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# **Multi-country Workshop on 'Drug prevention and monitoring: situation and perspectives in the ENP Southern Partnership countries'**

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# **'Drug prevention and monitoring: situation and perspectives in the ENP Southern Partnership countries'**

## **Background**

The Workshop is organised in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP). The ENP aims to forge closer ties with countries to the South and East of the European Union (EU) and the Southern Partnership constitutes a new development of the European Neighbourhood Policy towards Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Morocco, and Tunisia. It aims to create the necessary conditions to accelerate political association and further economic integration between the EU and partner countries.

In March 2007 the Council of the EU agreed on the gradual participation of ENP partner countries in the work of EU agencies to encourage regulatory and administrative reform and to promote convergence of ENP partners' policies with EU norms, standards and best practices. In this context, the European Commission (DG Justice) and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), together with the European External Action Service, are organising a scientific workshop on 'Drug prevention and monitoring: situation and perspectives in the Southern Partnership countries'.

This workshop is held as a follow-up to the meeting 'EU Drug monitoring system, the EMCDDA and the perspectives for cooperation with ENP countries', which took place in Brussels in October 2010, and the Reitox week organised by the EMCDDA in May 2012 in Lisbon. The workshop will also be the occasion to give an update about recent developments in EU drug policy.

## **Objectives of the workshop**

The aims of the scientific workshop are:

- exchanging information on drug policies, in particular with regards to drug demand reduction policies, prevention and monitoring between European and Southern ENP countries, including reflection on respective policy approaches and more particularly on the state of the drug situation in Southern ENP countries;
- discussion on specific characteristics of and needs for drug prevention interventions and related data collection in Southern ENP countries;
- introducing the EMCDDA Best practice portal and exploring its potential extension/use for Southern ENP countries.

## **The expected outcomes of the workshop are:**

- fostering an exchange of information on policy developments in the field of drugs;
- exchange of information on drug prevention and related policies and actions in the EU and Southern ENP countries;
- providing first insights of the drugs situation and prevention activities in the Southern ENP region, and challenges for the future;
- discussing perspective for future cooperation between the EU and Southern ENP countries in the field of drug demand reduction;
- assessing the feasibility and perspectives for cooperation on information exchange and monitoring in the field of drug prevention between EMCDDA and interested Southern ENP countries;
- promoting the sharing of information and publications; EMCDDA commitment to incorporate information related to Southern ENP countries on its website;
- improving the visibility of the EU's scientific approach to illicit drugs, by presenting the work and expertise of the EU and the EMCDDA in monitoring the EU drug situation.

