949**
- ★ **46 member countries**
- ★ To promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law
- ★ Headquartered in **Strasbourg**
- ★ More than 700 million citizens
- ★ Core values:
 - **Human rights**
 - **Democracy**
 - **Rule of law**



Committee
of Ministers



Congress of Local
and Regional
authorities



Commissioner of
Human Rights



Parliamentary
Assembly



European Court of
Human Rights



Conference
of INGOs



EDQM

- ★ Founded in 1964
- ★ Partial Agreement (39 Members & the EU + 33 observers)
- ★ Wide scope of activities



* EU: European Union; TFDA: Taiwan Food and Drug Administration; WHO: World Health Organization

Our vision

Together for better health, for all

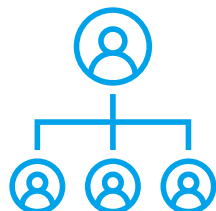
Our mission

To contribute to public health protection by engaging with an international community of experts and stakeholders

Key figures

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Administrative entities



More than **400 staff members**
30 nationalities and dozens
of different professions

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Areas
of work

- ★ Medicinal products
- ★ Substances of Human Origin
- ★ Pharmaceutical care
- ★ Consumer health

Working with a global network
of almost **2 000 experts** from
a wide variety of scientific disciplines

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Sites



Strasbourg (2)



Metz

- ★ **5** steering committees directly answerable to the Committee of Ministers
- ★ **3** subordinate committees
- ★ **1** treaty-based body (EPC)
- ★ **2** steering committees (BSP, CEP)
- ★ **2** networks
- ★ More than **100** expert groups



Four policy areas & a wide portfolio of activities



Medicinal products

Official standards for manufacture and quality control of pharmaceuticals

European Pharmacopoeia, reference standards, biological standardization

Certificates of Suitability confirming compliance with European Pharmacopoeia and inspections

Certification of suitability

Control of medicines
Network of Official Medicines Control Laboratories (OMCL)



Substances of human origin

Quality & safety standards

Data collection

Improving quality system / capacity building of Blood and Tissues & Cells Establishments



Pharmaceutical care

Policies & model approaches for the safe use of medicines

Cooperation to combat falsification of medical products



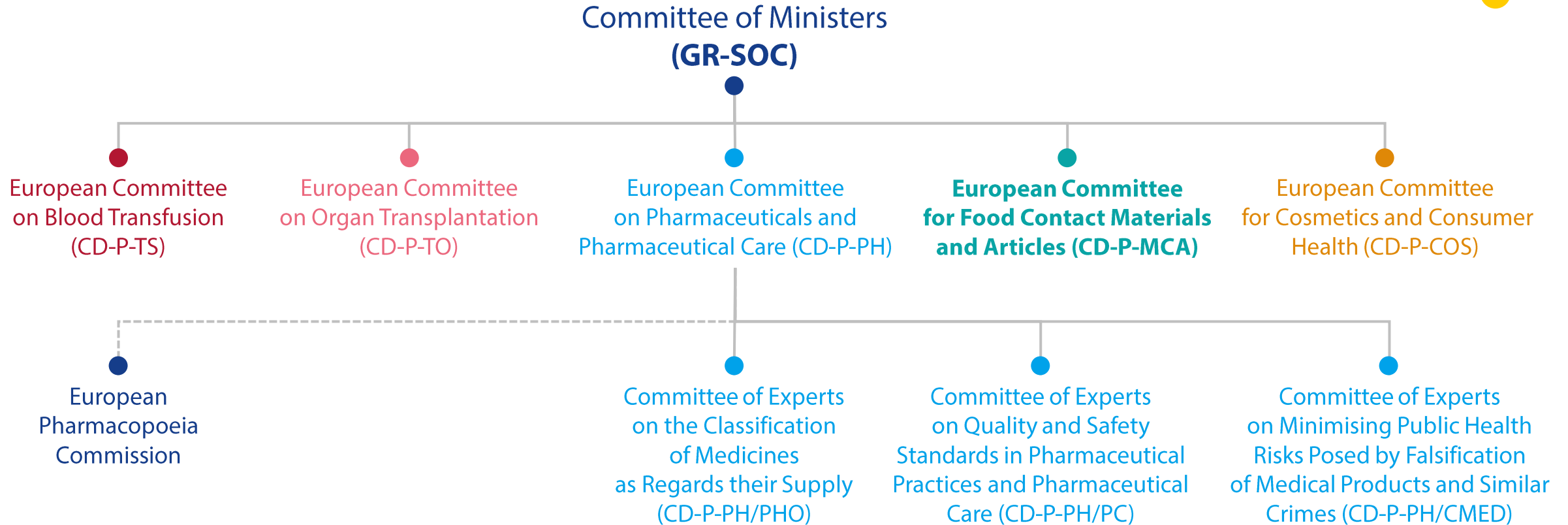
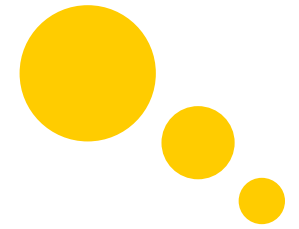
Consumer health

