



Are you thinking of joining the European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN)?

Members of EHFCN are organisations involved in healthcare and/or counter fraud services across Europe. The network was established in order to provide its members with a platform where they can gain information, tools, training and assistance in fighting fraud and corruption in the healthcare sector and to offer them a forum where they can exchange experiences and ideas.

The network also represents its member associations towards European and international bodies such as the European Commission and the European Parliament, the World Health Organisation and other public entities or private agencies.

Membership benefits

What will EHFCN membership provide?

Information on healthcare fraud and corruption issues and EU policy developments:

- EHFCN Electronic Newsletter: The EHFCN newsletter is sent by e-mail every two months. Regular features include members' activities or EHFCN office activities, recent EU policy developments and forthcoming events related to healthcare fraud and corruption.
- 'Members Only' section of EHFCN Website: Apart from the information available to the general public on the EHFCN website, Corporate member associations (and all their employees) have access to tools, materials, strategy information and policy documents on website pages which are accessible only with a membership password.
- News Bites: News Bites are very short pieces of news which mostly relate to investigation outcomes or sanctions imposed in a context of healthcare fraud and corruption. They are sent to members via e-mail once a month.
- Other E-alerts are sent whenever EHFCN events or important developments in EU policy related to healthcare fraud and corruption take place.

Training and exchange of best practices on healthcare fraud and corruption

- EHFCN Annual Conference: The annual conference offers a forum for the professional exchange of knowledge and skills and the opportunity to network with delegates from



across Europe including Ministries of Health, sickness funds, healthcare services, political leaders and other professionals committed to improving healthcare resources by reducing losses to fraud and corruption.

- EHFCN 'Open Houses' are organised in order to provide a new opportunity for member organisations to present their strategies, methods of work and results achieved and facilitate the share of good practices. Although the first Open House which was to take place in Portugal in April 2010 has had to be postponed due to disrupted air traffic, future Open Houses will take place in France in June 2010, followed by Luxemburg in fall 2010, Norway, Q1 2011 and Belgium, April 2011.
- EHFCN Seminars and Training Sessions: Seminars are organised in order to facilitate the share of good practices and new ideas to solve problems. Past topics include data mining, risk assessment and risk management of healthcare fraud. EHFCN is in the process of becoming a facilitator for accredited training aimed at counter fraud experts. These trainings will be accessible at a discounted rate for Corporate members.
- EHFCN's publications are aimed to help its members associations in their detection and investigation work. They provide methods, information and reference to other countries' strategies and legislation in relation to the fight against healthcare fraud and corruption.

Communication among EHFCN member organisations:

- EHFCN Standing Operational Committee (SOC) and Working Groups: EHFCN has a Standing Operational Committee (SOC) which offers members the opportunity to meet and discuss concrete issues related to the fight against healthcare fraud and corruption leading to tangible output. The SOC can convene ad-hoc working groups for more focussed discussions. The SOC meets 3 to 4 times a year and is open to Corporate Members. Members who wish to join are welcome to send an observer to the SOC for one year.
- At the moment, the Working Group on Cross-Border Fraud is analyzing the issues and contributing factors underlying cross-border healthcare fraud in Europe and working on a tool to determine risks. Further working groups can be set up following members' requests or at the suggestion of the Executive Committee.
- Twinning: EHFCN members sometimes face very concrete and particular difficulties; EHFCN wants to encourage the bilateral exchange of experiences between its members in order to address and solve these problems.
- EHFCN's comprehensive database is available to all members.

Support for awareness and advocacy work

EHFCN coordinates the awareness campaign against fraud and corruption, which ties in with the United Nations' International Anti-Corruption Day on 9 December. The office produces



information and materials to be used by its members in order to reach decision-makers, healthcare professionals, the wide public and the media.

Representation and participation at European and international fora:

- EHFCN aims to increase its participation at European fora in order to
 - allow its members to have access to and be informed of the latest development in policies related to countering healthcare fraud and corruption;
 - allow access to EU decision makers and major players through its office which is based in Brussels;
 - share its expertise with Members of the European Parliament, Commission officials and other authorities and health professionals stakeholders in public health.
- Representation by the EHFCN President, Executive Committee Member or an EHFCN staff at working groups, conferences, and meetings organised by the EU institutions.
- Development of recommendations and/or position statements on EU policies related to healthcare fraud and corruption.

Other cooperation includes:

- Cooperation with the World Health Organization is currently being developed;
- Ad hoc collaboration with NGOs involved in the justice and home affairs sector, consumer affairs and other areas related to healthcare fraud and corruption is currently being developed.