## Monday 15 October 2012

08.30–09.00	Arrival and registration
	<b>Opening session</b> <i>Chair: Mr Chrysanthos Georgiou, Chairperson of the Cyprus Anti-Drugs Council</i>
09.00–09.15	Welcome by the Chair
09.15–09.30	Introductory remarks on EU drug policy developments. <i>Ms Paola Tardioli-Schiavo, Deputy Head of Unit — Drugs Policy Coordination (DG Justice, European Commission)</i>
09.30–09.45	Introduction to the workshop: expectations and outputs. <i>Mr Alexis Goosdeel, Head of Reitox and international cooperation unit (EMCDDA)</i>
09.45–10.00	Tour de table
10.00–10.20	Where do the data on demand reduction interventions in Europe come from? <i>Ms Sandrine Sleiman, Quality assurance and scientific officer, Reitox and international cooperation unit (EMCDDA)</i>
10.20 –10.40	Role of National Drug Observatory in drug demand reduction and monitoring — case of the EU country. <i>Mr Neoklis Georgiades, Head of the National Focal Point (Cyprus)</i>
10.40–11.00	Coffee/tea break and a joint photo of participants
	<b>Prevention of drug use and monitoring: national perspectives</b> <i>Chair: Ms Paola Tardioli-Schiavo, Deputy Head of Unit — Drugs Policy Coordination (DG Justice, European Commission)</i>
11.00–13.00	Country presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algeria, <i>Mr Salim Adjabi, Member and Head of the project, Association Info-Com ‘Youth of Guelma’</i></li> <li>• Egypt, <i>Mr Mostafa Mostafa, General Director of Hospitals, General Secretariat of Mental Health</i></li> <li>• Israel, <i>Ms Keri Zelson Warshawsky, Director of Israel Monitoring Center for Drugs and Alcohol</i></li> <li>• Jordan, <i>Mr Mohammad Alrawashdeh, Head of International Affairs Section, PSD</i></li> <li>• Lebanon, <i>Mr Nady Sfeir, Master trainer in Unplugged program of EU DAP for the MENA region, Lebanon</i></li> <li>• Morocco (to be confirmed)</li> <li>• Occupied Palestinian Territory, <i>Ms Samah Jaber, Psychiatrist, Palestinian Ministry of Health</i></li> <li>• Tunisia (to be confirmed)</li> <li>• Cyprus: Fred Goes Net – a prevention initiative among delinquent young people. <i>Ms Maria Matheou, Officer of the Cyprus Anti-Drugs Council - Prevention Sector</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and discussion</p>
13.00–14.00	Lunch
	<b>Evidence and best practice</b> <i>Chair: Ms Marica Ferri (EMCDDA)</i>
14.00–14.30	How the evidence is assessed and best practice defined. <i>Ms Marica Ferri, Scientific analyst on best practice, Interventions, best practice and scientific partners unit (EMCDDA)</i>
14.30–15.00	School-based drug prevention: Unplugged and the European Drug Addiction Prevention trial studies in Europe and beyond. <i>Mr Jeff Lee, Executive director of Mentor Foundation (United Kingdom)</i>
	Questions/answers
15.00–15.15	Adaptation of best practices: Unplugged initiative in Lebanon. <i>Mr Nady Sfeir, Master trainer in Unplugged program of EU DAP for the MENA region (Lebanon)</i>
	Questions/answers
15.15–15.30	‘Ofi’ school-based programme in Israel. <i>Ms Karen Roth Ittah, Head, Drug, alcohol and smoking prevention department, Ministry of Education (Israel)</i>
	Questions/answers
15.30–16.00	Coffee/tea break
16.00–17.00	<b>Workshop: From formulation of the problem to search for evidence</b> <i>Facilitators: Ms Marica Ferri, Ms Sandrine Sleiman (EMCDDA)</i>
20.00	Transportation from the Hotel to restaurant ‘Istorikon’
	Reception organised by the Cyprus Antidrug Council in the framework of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union

**Tuesday 16 October 2012**

09.00–09.10	<b>Introduction to the day.</b> <i>Mr Alexis Goosdeel (EMCDDA)</i>
	<b>Prevention of substance use and the role of family</b> <i>Chair: Mr Gregor Burkhart, Scientific analyst on prevention, Interventions, best practice and scientific partners unit (EMCDDA)</i>
09.10–09.40	Prevention policies — pitfalls and potentials. <i>Mr Gregor Burkhart (EMCDDA)</i>  <i>Questions/answers</i>
09.40–10.00	Strengthening the family programme: example of adaptation of the programme for Spain. <i>Ms Carmen Orte, University of the Balearic Islands (Spain)</i>  <i>Questions/answers</i>
10.00–10.20	The role of parental monitoring. <i>Ms Lilian Ghandour, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, American University of Beirut (Lebanon)</i>  <i>Questions/answers</i>
10.20–10.30	'Parent patrol' — an example of community programme in Israel. <i>Ms Sivan Goldman, Israel Antidrug Authority (Israel)</i>  <i>Questions/answers</i>
10.30–10.45	<i>Discussion</i>
10.45–11.15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
	<b>Workshop: Prevention guidelines</b> <i>Facilitators: Mr Gregor Burkhart, Ms Sandrine Sleiman (EMCDDA)</i>
11.15–13.00	Presentation of the minimum standards for prevention Discussion on relevance and applicability of the guidelines for the countries
13.00–14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
	<b>Cooperation and way forward</b> <i>Chair: Ms Paola Tardioli-Schiavo, Deputy Head of Unit — Drugs Policy Coordination (DG Justice, European Commission)</i>
14.00–14.15	State of the art on development UNODC prevention standards. <i>Ms Yasmine Adel Refaat, HIV Project Officer, Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa (UNODC)</i>
14.15–14.35	Pompidou group activity in Mediterranean region: Prevention agents in Lebanon. <i>Mr Patrick Penninckx, Executive Secretary of Pompidou Group and Ms Caline Bernoty, 'L'atelier du Je' (Lebanon)</i>
14.35–14.45	Mentor Arabia: role and activities in drug demand reduction. <i>Ms Farida Elallagi, Executive director of Mentor Arabia</i>
14.45–15.00	Way forward: Strengthening cooperation in the field of drug demand reduction. <i>Mr Alexis Goosdeel (EMCDDA)</i>
15.00	Closing of the workshop

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