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Delegations will find below the above-mentioned report compiled by the General Secretariat of the Council based on the delegations' contributions to the stocktaking exercise on the implementation of the Council Conclusions on cooperation between the EU and Eastern Europe in the field of drugs.

Cooperation with Eastern Europe in the field of drugs: general overview

In December 2012, the Council adopted the EU Drugs Strategy for 2013-2020. The Strategy aims to contribute to a reduction in drug demand and drug supply within the EU as well as to reduce the health and social risks and harms caused by drugs. In that context, the Strategy forms the basis and political framework for EU external cooperation in this field. To implement this Strategy two consecutive Action Plan are foreseen, the first of which was adopted by the Council in June 2013. Action 38 of this Action Plan foresees the reinforcement of co-operation with the Russian Federation and European Neighbourhood Policy countries, including Eastern neighbours.

Since 2004 different EU Presidencies have organised annual expert dialogues on drugs with the Russian Federation and since 2007 with Ukraine. These dialogues on drug present an excellent opportunity for the EU Member States' drug experts to meet with their counterparts from the above-mentioned countries with a view to sharing information on current drug situation and challenges, exchanging best practices, discussing drug-related cooperation and covering other issues of mutual interest.

The Polish EU Presidency set Eastern Europe as their geographical priority in 2011 and strong focus on the region was also continued during the subsequent Danish EU Presidency. In 2011 the Polish EU Presidency organised for the first time a dialogue on drugs with Eastern partnership countries (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia and Moldova) with the second meeting of this kind being held during the Danish EU Presidency in 2012.

The Lithuanian Presidency will also concentrate its attention on this region and will continue this practice by holding a meeting on 16 July 2013, to which all Eastern Partnership countries are invited to participate.

Council Conclusions on Eastern Europe

Following the EU-Eastern Europe conference "Combating drug crimes" organised by the Polish EU Presidency on 26-27 October 2011 in Warsaw, Council conclusions regarding cooperation between the EU and Eastern Europe in the field of drugs, were adopted by the Council in December 2011.

As a result of these Council Conclusions, a number of concrete actions were foreseen to be taken by the European Commission, the European External Action Service, EMCDDA, Europol and EU Member States to improve the cooperation in the field of drugs with Eastern Europe. Implementation of these actions was foreseen as a continuous process, with no specific deadline being set.

At the same time the above-mentioned Council Conclusions called for a regular monitoring of the progress achieved in implementation of different actions foreseen in the Council Conclusions and reporting on it.

With a view to drafting the first report, the General Secretariat of the Council, in cooperation with the European Commission, launched a stocktaking exercise in April 2013. The result, including contributions from EU Member States and EU bodies, is provided in the table below, outlining details on what kind of actions were taken in order to implement different provisions of the Council Conclusions, the date or duration of these actions as well as the parties involved.

Overview of the results of the stocktaking exercise

In line with the EU Drugs Strategy the Council Conclusions foresee actions to tackle both drug demand and drug supply. The implementation shows progress being achieved in both fields: a number of activities have been dedicated to step up operational cooperation with Eastern European law enforcement services and significant actions have been taken in the area of drug prevention and harm reduction. Also, some steps were taken to foster the development of capacities in monitoring the drug situation in the region.

Over the last few years, the EU Member States' and EU bodies' cooperation with Eastern European countries took a number of diverse forms. On the policy level, some EU Member States had different *cooperation agreements* signed with the authorities of Eastern European countries, especially with those of the Russian Federation, which provide for the constant cooperation and exchange of drug-related information. Both Europol and EMCDDA are expanding their cooperation with Eastern Europe: Europol will soon sign an operational cooperation agreement with the Republic of Moldova and Russian Federation, while the EMCDDA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with this country and Armenia has reiterated its willingness to establish close cooperation with the EMCDDA.

As regards operational cooperation, a number of *joint operations* were completed with different Eastern European countries, as a result of which certain quantities of heroin, cocaine, cannabis, hashish and amphetamines were seized. Also, EU Member States and EU bodies initiated some *projects*, especially *in the field of demand reduction* (e.g. project aimed to establish two low threshold service centres for drug users, commercial sex workers and bridging populations in the Leningrad Region or the project dedicated to setting up an online drug counseling center in Georgia).

