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The Council of Europe and its European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM) at a Glance

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- ★ **46 member states**
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Committee
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Parliamentary
Assembly



Congress of Local
and Regional
authorities



European Court of
Human Rights



Commissioner of
Human Rights



Conference
of INGOs



EDQM

- ★ Founded in **1964**
- ★ Partial agreement
(39 member states & the EU
+ 33 observers)
- ★ Contributes to **public health and access to good quality medicines and healthcare in Europe**
- ★ Wide scope of activities

Our vision

**Together for
better health,
for all**

Our mission

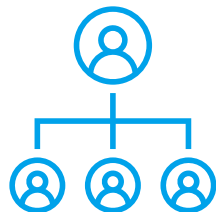
To contribute to public health protection
by engaging with an international
community of experts and stakeholders



Key figures

10

Administrative entities



More than **400 staff members** about **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

3

sites



Strasbourg (2)



Metz

- ★ 5 intergovernmental committees
- ★ 1 treaty-based body, the European Pharmacopoeia Commission
- ★ 2 steering committees (BSP, CEP)
- ★ 2 networks (OMCL, OCCL)
- ★ More than **100** expert groups

EDQM and its partners



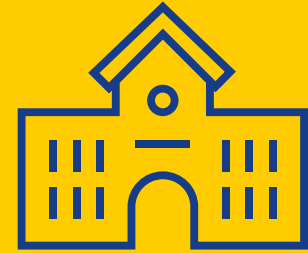
More than 60 years of collaboration in
the field of medicinal products
More than 15 years of collaboration in
the field of SoHO



