



Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

Commission Expert Group

Name: Consumer Safety Network (E00935)
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

Abbreviation: CSN

Policy Area: Consumer affairs

Lead DG: JUST - DG Justice and Consumers

Type: Informal, Permanent

Scope: Limited

Mission: The Consumer Safety Network is a consultative expert group chaired by the European Commission. Its Members are composed of national experts from the administrations of the 28 Member States and EFTA/EEA countries competent in product safety; candidate countries and selected stakeholders are invited to attend as Observers. The expert group stimulates reflection and discusses topics related to consumer product and service safety and provides a knowledge base for policy work. It facilitates the exchange of expertise and best practices. In recent years, the main areas of discussion have been the safety of consumer products (including joint actions on market surveillance), and consumer services, including fire safety in hotels and relevant data collection. The group meets on average three times per year.

Task: Coordinate with Member States, exchange of views

Provides expertise to the Commission when preparing implementing measures, i.e. before the Commission submits these draft measures to a comitology committee

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Publication in RegExp: 29 Sep 2005

Link to Website:

http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/consumers_safety/cooperation_with_stakeholders/index_en.htm

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Additional Information

Activity Report

The Consumer Safety Network (CSN) meets on average 2-3 times per year. Agendas and summary records of meetings held before the end of 2013 are published on DG JUST's website. Agendas and summary records of meetings held from 2014 to end of 2016 are accessible via the CIRCABC interest group 'Consumer Safety Network (Public)' at the link here below. Agendas and summary records of meetings from 2017 and onwards will be available directly on this page.

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/63000727-616d-429d-824d-f689471ee277>

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Selection Procedure (members)

There is no formal selection procedure. In accordance with Article 10 of the General Product Safety Directive, the Group is composed of a European network of the authorities of the Member States competent for product safety and consumer safety in general. An invitation and draft agenda are submitted to the relevant Member State authorities and Observers approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the date of the meeting. It is the competent authorities themselves who select their representative(s) according to the topics to be discussed.

Internal Rules of Procedure

This expert group operates in accordance with Article 10 of the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC without any formal rules of procedure.

Other

General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC, Article 10

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32001L0095:EN:NOT>

Members

Type C - Organisation

| Name of Organisation | Category | Countries/Areas represented | Membership Status |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| ANEC | NGOs | European | Observer |
| BEUC - The European Consumers' Organisation | NGOs | European | Observer |
| BUSINESSEUROPE | Trade and business associations | European | Observer |
| CEN - European Committee for Standardisation | Other Organisations | European | Observer |
| EUROCOMMERCE | Trade and business associations | European | Observer |
| PROSAFE | Other Organisations | European | Observer |
| UEAPME | Trade and business associations | European | Observer |

Type D - Member State Authority

| Country | | Membership Status |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Austria | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Belgium | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Bulgaria | 2 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Croatia | 2 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Cyprus | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Czech Republic | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Denmark | 2 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Estonia | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Finland | 2 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| France | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Germany | 2 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Greece | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Hungary | 2 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Ireland | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Italy | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Latvia | 2 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Lithuania | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Luxembourg | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Malta | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Netherlands | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Poland | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Portugal | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Romania | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Slovakia | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Slovenia | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Spain | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Sweden | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |

Type E - Other public entity

Subgroups

| Name | Duration | Composition | |
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| The safety of products sold online | (2 years) CLOSED | | |
| Type C - Organisation | | | |
| Organisation Name | Organisation Type | Countries/Areas represented | Membership Status |
| ANEC | en.NGOs | European | Observer |
| BEUC - The European Consumers' Organisation | en.NGOs | European | Observer |
| BUSINESSEUROPE | en.Trade and business associations | European | Observer |
| CEN - European Committee for Standardisation | en.Other Organisations | European | Observer |
| EUROCOMMERCE | en.Trade and business associations | European | Observer |
| PROSAFE | en.Other Organisations | European | Observer |
| UEAPME | en.Trade and business associations | European | Observer |
| Type D - Member State Authority | | | |
| Country | Public Authority | Membership Status | |
| United Kingdom | Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) | Member | |
| Sweden | Swedish Consumer Agency (Konsumentverket) | Member | |
| Spain | Instituto Nacional del Consumo - M ^o Sanidad y Consumo | Member | |
| Slovenia | Ministry of the Economy | Member | |
| Slovakia | Ministry of the Economy of the Slovak Republic | Member | |
| Romania | National Authority for Consumer Protection | Member | |
| Portugal | Ministry of Economy - Direcção-Geral do Consumidor | Member | |
| Poland | Office of Competition and Consumer Protection | Member | |
| Netherlands | Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority | Member | |
| Malta | Malta Standards Authority | Member | |
| Luxembourg | ILNAS - Surveillance du Marché | Member | |
| Lithuania | The State Non-Food Products Inspectorate under the Ministry of Economy | Member | |