A number of activities aimed to train Eastern European officials and to share the best practices in tackling drugs, *including trainings, workshops, study visits* were organised/funded by EU Member States or EU instruments (including through TAIEX - Technical assistance Information Exchange Instrument). EU bodies and Member States also organised or supported the organisation of drug-related *conferences* involving Eastern European countries as well as participated in the conferences organised by them. Next to that, there were separate cases of procurement of specific drug-detecting equipment or providing a grant for enhancing HIV prevention.

Finally, one of the major steps in implementation of these Council Conclusions, which encouraged enhancing cooperation with Eastern European countries against the diversion of drug precursors, is the completion of negotiations concerning the *EU-Russia drug precursors agreement* which could enter into force by the end of this year.

As regards the participation of different EU Member States in implementation of these Council Conclusions, the EU Member States bordering with Eastern European countries were most active in cooperating with the region while most actions were aimed at the Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova. A number of actions were also foreseen for Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine with a few initiatives focusing also on Azerbaijan and Belarus.

Further actions will be taken to implement the Council Conclusions, which will be included in the future stocktaking exercises.

PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EU AND EASTERN EUROPE IN THE FIELD OF DRUGS

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ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED BY MEMBER STATES, THE COMMISSION AND THE EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE, AS APPROPRIATE				
1. Actively promote in Eastern European countries the development of drug policies which fully respect the human rights, human dignity, rule of law and the principle of proportionality in response of drug problem	6-9 October 2013	TAIEX is organising the 16 Forum for Public Prosecutors. The target audience will be senior public prosecutors (3 per beneficiary). The programme will consist of sessions on combating drug-trafficking, cyber-crime (in particular jurisdiction issues), as well as economic crime including corruption.	The action will be implemented together with the Prosecutor General's Office in Vienna	REGIONAL Representatives from all the TAIEX beneficiaries in ENPI South and East, plus Russia
	Mid 2013	The French Embassy is planning a study tour to France/training on drug-trafficking and related issues.	France	ARMENIA (Police and boarder guards of Armenia)
	25-26 March 2013	Organisation of National Harm reduction conference: Harm reduction Rights, Health, Participation, co-funded by the EU	Georgian Harm Reduction Network, Harm Reduction Medecins du Monde, Open Society Georgia Foundation	GEORGIA
2. Strengthen and streamline cooperation between the EU and Eastern European countries preferably by using existing structures for regional co-operation such as the Baltic Sea Region Task Force on organised crime (BSTF) in the field of information exchange on new trends and threats regarding narcotic substances	Since 1996	BSTF and especially its Planning and coordination meetings (OPC) implements the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR), projects of Priority Area 15 „To decrease the volume of, and harm done by, cross border crime” (e.g. Annual meeting in Oslo, Norway was organised on 27- 28 February 2013, where information was exchanged on emerging trends regarding situation in drug trafficking).	BSTF countries (11)	RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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		In 2011 Lithuania, as the chairing country of the BSTF in 2011-2012, applied to the European Commission for funding and received 133 333 Euros for improving the cooperation between police, border guards and customs by implementing the EUSBSR. Operations/activities which are financed derive from the priorities and objectives foreseen in the Lithuanian Chairmanship in the BSTF Work Plan for years 2011-2012 and are followed on the ideas agreed in the EU-Russia meeting initiated and organised by Finland and held on 25 of January 2011 based on the EUROPOL analytical products BOCTA (Organised Crime Threat Assessment for the Baltic Sea Region) and OCTA 2011.	Lithuania	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