World Health
Organization



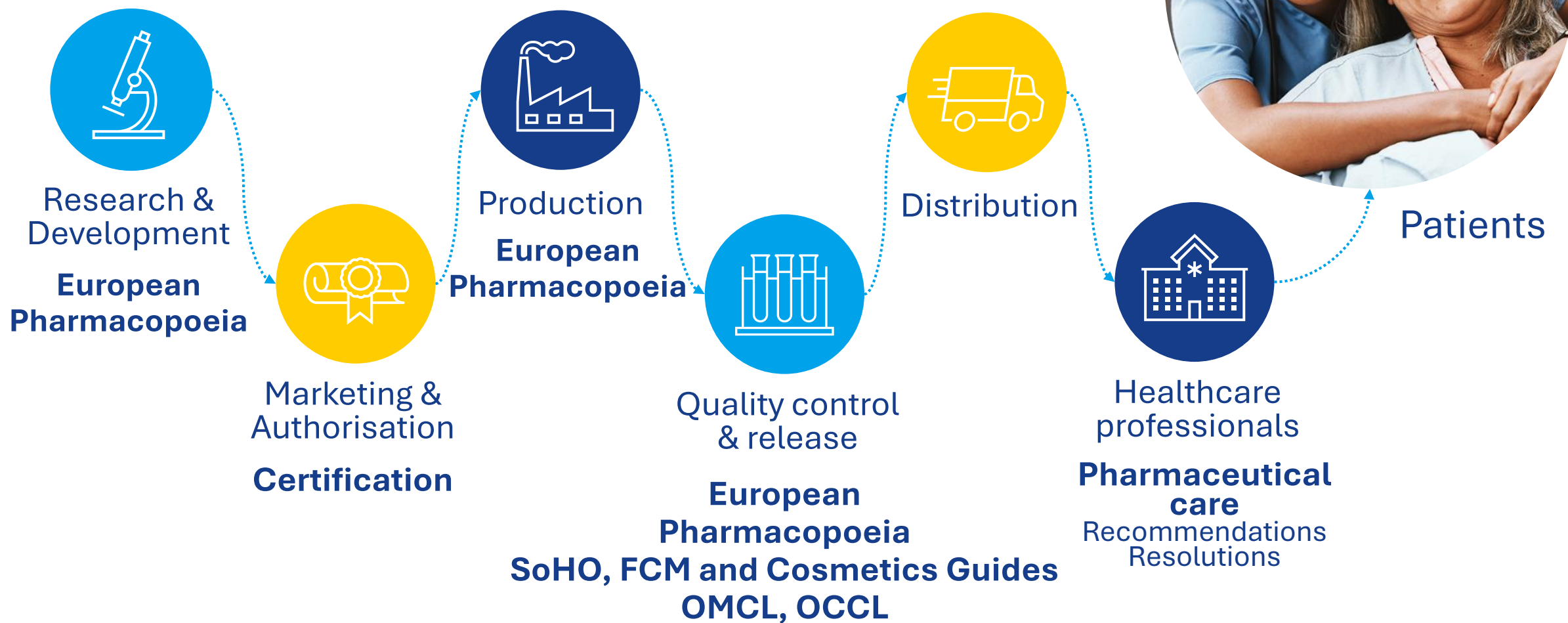
European Union
& its bodies



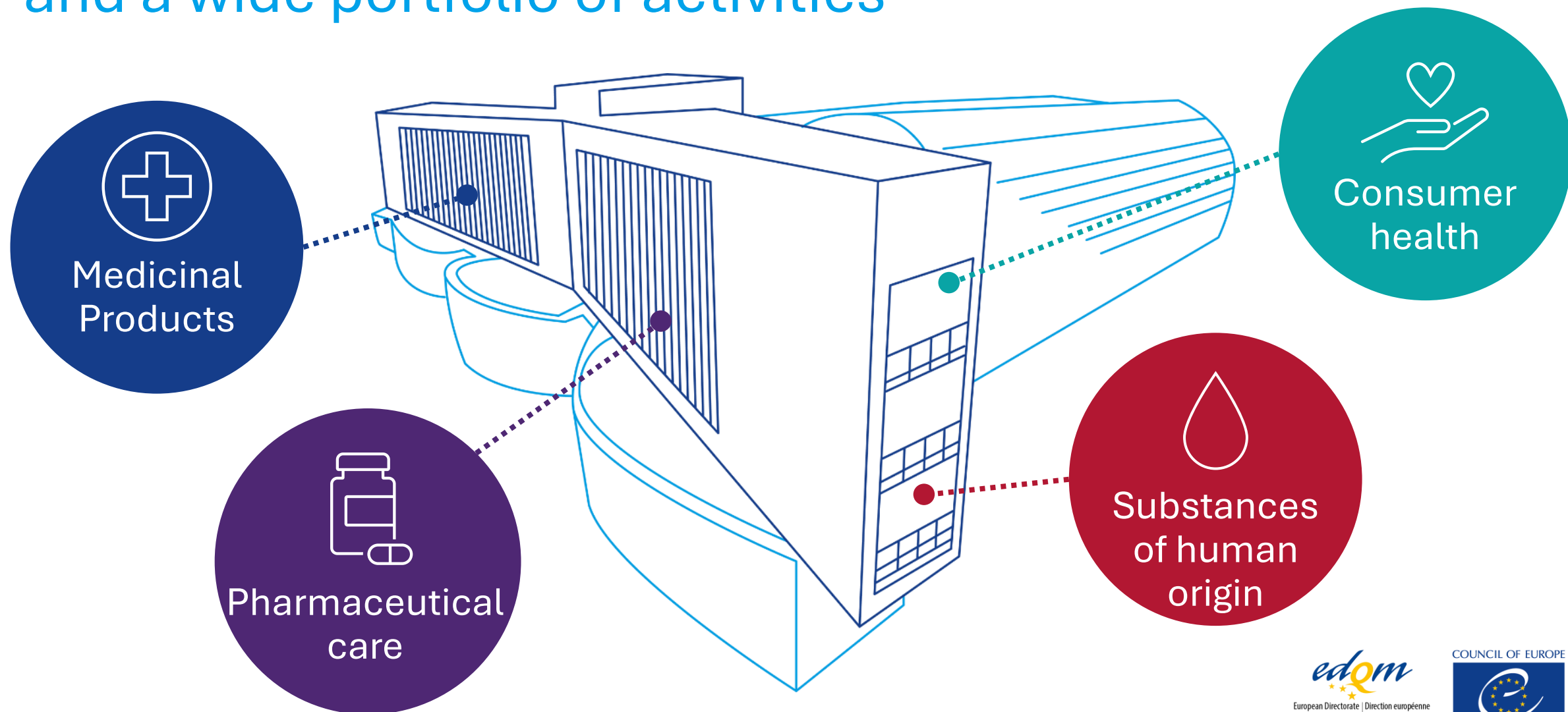
National authorities
in Europe and
beyond