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| Latvia | Ministry of Economics of Latvia - Competition, Trade & Consumer Rights Division, Consumer Rights Protection Centre | Member |
| Italy | Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico | Member |
| Ireland | National Consumer Agency | Member |
| Hungary | Hungarian Authority for Consumer Protection, Ministry for National Economy - Consumer Department | Member |
| Greece | Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping - General Secretariat for Consumer Affairs | Member |
| Germany | Bavarian Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs, Family & Women, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft under Verbraucherschutz | Member |
| France | Direction générale de la Concurrence, de la Consommation et de la Répression des Fraudes - Bureau "Sécurité et réseaux d'alerte" | Member |
| Finland | Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finnish Safety & Chemicals Agency (TUKES) | Member |
| Estonia | Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications | Member |
| Denmark | Danish Safety Technology Authority, Danish Environmental Protection Agency | Member |
| Czech Republic | Ministry of Industry & Trade - Consumer Protection Department | Member |
| Cyprus | Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Tourism - Competition and Consumer Protection Service | Member |
| Croatia | Sector for Supervision in the Field of Goods and Services, State Inspectorate, Sector for Supervision in the Field of Goods and Services, Consumer Protection Department, Directorate for Trade and Internal Market, Ministry of Economy | Member |
| Bulgaria | The Commission for Consumer Protection, Ministry of Economy, Energy & Tourism - Consumer Protection Directorate | Member |
| Belgium | Federal Public Service - Economy, SME, Self-Employment and Energy | Member |
| Austria | Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs & Consumer Protection | Member |

Type E - Other public entity

No members currently attached to the sub-group.

| Name | Duration | Composition |
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| RAPEX Contact Point Network | permanent | |
| Type D - Member State Authority | | |
| Country | Public Authority | Membership Status |

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|----------------|--|--------|
| United Kingdom | Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) | Member |
| Sweden | Swedish Consumer Agency (Konsumentverket) | Member |
| Spain | Instituto Nacional del Consumo - M° Sanidad y Consumo | Member |
| Slovenia | Ministry of the Economy | Member |
| Slovakia | Ministry of the Economy of the Slovak Republic | Member |
| Romania | National Authority for Consumer Protection | Member |
| Portugal | Ministry of Economy - Direcção-Geral do Consumidor | Member |
| Poland | Office of Competition and Consumer Protection | Member |
| Netherlands | Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority | Member |
| Malta | Malta Standards Authority | Member |
| Luxembourg | ILNAS - Surveillance du Marché | Member |
| Lithuania | The State Non-Food Products Inspectorate under the Ministry of Economy | Member |
| Latvia | Ministry of Economics of Latvia - Competition, Trade & Consumer Rights Division, Consumer Rights Protection Centre | Member |
| Italy | Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico | Member |
| Ireland | National Consumer Agency | Member |
| Hungary | Hungarian Authority for Consumer Protection, Ministry for National Economy - Consumer Department | Member |
| Greece | Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping - General Secretariat for Consumer Affairs | Member |
| Germany | Bavarian Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs, Family & Women, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft under Verbraucherschutz | Member |
| France | Direction générale de la Concurrence, de la Consommation et de la Répression des Fraudes - Bureau "Sécurité et réseaux d'alerte" | Member |
| Finland | Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finnish Safety & Chemicals Agency (TUKES) | Member |
| Estonia | Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications | Member |
| Denmark | Danish Safety Technology Authority, Danish Environmental Protection Agency | Member |

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| Czech Republic | Ministry of Industry & Trade - Consumer Protection Department | Member |
| Cyprus | Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Tourism - Competition and Consumer Protection Service | Member |
| Croatia | Sector for Supervision in the Field of Goods and Services, State Inspectorate, Sector for Supervision in the Field of Goods and Services, Consumer Protection Department, Directorate for Trade and Internal Market, Ministry of Economy | Member |
| Bulgaria | The Commission for Consumer Protection, Ministry of Economy, Energy & Tourism - Consumer Protection Directorate | Member |
| Belgium | Federal Public Service - Economy, SME, Self-Employment and Energy | Member |
| Austria | Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs & Consumer Protection | Member |

| Name | Duration | Composition |
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| Working group of experts on tattoos | (9 months) CLOSED | |
| Type D - Member State Authority | | |
| Country | Public Authority | Membership Status |
| Sweden | Swedish Consumer Agency (Konsumentverket) | Member |
| Spain | Instituto Nacional del Consumo - M° Sanidad y Consumo | Member |
| Slovenia | Ministry of the Economy | Member |
| Netherlands | Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority | Member |
| Luxembourg | ILNAS - Surveillance du Marché | Member |
| Italy | Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico | Member |
| Hungary | Hungarian Authority for Consumer Protection, Ministry for National Economy - Consumer Department | Member |
| Germany | Bavarian Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs, Family & Women, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft under Verbraucherschutz | Member |
| France | Direction générale de la Concurrence, de la Consommation et de la Répression des Fraudes - Bureau "Sécurité et réseaux d'alerte" | Member |
| Denmark | Danish Safety Technology Authority, Danish Environmental Protection Agency | Member |
| Czech Republic | Ministry of Industry & Trade - Consumer Protection Department | Member |

Statistics

Number of Members: 31

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| Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Type C - Organisation: | 0 | | |
| Type D - Member State Authority: | 28 | | |

Number of Alternate Members: 0

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| Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Type C - Organisation: | 0 | | |
| Type D - Member State Authority: | 0 | | |

Number of Observers: 9

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| Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Type C - Organisation: | 7 | | |
| Type D - Member State Authority: | 0 | | |