Safety standards for cosmetics, tattoos and food contact materials

Control of cosmetics
Network of Official Cosmetics Control Laboratories (OCCL)



Intergovernmental Committees



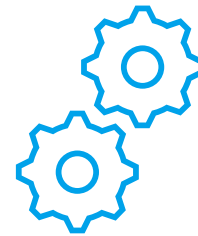
CD-P-MCA

Main objective



Ensures safety and quality of food contact materials and articles and harmonises measures supplementing EU & national laws

Standard setting



- ★ Resolutions/Recommendations
- ★ Technical guides e. g. Metal and alloys. Paper and board

Steering committee

Reports to the CoE Council of Ministers, prepares recommendations such as Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 on the safety and quality of materials and articles for contact with food and guidelines for specific materials.

Designated representatives from 36 (out of 39) member States



Participation of the **European Commission**, Joint Research Centre, EFSA.

Observers from Georgia, Singapore, and Taiwan Food and Drug Agency (TFDA).



The EDQM coordinates the CD-P-MCA work programme and is an observer to the EC WG FCM of the Toxicological Safety Section of the SC-PAFF, EFSA FCM Network and the JRC Taskforce on kitchenware testing.

EDQM and its partners



- ★ European Commission
- ★ European Medicines Agency
- ★ European Food Safety Authority
- ★ European Chemicals Agency

Stakeholder engagement in the work



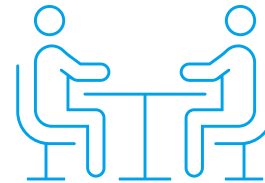
Working groups

Working groups include experts nominated by member states and observers (including professional associations).

Selection criteria:

- ★ technical and scientific expertise in the required fields
- ★ Experimental testing capacity
- ★ Access to relevant information and data
- ★ Balanced representation of sectors, branches and geographical regions

Declaration of interest form (DoI) and confidentiality undertaking form.

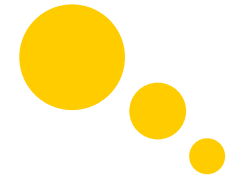


Stakeholder consultation

Invitations sent to national competent authorities (via CD-P-MCA members, participants and observers; relevant scientific/professional associations; and others designated by any of the above.

Consultation period: 6 weeks

Each comment is assessed and decisions on acceptance are documented.



Putting standards into practice

Monitoring compliance with the applicable rules

- ★ Official control activities/market surveillance campaigns at the national level
- ★ Companies' own checks
- ★ Rapid alert system for food and feed RASFF

Capacity building activities

- ★ Development of suitable analytical methods
- ★ Proficiency testing
- ★ European laboratories network for FCM



Work programme 2024-27

Implementing Resolution CM/Res(2020)9:



Published technical guidance on materials, analytics testing, survey



Food contact materials and articles – substances migrating from printing inks to food or food simulants

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Metal release from enamelware

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Metals and alloys used in food contact materials and articles

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Paper and board used in food contact materials and articles

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Policy statements

(some of them under revision)

Resolution CM/Res(2020)9

on the safety and quality
of materials and articles
for contact with food

[More info](#)

Material-specific guides

Coatings

[Policy statement \(v 2009\)](#)

Cork stoppers

[Policy statement \(v. 2007\)](#)

Glass

[Policy statement \(v. 2004\)](#)

Inks

[Policy statement \(v. 2007\)](#)

Metals and alloys, Technical Guide 2013

[1st Edition download for FREE](#)

Paper and board, Technical Guide 2021

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Resins for ion exchange and adsorption

[Policy statement \(v. 2009\)](#)

Rubber

[Policy statement \(v. 2004\)](#)

Silicones

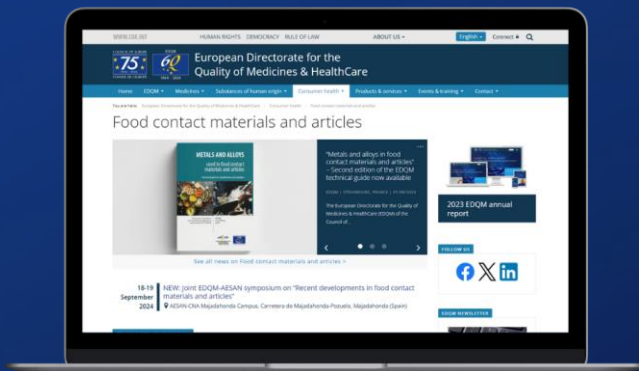
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