	1st meeting - 10 – 12 December 2012 (Moscow, Russian Federation), 2nd meeting - 17-19 June 2013 (Vilnius, Lithuania)	Among others, the investigation related to hashish and marihuana traffic from Spain and The Netherlands via Lithuania to Russian Federation, is being supported from the above mentioned funds. The parties exchange all relevant information with each other without delay and coordinate the planned measures. The expected results of the team, to be reached in cooperation with the competent authorities of the countries, are the following: • rapid exchange of information concerning	Lithuanian (Lithuanian Police)	RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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3. Take actions to enhance cooperation with Eastern European countries against the diversion of drug precursors, in particular to conclude the agreement between the EU and the Russian Federation on drug precursors, as soon as possible		hashish and marihuana traffic: • gathering and analysis of obtained intelligence data; • common operational activities based on intelligence; • detention of persons who are involved in this illegal drug trafficking.		
		The Government of the Russian Federation in February 2013 approved a proposal of the Ministry of the Russian Federation and other Russian authorities to take over the BSTF chairmanship after Norway in 2015 and 2016.		
		The negotiations of the agreement between the EU and the Russian Federation on drug precursors were concluded in 2012 and the agreement was signed at the EU-Russia Summit on 4 June 2013. Upon entry into force of the agreement, possibly by the end of 2013, the 1 st EU-Russia Joint Follow-up Expert Group meeting, as established by the Agreement, will be organised.	EU Commission and Council of the European Union	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
	15 July 2011	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Russian Federation on cooperation in the fight against crime, especially in its organized forms came into force on 15 July 2011. Cooperation against diversion of drug precursors is also included in this agreement.	Latvia	RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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4. Share good practices on the monitoring of trade in precursors with the Eastern European countries and the Balkans (i.e. to organize a seminar on drug precursors)	Ongoing	Regular information exchange among law enforcement agencies in Latvia and the Russian Federation on possible diversions of drug precursors.	Latvia	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
	Ongoing	Intensive information exchange with Russian Law enforcement agencies on monitoring transit commodities often linked to precursors	Finland	
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5. Promote and, where relevant, support awareness-raising and provision of relevant information regarding emergence of new psychoactive substances		Germany is planning to organise a seminar on drug precursors	Germany	Not known
	4-6 April 2012	Bilateral Workshop on fighting against trans-border crime: human and drugs- trafficking, carried out by instructors from Czech Police Academy. Participants gained basic knowledge of EU best practices in the field of narcotics, human trafficking, profiling and risk analysis.	Supporting Integrated Border Management in the South Caucasus (SCIBM)	AZERBAIJAN AND GEORGIA
	Ongoing	According Working Plan of Joint actions signed between Lithuanian Criminal Police Bureau and	Lithuania	RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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6. Step up operational cooperation with Eastern European law enforcement services, in full cooperation with CEPOL and EUROPOL, preferably via existing regional co-operation initiatives such as the BSTF and CARICC in order to disrupt drug trafficking, in particular the smuggling of heroin from Afghanistan, illegal production and trafficking of synthetic drugs and the new psychoactive substances, through - among others - the support for capacity		Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation in 2011 Parties exchange information concerning drugs and new psychoactive substances, their regulation and control, tendencies of drug trafficking.		
	Ongoing	Regular information exchange between law enforcement agencies with neighboring countries on emerging trends and situation in drug trafficking, including emergence of new psychoactive substances.	Latvia	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
	Ongoing	Regular information exchange with Russian law enforcement agencies on transiting psychoactive substances	Finland	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
		Cooperation on concrete cases concerning new psychoactive substances	Germany	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
	End of 2013 or beginning of 2014	Europol will sign an operational cooperation agreement with Moldova	Europol and Moldova Ministry of Interior	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
	December 2012	Joint Border Control Operations (JBICO) "PODOLIA" (Action Plan Phase 9#4.2.8) achieved its goals and proved that such operational measure is worth to be repeated: 1 kg of marijuana, 267 pills containing psychotropic substances were seized.	EUBAM, Moldova and Ukraine border authorities	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

