

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON BLOOD TRANSFUSION (PARTIAL AGREEMENT) (CD-P-TS)

COMMITTEE
OF MINISTERS
COMITÉ
DES MINISTRES



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: Steering Committee

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017**

MAIN TASKS
<p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, in its composition restricted to the representatives of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia, the CD-P-TS will oversee and co-ordinate the Council of Europe's work in the field of blood transfusion and advise the Committee of Ministers on all questions within its field of competence. Taking due account of relevant transversal perspectives, the overall aim is to ensure social rights by elaborating and promoting high ethical, safety and quality standards in the field of blood transfusion. In particular, the CD-P-TS is instructed to:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) examine questions related to human blood transfusion, notably as regards quality and safety standards and their implementation, including collection, preparation, testing, storage, distribution and appropriate use;(ii) assist member States in improving and, if needed, in restructuring their blood transfusion services by promoting principles of voluntary non remunerated donations;(iii) propose ethical, safety and quality standards for professional practices and blood component specifications;(iv) ensure the transfer of knowledge and expertise and develop the competencies of experts through training and networking;(v) monitor practices in Europe and assess epidemiological risks and, in particular, the emergence of new blood-borne transmissible infectious agents that might jeopardise the safety of blood transfusion;(vi) promote standards in the collection, preparation, testing and use of blood and blood components using the latest scientific developments, in particular by updating the technical appendix to Recommendation R (95) 15, the so-called Guide to the preparation, use and quality assurance of blood components, and by regularly publishing it and promoting its implementation;(vii) ensure availability of rare blood products by means of the European Database of Frozen Blood of Rare Groups;(viii) approve proposals for resolutions prepared for adoption by the Committee of Ministers, in its composition restricted to the representatives of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia;(ix) organise external quality assessment programmes (EQA) such as proficiency testing schemes to measure the performance of testing laboratories in blood establishments or hospital blood banks;(x) assist members States in the implementation of harmonised quality management systems in blood services;(xi) participate in or organise scientific symposia/congresses to promote the implementation of the standards described in the Guide to the preparation, use and quality assurance of blood components and increase the visibility of the EDQM's activities in the field of blood transfusion;(xii) co-operate with the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) in the implementation of the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (ETS No. 164) as far as blood transfusion is concerned;(xiii) while taking account of the progress of its work, prepare, under its own responsibility, proposals for the Programme of Activities for the coming years;(xiv) take due account of a gender perspective in the performance of its tasks;(xv) in accordance with decisions CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 of the Committee of Ministers, carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind its priorities, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which it has been given responsibility, in co-operation, where appropriate, with the relevant convention-based bodies, and report back to the Committee of Ministers.
PILLAR/SECTOR/PROGRAMME
<p>Pillar: Human Rights Sector: Ensuring Social Rights Programme: European Directorate for the Quality of medicines and HealthCare (EDQM)</p>

SPECIFIC TASKS

- (i) Update the relevant standards and publish a new edition of the “Guide to the Preparation, Use and Quality Assurance of Blood Components” in response to scientific progress in the field of blood transfusion;
- (ii) Organise international surveys to gather European data on the collection, testing and use of blood components, analyse the data and make them available in annual reports to be published on the EDQM’s website;
- (iii) Provide member States with tools to assess and improve plasma supply management (PSM);
- (iv) Provide member States with tools to implement quality management systems in their blood establishments;
- (v) Provide member States with guidance on data collection on the incidence and prevalence of sexually-transmitted infections in the general population, in blood donors and among individuals with risky sexual behaviours for use as a scientific basis for amendments to donor deferral policy;
- (vi) Improve visibility of Council of Europe activities in the field of blood transfusion.

COMPOSITION**Members:**

Governments of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia are invited to designate one representative of the highest possible rank with expertise in a field covered by these terms of reference. Each member of the committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in voting.

The sending authorities of the member States will bear the travel and subsistence expenses for their representatives’ participation in the meetings of the CD-P-TS. The travel and subsistence expenses of the Chair will be borne by the specific budgetary appropriations of the CD P-TS.

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:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
- European Court of Human Rights;
- Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO);
- 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:

- Council of Europe member States other than those mentioned above under “Members” and other States with observer status to the European Pharmacopoeia Commission;
- European Union
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- World Health Organization (WHO).

WORKING METHODS**Meetings:**

37 members, 1 meeting in 2016, 2 days

37 members, 1 meeting in 2017, 2 days

Extraordinary meetings of the CD P-TS can be convened upon request by the Chairperson.

Bureau:

8 members, 1 meeting in 2016, 2 days

8 members, 1 meeting in 2017, 2 days

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

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.

With a view to reaching its objectives and to enable multidisciplinary working methods, the committee may in derogation of CM/Res(2011)24, within the limit of budgetary attributions, create subordinate bodies.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION*

2016

Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €	Bureau €	Subordinate structures / Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
1	2	37	1 200	1 200	-	1 A ; 1 B

2017

Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €	Bureau €	Subordinate structures / Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
1	2	37	1 200	1 200	-	1 A ; 1 B

*The costs presented above take into consideration the per diem, travel, interpretation, translation and document printing. Costs calculated on the basis of the per diem and recharged services costs at their 2016 level.

APPENDIX 1 - RELEVANT DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND LIST OF CONVENTIONS

CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 (Review of Council of Europe conventions)

9. [The Deputies] instructed the steering and ad hoc committees to carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind the priorities of each committee, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility, in co-operation, where appropriate, with the relevant convention-based bodies, in order to:

- propose ways of improving the visibility, impact and efficiency of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility;
- draw the attention of member States to the relevant conventions;
- where necessary, identify any operational problems or obstacles to ratification of the relevant conventions, and draw the attention of member States to reservations which impact substantively on the effectiveness of their implementation;
- encourage States to regularly examine the possibility and/or desirability of becoming a Party to new Council of Europe conventions;
- assess the necessity or advisability of drafting amendments or additional protocols to the conventions for which they have been given responsibility or drafting supplementary conventions;
- and to report back to the Committee of Ministers;

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026	European Agreement on the Exchange of Therapeutic Substances of Human Origin
039	European Agreement on the Exchanges of Blood-Grouping Reagents (<i>note 1</i>)
109	Additional Protocol to the European Agreement on the Exchange of Tissue-Typing Reagents
111	Additional Protocol to the European Agreement on the Exchanges of Blood-Grouping Reagents (<i>note 1</i>)

(Note 1) The European Committee (Partial Agreement) on Blood Transfusion (CD-P-TS) has carefully examined, at its 11th meeting in October 2014, ETS 039 on the Exchange of Blood Grouping Reagents and its Additional Protocol ETS 111 and recommends that, considering the state-of-the-art and advancements in the field of blood group typing, in particular the existence of CE marked commercially available typing systems, these Treaties should be declared inactive without further need for promotion or monitoring by the CD-P-TS.