- ★ European Commission
- ★ European Medicines Agency
- ★ European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Contributing all along the pathway to access



Four policy areas and a wide portfolio of activities



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Medicinal products

Official standards for manufacture and quality control of pharmaceuticals

European Pharmacopoeia (documentary & reference standards), Biological Standardisation Programme (BSP)

Certificates of Suitability confirming compliance with European Pharmacopoeia and inspections

Certification of suitability

Control of medicines

Network of Official Medicines Control Laboratories (OMCLs)



Substances of human origin

Quality & safety standards

Biovigilance, data collection and harmonisation

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

Addressing SoHO supply



Pharmaceutical care

Policies and model approaches for the safe use of medicines

Cooperation to combat falsification of medical products

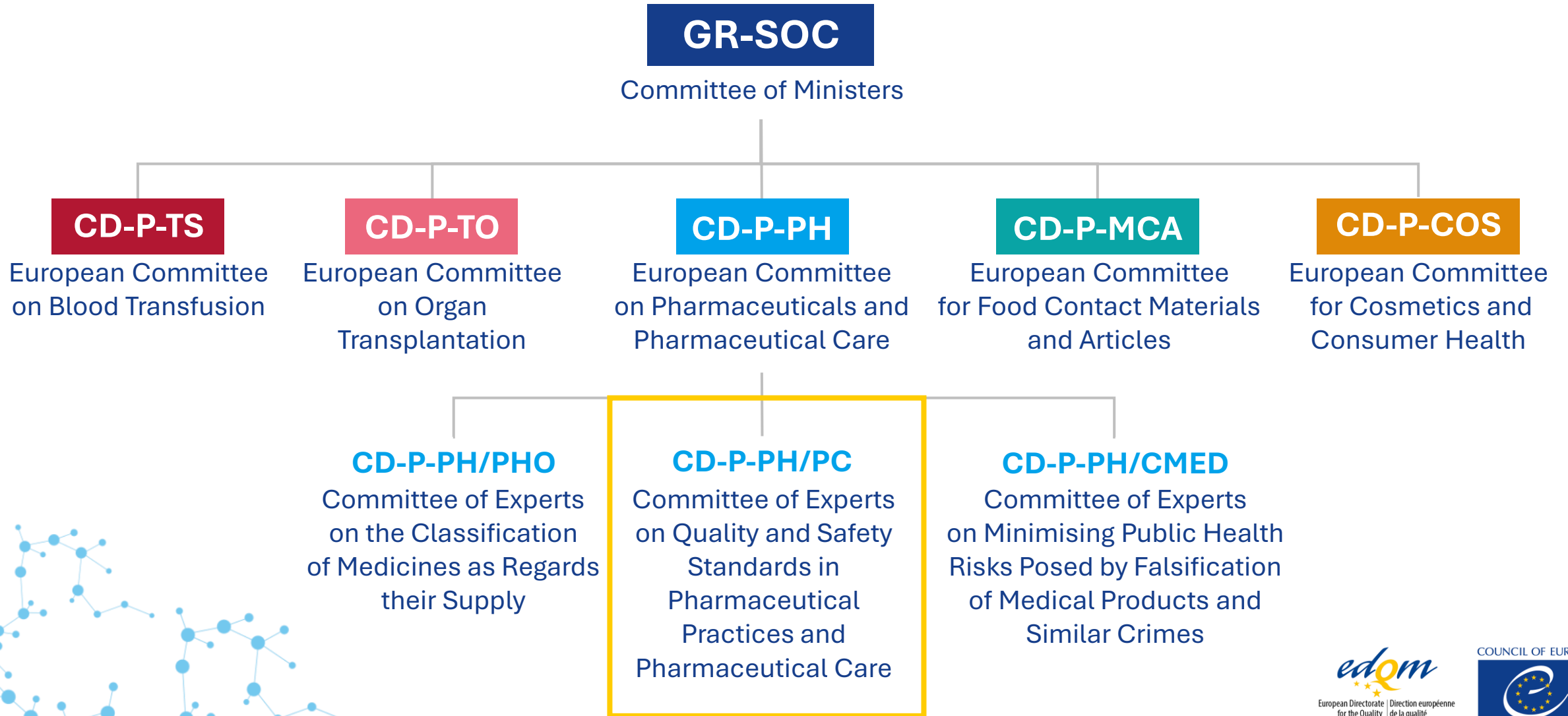


Consumer health

Safety standards for cosmetics, tattoo inks and food contact materials

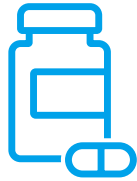
Control of cosmetics
Network of Official Cosmetics Control Laboratories (OCCLs)

Intergovernmental Committees coordinated by EDQM



European Committee on Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Care (CD-P-PH)

Main objective



To ensure appropriate use of medicines and minimise the falsification of medical products

Activities

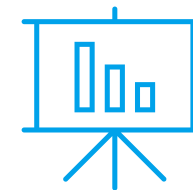