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building of relevant law enforcement authorities (police, customs, border guards) and in the area of the criminal justice system, including the judiciary, the prosecutors as well as penitentiary services	2012-2013	Europol Threat Notice on "Heroin trafficking from Central Asia to Europe". The final draft of the notice is ready and currently discussed with Russia for further distribution.	Europol	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
	1 March 2003-31 December 2013	Tripartite (Finland-Estonia-Russia) Project to Combat Narcotics Crime: Objective is to continue cooperation with the aim of detecting and solving cross-border serious drug crime and related ancillary crime by means of systematic exchange of information, criminal intelligence, surveillance, control and criminal investigation. The cooperation is based on the principle of continuity, to be achieved through improving joint investigative measures, compatibility of equipment, exchange of information and analysis of data. The main objective is to extend the scope of the agreement to cross-border organised crime, in particular.	Finnish Ministry of Interior, National Bureau of Investigation (Russian and Estonian Ministries of Interior, Federal Drug Control Services FDCS, Estonian Central Criminal Police, Militia Units of St.Petersburg and Leningrad Region	RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Estonia)
		Lithuanian Criminal Police Bureau and Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation signed Working Plan of Joint actions in 2011. This plan is restricted and designated to particular actions related to agreed targets.	Lithuania	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
	Since 1996	BSTF LEA cooperation initiative	BSTF countries (11)	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
	2013	FER. Trilateral LEA cooperation among Finland,	Finland	RUSSIAN

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		Estonia and Russia. Main issue is organised crime..		FEDERATION
	2013	Bilateral law enforcement related initiatives (Training and capacity building)	Finland (Estonia)	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
		EU Member State support for CARICC		RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Central Asia states)
	18 January 2012	Lithuanian Criminal Police Bureau during 2012-2013 executed 4 joint operations with the Russian Federation and Belarus related to international drug trafficking: As a result of the cooperation 2,4 kg of heroin was seized in Kaliningrad region (RF), Lithuanian and Russian citizens (a courier and a receiver/customer) were arrested.	Lithuania	RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Kaliningrad region)
	31 March 2012	At the train station in Minsk (BY) on the train Vilnius-Moscow two Lithuanians citizens were arrested carrying 5 kg amphetamine, 3 kg hashish, 1 kg cannabis, 130 g cocaine.	Lithuania	BELARUS
	23 May 2012	In consequence of exchange information the shipment of 1 kg of heroin designated to Lithuania was stopped in Belarus and a Belarusian citizen was arrested.	Lithuania	BELARUS
	2013 March 28	A Control Delivery from Lithuania via Belarus to Russia was organised, an organiser and receiver	Lithuania	BELARUS, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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		were arrested (Lithuanian and Russian citizens), 10 of cannabis, 10 kg of hashish, 100 g of cocaine were seized.		
	22-24 August 2012	EU Member States participation in Experts meeting on combating drug trafficking, held in Pskov, the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Latvia)
	Ongoing	Regular information exchange between law enforcement agencies with neighbouring countries on emerging trends and situation in drug trafficking	Latvia	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
	22-25 February 2012	EU Member States participation in the international seminar "Combating drug trafficking: local and international experience" organised by the State Customs of Ukraine, held in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine. Additionally working group on drug trafficking with the participation of the heads of Custom boards of the CIS countries was organised within this meeting.		UKRAINE
	Ongoing	Regular information sharing and trainings between Latvian and Belarus Border guard on cooperation. In total 10 trainings were carried out in 2012 with an aim to improve cooperation, including issues related to identification of smuggling and drug trafficking.	Latvia	UKRAINE
		Concerning <u>new psychoactive substances and Afghanistan</u> "Drug Policing Balkan Advanced 2013- 2014" Joint Investigations along the Balkan Route to		

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		combat drug trafficking into the EU (incl. precursor-smuggling and confiscation of criminal assets) The Federal Ministry of the Interior – Criminal Intelligence Service Austria – carries out a 16 months project (April 2013 – July 2014) in cooperation with the partner countries Germany and Croatia aiming at joint investigations along the Balkan Route (Hungary, Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Kosovo (This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence), Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) to fight drug trafficking to the EU, with the focus on the smuggling of precursors and forfeiture of assets originating from the smuggling. General objectives: Improvement of the cooperation of law enforcement with the states along the Balkan Route (focus: acceding countries and candidate countries); preparation of the mission of joint investigation teams (JIT). Operational objectives: Fight against forms of drug-related crime along the Balkan Route, dismantling of offender groups, seizure of drugs and recovery of assets.		

