



# 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 safety requirements for standardisation), co-ordinated market surveillance activities by Member State authorities, new and emerging issues, relevant data collection, international activities and cooperation, and communication activities. 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

**Contact:** JUST-E4@ec.europa.eu

**Publication in RegExp:** 29 Sep 2005

**Link to Website:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/consumers\\_safety/cooperation\\_with\\_stakeholders/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/consumers_safety/cooperation_with_stakeholders/index_en.htm)

**Last updated:** 24 May 2018

## **Additional Information**

### **Activity Report**

CSN Sub-group : The RAPEX Contact Points meets on average 1-2 times per year. Agendas and summary records of meetings held between 2014 and 2016 are accessible via the CIRCABC interest group 'Consumer Safety Network and Subgroups (Public) ' at the link below. Documents of meetings from 2017 onwards are accessible in the "Meetings" part of this register.

<https://circabc.europa.eu/faces/jsp/extension/wai/navigation/container.jsp>

### **Activity Report**

The Consumer Safety Network (CSN) meets on average 2-3 times per year. Agendas and summary records of meetings are published as follows: - For meetings held from 2014 to end of 2016, documents are accessible via the CIRCABC interest group 'Consumer Safety Network (Public)' at the link here below. - For meetings held from 2017 onwards, documents are accessible in the "Meetings" part of this register.

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

### **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**

The sub-group 'Task Force on the Revision of the RAPEX Guidelines' adopted its rules of procedure on 18 January 2018

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 180 kb)

### **Internal Rules of Procedure**

The Consumer Safety Network 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
<b>Working group of experts on tattoos</b>	(9 months) CLOSED	
<b>Type D - Member State Authority</b>		
Country	Public Authority	Membership Status
Sweden	Swedish Consumer Agency (Konsumentverket)	Member
Spain	Instituto Nacional del Consumo - M <sup>o</sup> 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 unter 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

Name	Duration	Composition	
<b>The safety of products sold online</b>	(2 years) CLOSED		
<b>Type C - Organisation</b>			
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° 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
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
<b>Task Force on the revision of the RAPEX Guidelines</b>	12 months	

**Type D - Member State Authority**

Country	Public Authority	Membership Status
Sweden	Swedish Consumer Agency (Konsumentverket)	Member
Poland	Office of Competition and Consumer Protection	Member
Luxembourg	ILNAS - Surveillance du Marché	Member
Lithuania	The State Non-Food Products Inspectorate under the Ministry of Economy	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
Denmark	Danish Safety Technology Authority, Danish Environmental Protection Agency	Member
Austria	Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs & Consumer Protection	Member

Name	Duration	Composition
<b>RAPEX Contact Point Network</b>	permanent	

#### 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° 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 unter 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

## Statistics

### Number of Members: 31

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

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

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