

# — French conference vetting system

Presentation and feedback from the 1st 6 months of implementation

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# Objectives of a French conference vetting system

Promote the ethical rules of our industry and assist member companies and event organizers in their assessment of the conferences towards the ethical rules

## 2 objectives:

- Transfer this assessment to the Leem's Ethics committee (Codeem)
- Increase awareness of event organizers towards the respect of the Ethicals rules

# Main principles (1/2)

- **Complementary to the E4ethics/Ethical MedTech vetting system**
  - Codeem would only assess conferences not under the scope of CVS
  - Similar process and criteria
  - Main difference: French vetting system is not binding
- **System subject to requests**
  - By pharmaceutical companies, any third party or event organizers
  - Codeem only assess on request, no proactivity
- **Adversarial procedure for event organizers when they are not the ones issuing the request**
  - They are informed of the request and can provide observations or additional information
  - They are informed of the pre-evaluation and can provide observations
  - They are informed of the evaluation once published
- **Transparent procedure: publication on the Codeem webpage**
  - Assessment requests (applicant remains anonymous)
  - Final evaluation
- **Event organizers will have the possibility to indicate that their conference has been assessed by Codeem**

## Main principles (2/2)

- **Assessment procedure will be published and available on the Codeem webpage [www.leem.org/codeem](http://www.leem.org/codeem)**
- **The assessment procedure will provide details on:**
  - Assessment principles
  - Procedure and its terms
  - Timeline
  - Assessment criteria
- **Assessment delt by the Secretary of Codeem, with the help of Codeem members**
- **Experimental basis for one year**
  - Amendments will be made if necessary

# Terms and procedure

- **Application scope**
  - Face-to-face, virtual and hybrid meetings
  - Organised by third parties
  - Taking place on the French territory or abroad if funded by companies established in France or if French HCP are invited
  - Out of the Scope of E4ethics/Ethical MedTech, meaning:
    - Less than 500 persons
    - Less than 5 countries

# Terms and procedure

- **Objective and verifiable assessment criteria**
  - Assessment criteria are **easily readable**
  - **Same implementation** for all conferences
  - Only related to **organizational conditions**
    - Criteria related to personal conditions of HCP are not assessed
    - The objective being to enable event organizers to amend them
  - **Aligned on the most part with E4ethics/Ethical MedTech criteria**

# Terms and procedure

- **6 assessment criteria, based on the Ethical rules**
  - **Scientific program**  
Pharmaceutical companies can only finance or invite HCP or PO representatives of/to scientific, health or professional events
  - **Geographic location**  
The geographic location should not be the main attraction of the conference et should be justified as regards the organizational conditions and its scope and be compatible with the Ethica
  - **Event venue facility**  
*The event venue facility should be appropriate as regards the professional of scientific nature of the conference*
  - **Hospitality**  
*Hospitality should be reasonable and incidental compared to the main purpose of the event*
  - **Event registration packages**  
They should only cover the scientific program, authorized activities and hospitality
  - **Communication support**  
Advertising brochure should highlight the scientific nature of the program content
- **Descriptives regarding the assessment will be provided for each criteria**

# Terms and procedure

- **Timeline**

- Objective: have an assessment well before the venue, to allow for amendments and submissions to the authorities regarding the authorization process
- Request should be sent to the Codeem within 5 months before the due date of the venue
- Codeem would have 2 months maximum to exchange with the applicatn and/or the event organizers and publish the evaluation

- **Request**

- Assessment only realized on documents provided
- The procedure would describe the documents to be provided to enable Codem to assess



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- **Form of the publication**
  - Conference would be identified
  - Assessment of each criteria with a color code:
    - Green: compliant to Ethical rules
    - Blue: incomplete information, criteria not assessed
    - Orange: deviation to the Ethical rules identified, with information of the nature of the deviation
    - Grey: not applicable (for example for virtual events)

# French vetting system

In place since February 2022



<https://www.leem.org/liste-des-demandes-d-evaluation>

**22**  
requests

**9**  
*Out of time  
requests*

**10**  
Evaluations  
published

**7**

**3**

- 1 for the program
- 3 for the venue
- 1 for the location

**1**  
Event already  
assessed by  
MedTech  
Europe

**2**  
Ongoing  
evaluations