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		Methods: The focus of this project is the working out of and implementing common approaches and actions. This requires a constant and high quality exchange and evaluation of administrative, legal and operational information. The project will be implemented in 2 mechanisms: A-conference, B- operational meetings.		
7. Encourage Eastern European countries to contribute to the functioning of the European Drugs Profiling System, and if needed, give support in strengthening their forensic capabilities in order to associate to the program	Mid 2013	The French Embassy is planning a study tour to France for Armenian decision makers to get acquainted with the organization of French forensic structure.	France	ARMENIA
	02 November 2011, September 2012	Procurement and training on Multi-Mode Thread Detector (drugs & explosives) for Georgian Revenue Service 12 Officers from different border crossing points as well as technical staff of the Revenue Service Headquarters were trained in the use of equipment and detection of drugs and explosives.	Supporting Integrated Border Management in the South Caucasus (SCIBM)	GEORGIA
	Ongoing	Negotiations with Russian Drug Control Service to establish cooperation enabling exchange of samples of seized drugs for profiling	Finland	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
8. Promote and facilitate, in full cooperation with CEPOL and EUROPOL and using already existing infrastructure and	14 February 2012	Focal Point Synergy contribution to a workshop on organised crime in Odessa.	Europol (EUBAM Moldova)	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

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facilities, training schemes in the field of combating drugs, in particular with regards to detecting, investigating and dismantling illicit clandestine laboratories dedicated for the representatives of law enforcement agencies from Eastern Europe				
9. Foster the development of capacities in monitoring the drug situation, and establishing national drug observatories in the Eastern European countries in line with the agreed European standards developed by the EMCDDA		Armenia reiterated its willingness to establish close cooperation with the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA).		ARMENIA
	2013	Female Drug users in Georgia – needs assessment report, drafted in the framework of the EU funded project	Eurasian Harm Reduction Network	GEORGIA
	19-20 March 2013	Between 19 and 20 March 2013 in Warsaw, the international conference: “National, regional and local monitoring of drugs and drug addiction – challenges and achievements across Europe” was organized by the Information Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (the Polish Reitox Focal Point) of the National Bureau for Drug Prevention in cooperation with the Italian Focal Point and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction. The conference was attended by 100 participants representing the Network of Provincial Drug Information Experts, network of communes monitoring drugs and drug addiction at local	Polish National Bureau for Drug Prevention	GEORGIA

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		level, NGOs and Polish drug services. There were also experts from 11 countries: Austria, Georgia, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, Portugal, Slovakia, Turkey, Romania, United Kingdom and Italy and an official from the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction. The purpose of the conference was to share the experience of monitoring drugs and drug addiction in Poland and Europe and discuss possible developments of drugs strategies. Respective conference sessions were devoted to the principles and ways of monitoring drugs and drug addiction at local and regional level with particular emphasis placed on the Italian model. There were also discussions regarding the evaluation and monitoring of the implementation of drugs strategies including the Polish approach. The meeting ended with the analysis of examples of national drug monitoring models and responses to identified problems. Among the wide range of drug monitoring models presented during the conference the Georgian participant presented information on the Georgian drug situation, local antidrug policies as well as the vital threats and challenges to be overcome in near future.		
	17 July 2012	The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)	Ministry of Health of the	REPUBLIC OF