Membership policy

According to the EHFCN Articles of Association two types of membership are open to organisations and entities wishing to join EHFCN:

- Corporate (full) membership is open to entities which, in the judgement of the network, are committed to the pursuit of the aim, objective and general approach of the Network. Corporate membership falls into three categories of investment, which are linked to statutory representation in the network as well as some entitlements according to categories.

Corporate members must have an identifiable core of responsibility and/or involvement relating to the countering of fraud and corruption in healthcare systems and must be based in a European country which is a member of the Council of Europe



Corporate membership may include:

- Corporate, private or governmental entities directing, managing, delivering or resourcing the provision of healthcare;
- Governmental entities with a specific role in countering healthcare fraud and corruption;
- Representative entities for those directly involved in the provision of healthcare;
- Representative entities of those directly involved in countering healthcare fraud and corruption.

New corporate members will commit to the network for an initial period of two years.

- Associate membership is open to entities who are not eligible for Corporate membership but which, in the judgement of the Network, are committed to furthering the aims of the network or is open to entities which are eligible for Corporate membership but choose not to become a Corporate Member.

Associate members will have no representation at the EHFCN General Assembly however they are entitled to restricted membership benefits.

Membership fees

The EHFCN Executive Committee has presented a subscription fee system which has been approved at its General Assembly of October 2009. This system introduces the principle that members' statutory representation in the network is met by the degree of their investment.

Category	Fee / year	Entitlements
A	€ 24,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 delegates at the EHFCN General Assembly (GA) • Reimbursement of travel costs¹ to the GA meetings for 3 delegates • Free entrance to the Annual Conference and Open Houses for up to 10 representatives • 60% reduction in fees to other EHFCN events • EHFCN Sponsorship for an amount of up to €5000 to be chosen between²: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance to other healthcare fraud and corruption related conferences, - Cost-effective advice and trainings to the member's staff on fraud management.
B	€ 12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 delegates at the EHFCN GA • Free entrance to the Annual Conference and Open Houses for up to 10 representatives • 30% reduction in fees to other events • EHFCN Sponsorship for an amount of up to €3000 to be chosen between²: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance to other healthcare fraud and corruption related conferences, - Cost-effective advice and trainings to the member's staff on fraud management.
C	€ 6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 delegate at the EHFCN GA • Free entrance to the Annual Conference and Open Houses for up to 10 representatives • 10% reduction to trainings and seminars
Associate Member	€ 2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observer status at the EHFCN General Assembly (no right to vote) • Free entrance to the Annual Conference and Open Houses for 1 representative • Associate Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ will have NO access to the 'members Only' section of the EHFCN website and ○ NO discounted rate at trainings and seminars. • All other membership benefits will be applicable.

¹ according to EHFCN travel policy

² In both cases, a 500-word report on the event or the training will be expected from the member organisation.



How to join?

Please fill in and send us back the membership application form available in annex. Please note the following:

- All requested information should be given; incomplete forms or forms without a signature will not be processed;
- Once the application is finalised, membership will be effective as from the month of May of the respective year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the EHFCN Office for any questions or for help with the forms

We look forward to receiving your application forms and to welcoming you as an EHFCN member!



Membership Application form

Applicant organisation's details (please type or print)

Name of the organisation			
Country			
Contact person	Title (Mr, Ms, Mrs, Dr,...)		
	First name		
	Surname		
Job title			
Address	Street		Nr
	(continued)		
	Postcode		City
Telephone (incl. country dialling code)	+		
Fax (incl. country dialling code)	+		
Email address	@		
Website	http://		

Payment information (please type or print)

Person to be invoiced	Title (Mr, Ms, Mrs, Dr,...)		
	First name		
	Surname		
Invoice Address (if different from above)	Street		Nr
	(continued)		
	Postcode		City
Telephone (incl. country dialling code)	+		
Fax (incl. country dialling code)	+		
Email address	@		



Membership questionnaire

When was your organisation established?	
How would you describe your organisation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Health – Justice – other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other governmental institution Health – Justice – other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sickness fund <input type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Professional network: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
How would you describe your organisation's role in countering healthcare fraud/corruption in your country?	
What are your major publications (newsletters, bulletins, electronic materials, etc.)	

Category of membership	<input type="checkbox"/> A (€24,000)
	<input type="checkbox"/> B (€12,000)
	<input type="checkbox"/> C (€6,000)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate member (€ 2,500)



Declaration

I declare that all the information provided in this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I confirm that I am legally authorised to sign this on behalf of the organisation named herein. I have no relevant matters to disclose to the European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network.

Date	
Place	
Signature ³	
Name (please print)	

³ Applications without a signature will not be processed