



EUROMCONTACT

**THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION
OF THE CONTACT LENS
AND LENS CARE PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURERS**





Words from the President

The overall goal of Euromcontact is to contribute to better eye health and vision in Europe, while providing technical expertise to decision-makers and professionals. This includes continued efforts to support compliance when using contact lenses and their care products, mainly through education of Eye Care professionals (ECPs) and patients. In parallel, Euromcontact provides technical expertise to EU decision-makers on the regulatory framework and its implementation to support the placing on the market of innovative, safe and high quality products.



Nicoletta Losi

EUROMCONTACT President

Elected at the General Assembly of 4th May 2017

WHAT IS EUROMCONTACT ?

EUROMCONTACT REPRESENTS THE EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS OF CONTACT LENSES AND LENS CARE PRODUCTS

to EU institutions, stakeholders and the trade press, providing expertise for policy-makers and helping shape the right regulatory environment.

Our members make society healthier while providing safe, high quality contact lenses and lens care products, thus contributing to improved eye health and vision.

Euromcontact members are national associations, individual companies from across Europe and the European Federation of Contact Lens and IOL Industries. (EFCLIN).

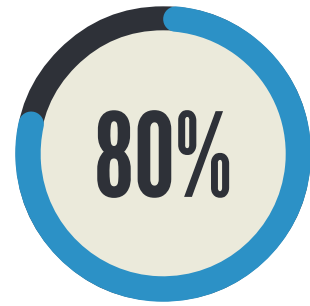




Soft Contact Lenses
(95% of market)



Rigid Contact Lenses
(5% of market)



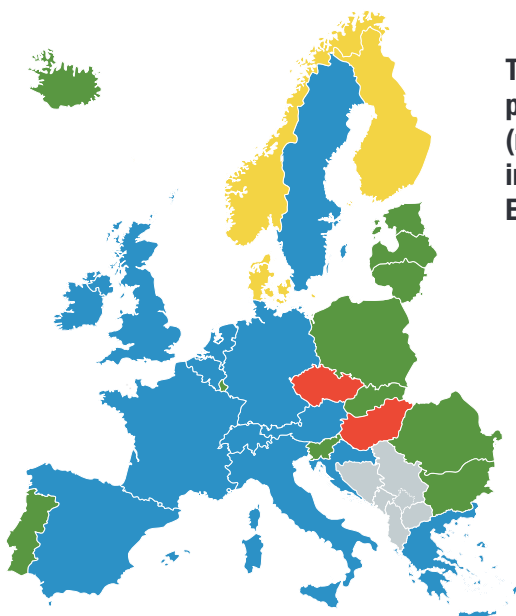
Contact Lens Care Products
...in Europe

11,000 people
are directly employed
in the sector



Total value of
contact lens production is
€1.2 billion
at industry to Eye Care
Professional level

European Economic Area (EEA)
Contact Lens turnover
is approximately
€1.3 billion



The Contact Lens (CL) and Contact Lens Care (CLC) product industry in Europe has operations (manufacturing, logistics, marketing and/or sales) in **ALL of the 28 European Union** and in **ALL of the 32 European Economic Area + Switzerland countries**





OUR GOVERNANCE

Our association follows its internal rules and by-laws, is transparent and open. Its work is based on strengthening the representation and awareness of the European contact lens and lens care products industry, allowing it to pursue common interests and to establish framework conditions for a successful future.

Euromcontact by-laws and internal rules are free to download from the website. Euromcontact is registered with the EU Transparency Register. All meetings are governed by the anti-trust legislation

Euromcontact is a recognised industry stakeholder and has seats at all the Working groups set up by the European Commission, especially in the area of medical devices.

Euromcontact activities are organised through working groups.

There are currently four working groups within Euromcontact:

Regulatory Affairs Focus Group

Statistics

Compliance

Public Affairs

- Up to 2 delegates per companies or per association per working group
- Chair of WG reports to the Board
- Work of WG driven by experts

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO THE EU



Commission Working Groups where Euromcontact is an industry observer member :

- Medical Devices Expert Group
- Working group on Vigilance
- Working group on Clinical Evaluation and Investigation
- Classification and Borderline Working Group / Software Borderline Working Group
- Eudamed –UDI Working Group and Task force on UDI
- Medical Devices Expert group of International
- Medical Devices Regulators Forum (IMDRF)

Additionally, Euromcontact is invited to the meetings of the Notified Bodies for Medical Devices (NB MED)

Euromcontact will apply to be an industry observer member of the new Medical Devices Coordination Group (MDCG) and its Working Groups.



OUR NETWORK

Euromcontact is a member of the European Contact Lens Forum (ECLF) - www.eclf.eu

The European Contact Lens Forum (ECLF) is the exchange platform between all contact lens specialists and the contact lens / lens care industry. It consists of the European Contact Lens Society of Ophthalmology (ECLSO); the European Council of Optometry and Optics (ECOO); the European Federation of Contact Lens Industry and IOL (EFCLIN) and; the Euromcontact and International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE).