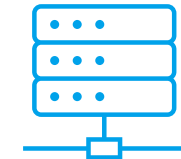
Standard setting



- Resolutions and recommendations
- Guidance documents and good practices

Data collection

E.g. classifications status of medicines, reports on falsified medical products



Workshops and information sharing on issues related to the theft, loss and diversion of medicines from the legal supply chain from a public health perspective



PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT

Medication process safer, more responsible and accessible to all

Committee of Experts on Quality and Safety Standards for Pharmaceutical Practices and Pharmaceutical Care (CD-P-PH/PC)

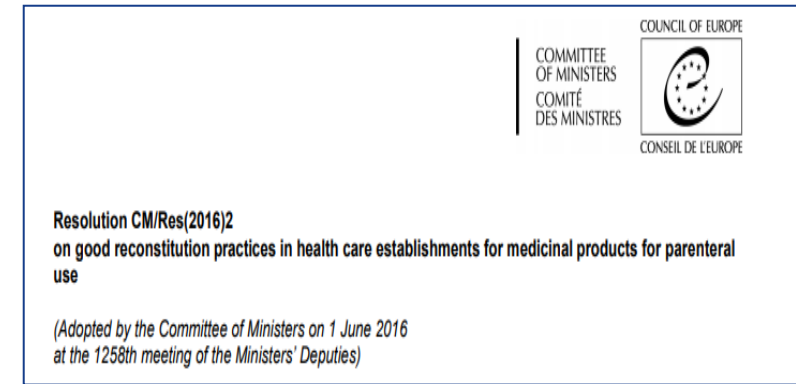
- **Mission:** standard setting in the domain of safe and appropriate use of medicines in hospital and community pharmacy settings

- **2 main focus areas:**

Pharmaceutical practices: operational/ technical activities (Resolution CM/Res(2016)2 on Good **Reconstitution** Practices in Health Care Establishments for Medicinal Products for Parenteral Use and Guidelines for Best Practices for **Automated Dose Dispensing**)

Pharmaceutical care (PC): activities related to **clinical pharmacy** practice (e.g. PC quality indicators; pharmaceutical care resolution)

- **Members:** representatives from competent health authorities of states parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.)
- **Observers/participants** (including institutions such as EU, WHO)
- EDQM is responsible for the **Secretariat** of the CD-P-PH/PC



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