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CALL FOR EXPERTS: Appointment of experts to prepare for the 10th Edition

In 2016, the EDQM will publish the 9th Edition of the European Pharmacopoeia which will contain nearly 3000 monographs and general texts and will become legally binding across the continent on 1st January 2017. This would not have been possible without the contributions from and dedication of a network of more than 700 experts in pharmaceutical sciences from Ph. Eur. member states and observers to the European Pharmacopoeia Commission. Participation by experts and stakeholders in the European Pharmacopoeia's public standards-setting process is vital for the development of authoritative and relevant monographs.

In the context of the election of a new chair and presidium of the Ph. Eur. Commission for a term of office of 3 years, 2016 will also see the (re)appointment of the members of the currently 72 Ph. Eur. Groups of Experts and Working Parties. These experts will be appointed at the 156th session of the Ph. Eur. Commission (15-16 November 2016) and will prepare for the 10th Edition of the Ph. Eur., ensuring the future of the European Pharmacopoeia.

To take account of an environment which has undergone dramatic changes over the past 50 years to become a truly globalised pharmaceutical world, the European Pharmacopoeia Commission has revised its working procedures to open up to the nomination of experts from non-European Pharmacopoeia member states and non-observers states.

This decision is part of a deliberate policy to further involve manufacturers and other stakeholders from outside Europe in the work of the European Pharmacopoeia. Experts from all around the world, whether they are from authorities, industry or academia, will be able to contribute to the preparation of the 10th Edition!

How to become a member of a Ph. Eur. Group? For candidates from Ph. Eur. member states, candidatures are to be submitted to the [National Pharmacopoeia Authorities \(NPA\)](#). For candidates from observers and other non Ph. Eur. member states, candidatures should be submitted to the Secretariat via the [Helpdesk](#).

What is needed? Candidates will have to fulfil the criteria as defined in the "Terms of reference and profile for members of Groups of Experts and Working Parties" to be eligible. The requirements for applicants wishing to become a member of a Ph. Eur. Group and the Terms of Reference will be made publicly available in April 2016.

The European Pharmacopoeia Commission is very much looking forward to working with experts from around the world in order to make the European Pharmacopoeia an even more robust compendium of quality standards for the benefit of patients around the world.

So join the network!

- [Guide for the Work of the European Pharmacopoeia](#)
- [Rules of Procedure of the European Pharmacopoeia Commission](#)

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¹There are thirty-eight members of the [European Pharmacopoeia](#) Commission: *Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the European Union.*

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