ECLF meets twice a year to exchange information, identify common interests and decide on joint activities. A series of documents and infographics to help compliance targeting ECPs and contact lens wearers are available on-line.

Euromcontact is a member of the European Coalition For Vision - www.ecvision.eu

The European Coalition for Vision is an alliance of professional bodies, patient groups, European NGOs, disabled people's organisations, trade associations representing suppliers and research groups. The ECV exists to raise the profile of eye health and vision, to help prevent avoidable visual impairment, and to secure an equal and inclusive society for those with irreversible blindness or low vision in Europe, usually through events on the World Sight Day.

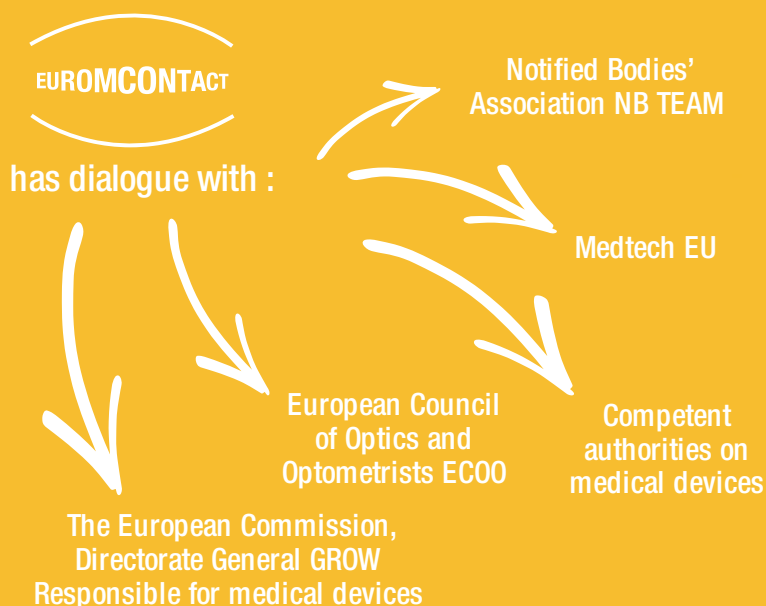


WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Euromcontact provides an open and equal platform for members of all sizes for the exchange of information and promotion of action where appropriate. Euromcontact uses advocacy to achieve its goals, including coalition building and constructive dialogue with related associations and political authorities (European Commission; Competent authorities of Member States; Parliament).

Euromcontact membership affords access to:

- Unique platform for exchange amongst manufacturers;
- Access to working group meetings a unique set to exchange amongst experts on common issues;
- Regulatory documents, training and seminars on regulatory affairs issues;
- Detailed market statistics;
- Proposed Code of Conduct for associations and for companies;
- Regular newsletters reporting on the association's activities and latest developments in the EU arena



Thanks to Euromcontact you can:

- Gain expertise into the political issues impacting your industry;
- Help shape the industry position and influence the decision-making process;
- Have a direct say in Brussels.



PRIORITIES

1

A EU regulatory environment that support marketing of safe, high quality and innovative products on the market

Euromcontact is committed to sharing its technical expertise and knowledge with EU decision-makers for the smooth implementation of the medical devices regulation.

Euromcontact will continue its efforts to educate and provide training to its members on the new regulatory framework. Additionally the Clinical Evaluation Document of Euromcontact, aimed at providing a framework for companies to run their clinical investigation and evaluation, is also updated on a regular basis and in line with the latest version of Clinical Meddev 2.7.1/rev4.

2

Statistics on the market for soft contact lens and lens care products

Since 2003 Euromcontact has provided a market report for soft contact lens and lens care products. The report is based on aggregated data collected by an independent company from contributing companies. The level of detail in the report varies depending on whether the recipient is a distributing company, a national association or the trade press. The statistics collection and reporting will continue to provide to professionals an accurate picture of the market for soft contact lenses and their lens care products.



3

Promotion of contact lenses

Euromcontact's objective to promote the use of contact lenses is the basis for its activities. Euromcontact national associations are active at national level through the organisation of exhibitions, congresses and seminars targeting eye care professionals; through social media and press campaigns targeting patients; etc. Euromcontact is present in the main international and European congresses on contact lenses where it provides information on the market, of the activities of the associations and of its members.

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Patient compliance with contact lenses

Euromcontact is committed to contributing to patient contact lens compliance. In collaboration with ECPs within the European Contact Lens Forum, Euromcontact contributed to the development of recommendations addressed to patients and ECPs on how to handle and take care of contact lenses, as well as what to do when their ECP on a regular basis.

Companies



National associations



International association



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