



European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction



**Working Arrangement
between the
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
and the
Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Albania**

Whereas the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) is a decentralised agency of the European Union in charge of providing factual, objective, reliable and comparable information at European level concerning drugs, drug addiction and their consequences pursuant to the conditions set out in Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 (recast);

Whereas the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Albania (MoI) is the competent authority in Albania for the prevention and fight against illegal drug trafficking, distribution and cultivation;

Whereas the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Albania (MoH) is the competent authority in Albania for providing epidemiological assessments based on basic indicators used for obtaining objective, reliable and comparable information on drug use and addiction;

Whereas both Ministries have expressed an interest to formally establish closer and continuous cooperation with the EMCDDA aimed at better understanding, evidence-based policymaking and response to drug-related issues;

Whereas Art. 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 (recast) specifies that the Centre shall actively seek to cooperate with international organisations and other, particularly European, governmental and non-governmental bodies competent in the sector of drugs, and that such cooperation shall be based on working arrangements concluded with these bodies;

Whereas the Management Board of the EMCDDA, after receiving the favourable opinion of the European Commission, provided the EMCDDA Director at its meeting of 13–14 December 2018 with a mandate to sign the present working arrangement;

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Albania intend to cooperate in the following fields:

- a) Exchange on methodology of data-collection systems and on data itself (demand and demand reduction, supply and supply reduction, legal aspects and policy models);
- b) Exchange of expertise and of data on new psychoactive substances (NPS), as well as establishment and strengthening of an Early Warning System on Drugs;
- c) Exchange of experiences on health and social responses to drug problems, above all prevention of communicable diseases, harm reduction, social integration and integrated care for addicts.
- d) Support for the approximation of the Albanian national legislation and policies with EU legislation and policies on drug-related issues.

Place of signing: Vienna

on 13 March 2019

For the EMCDDA

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Republic of Albania

For the Ministry of Health and Social
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