



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE**

**Thirty-first Session**

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**NOMINATION OF THE COORDINATOR**

1. The procedures governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 30th Session of the Commission (2007) and approved by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, are laid down in Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
2. The amended Rule IV) reads as follows:
  - IV.1 The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.1 (hereinafter referred to as “regions”) or for any group of countries specifically enumerated by the Commission (hereinafter referred to as “groups of countries”), whenever it may find, on the basis of a proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group, that work for the Codex Alimentarius in the countries concerned so requires.
  - IV.2 Appointment of Coordinators shall be made exclusively on the proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. In principle, they shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii), and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. They shall hold office from the end of this session. Coordinators may be reappointed for a second term. The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators.
  - IV.3 The functions of the Coordinators shall be:
    - (i) to appoint the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee where such committee has been set up under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) for the region or group of countries concerned;
    - (ii) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rules XI.1(b)(i) in their region or group of countries in the preparation of draft standards, guidelines and other recommendations for submission to the Commission.
    - (iii) to assist the Executive Committee and the Commission, as required, by advising them of the views of countries and recognized regional intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in their respective regions on matters under discussion or of interest.
3. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by the 28th Session of the Commission (2005), the Coordinators serve as members in the Executive Committee, together with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons as well as seven further members elected on a geographic basis. The geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.1 are as follows: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and the South-West Pacific. The same Rule provides that no more than one delegate from any country shall be a member of the Executive Committee<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The Coordinators cannot serve also as members elected on a geographic basis during their appointment.

4. At the time of writing, 52 member countries of the Codex Alimentarius Commission belong to the Region of Europe. These countries are:

Albania	Greece	Portugal
Armenia	Hungary	Romania
Austria	Iceland	Russian Federation
Azerbaijan	Ireland	San Marino
Belarus	Israel	Serbia
Belgium	Italy	Slovakia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Kyrgyzstan	Spain
Croatia	Latvia	Sweden
Cyprus	Lithuania	Switzerland
Czechia	Luxembourg	Tajikistan
Denmark	Malta	Turkey
Estonia	Moldova	Turkmenistan
European Union	Montenegro	Ukraine
Finland	Netherlands	United Kingdom
France	North Macedonia	Uzbekistan
Georgia	Norway	
Germany	Poland	

5. The Commission, at its 40th Session (17-22 July 2017), appointed Kazakhstan as Coordinator for Europe<sup>2</sup> for its first term. Kazakhstan, having served for one term, is eligible for re-appointment.

6. The Committee **is invited to nominate** a Coordinator for Europe (one of the Member countries on the list above) for appointment by the 43rd Session of the Commission (2020).

7. A full list of Coordinators for Europe since the establishment of the CCEURO is given in the table below.

#### Coordinators for Europe

Coordinator	Year of appointment	CAC Session	Duration appointment
Switzerland	1964	2nd CAC	For a period of two years
Austria	1965	3rd CAC	For a period of three years
Austria	1966	4th CAC	For a period of two years
Austria	1969	6th CAC	From end of 6th to end of 9th CAC
Austria	1972	9th CAC	From end of 9th to end of 12th CAC
Austria	1978	12th CAC	From end of 12th to end of 15th CAC
Switzerland	1983	15th CAC	From end of 15th to end of 16th CAC
Switzerland	1985	16th CAC	From end of 16th to end of 17th CAC
Austria	1987	17th CAC	From end of 17th to end of 18th CAC
Austria	1989	18th CAC	From end of 18th to end of 19th CAC
Sweden	1991	19th CAC	From end of 19th to end of 20th CAC
Sweden	1993	20th CAC	From end of 20th to end of 21st CAC
Sweden	1995	21st CAC	From end of 21st to end of 22nd CAC
Spain	1997	22nd CAC	From end of 22nd to end of 23rd CAC
Spain	1999	23rd CAC	From end of 23rd to end of 24th CAC
Slovak Republic	2001	24th CAC	From end of 24th to end of 25th CAC
Slovak Republic	2003	26th CAC	From end of 26th to end of 28th CAC
Switzerland	2005	28th CAC	From end of 28th to end of 30th CAC
Switzerland	2007	30th CAC	From end of 30th to end of 32nd CAC
Poland	2009	32nd CAC	From end of 32nd to end of 34th CAC
Poland	2011	34th CAC	From end of 34th to end of 36th CAC
The Netherlands	2013	36th CAC	From end of 36th to end of 38th CAC
The Netherlands	2015	38th CAC	From end of 38th to end of 40th CAC
Kazakhstan	2017	40th CAC	From end of 40th to end of 43rd CAC <sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> REP17/CAC, para. 207.

<sup>3</sup> For a total of three years, due to the postponement of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees Meetings in 2018.