



**Pre-Conference of the Parties Meeting for
WHO European Region**

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The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the governing body of the WHO FCTC and is comprised of all Parties to the Convention. It keeps, under regular review, the implementation of the Convention and takes the decisions necessary to promote its effective implementation. COP is held once every two years.

The Eighth Session of the Conference of Parties (CoP8) is due to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, 1-6 October 2018.

Documents that will be discussed in CoP sessions are prepared and made available 60 days in advance of the CoP session. After the documents have been published, the countries have the chance to review and discuss them. It is also important that Parties in the WHO European Region have the opportunity to discuss the documents and the main information therein jointly, and to share their experiences and opinions related to the matters that are going to be discussed at the next CoP with one another.

The Pre-Conference of the Parties Meeting for the WHO European Region countries to take place on 11-12 September 2018 in Lisbon, Portugal, is co-organized by WHO Regional Office for Europe and the Convention Secretariat, and hosted by the Ministry of Health of Portugal. The meeting is funded by the Governments of the Russian Federation through the GDO project and Turkmenistan.

The Pre-Conference of the Parties Meeting will give Parties the opportunity to be briefed about agenda items, have the opportunity to clarify areas they might have questions and explore common positions for the WHO European Region. The working languages will be English and Russian, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

We hope that Parties of the WHO European Region will find the meetings beneficial as one which helps them to prepare better for the upcoming CoP session.