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		between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova and European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) was signed, in Chisinau for an initial period of five years. The new agreement establishes structured cooperation between the EMCDDA and National Anti-Drug Observatory part of the National Centre for Health Management. The National Anti-Drug Observatory will cooperate with the EMCDDA to further develop its capacity for producing an accurate picture of the Moldovan drug situation, thereby contributing to a comprehensive overview of the European drugs problem. Also, the MoU will enhance the partners' knowledge base on the drugs situation and responses to it in areas of both supply and demand. The Republic of Moldova is one of the first countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy area, and in particular the Eastern Partnership, to pursue closer relations with the EMCDDA.	Republic of Moldova and European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)	MOLDOVA
	16 April 2013	Lithuanian expert was invited and participated in the TAIEX Workshop on Collection of Data for Treatment Demand Indicator (No. INT MARKT 51365). Event was organised in the Chisinau, the Republic of Moldova on the 16th – 17th April, 2013. The aim of the assistance was to get acquainted with the instruments to set up a drug information system in the Republic of Moldova	Lithuania	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA National Center of Health Management

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10. Take measures to support Eastern European countries to develop and implement integrated and balanced national drug policies and integrated drug action plans, incorporating both demand and supply reduction		compatible with the EMCDDA standards. The results of National Programme on Combating Drug Addiction and Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs in the Republic of Armenia in 2009-2012 are under evaluation. Follow-up strategy for next period is under elaboration.		ARMENIA
	31 August 2012	Round table – awareness raising on Overdosing by Opioids, organised in the framework of the EU funded project	Georgian harm reduction network	GEORGIA
	2012 - 2013	Project “Introducing addictology in educational systems in Georgia”. The project aims at establishing long-term cooperation on the university level in terms of adopting the field of addictology into the framework of the Georgian higher education and healthcare system.	Czech republic (Medical faculty of Charles University – Department of Addictology, Czech Developmental Agency, + USAID)	GEORGIA
	12 April 2012 (Vilnius, Lithuania)	Memorandum on cooperation in the field of control on psychoactive substances between Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Control Department (of the Republic of Lithuania) and State Drug Control Service (of the Republic of Ukraine) was signed in the frame of the official visit of Prime Minister of the Republic of Ukraine to Lithuania	Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Control Department (of the Republic of Lithuania) and State Drug Control Service (of the Republic of Ukraine)	UKRAINE
	6 February 2013 (Vilnius, Lithuania)	Agreement on further cooperation in the field of control on psychoactive substances between Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Control Department (of the Republic of Lithuania) and State Drug Control Service (of the Republic of Ukraine) was signed in the frame of the official visit of the President of the Republic of Ukraine to Lithuania		

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11. Promote in Eastern European countries the development and implementation of effective prevention programmes aimed at vulnerable groups, the provision of diverse and evidence-based drug treatment options as well as specialised health and social assistance aimed at reducing risk and harm among high-risk drug users, with special attention to the relationship between HIV/AIDS and injecting drug use to prevent HIV/AIDS epidemic among intravenous drug users and to minimise the risk for the general population	Since 2013	Project with Eastern Partnership countries in the field of harm reduction	Lithuania, Vilnius University, Faculty of Medicine, Public Health Institute (WHO Collaborating Centre for Harm reduction), in collaboration with Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN)	Eastern partnership countries
		EU finances the project "Broader Introduction of Effective HIV Prevention Strategies Targeting Populations at Most Risk in the ENPI-East Region" (ongoing). The project aims to increase capacity of NSAs in ENPI-East region to develop, promote, deliver, and scale up locally appropriate and technically sound HIV prevention interventions.		ARMENIA
		Support of vulnerable youth and multiple and incomplete families of selected regions of western Georgia	Czech republic (Charita Česká republika – Czech NGO + Czech Development Agency))	GEORGIA
		Project to support the creation of a national strategy for abandoned children. Thanks to Czech involvement, the issue of abandoned children has become a part of a nationwide reform of social care in Moldova.	Czech Republic (Čiověk v tísni – Czech NGO + Czech Development Agency)	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
	1 January 2010-31 December 2012	The project "Development of Low Threshold Services in the Leningrad Region" aims at establishing two low threshold service centres for drug users, commercial sex workers and bridging populations in the Leningrad Region. General objectives: Reduction of HIV and earlier case-	National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finnish Lung Health Association (Murmansk Low Threshold Service Centre, Leningrad Regional Healthcare Committee	RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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		finding of tuberculosis in the Kingisepp and Vyborg districts of the Leningrad Region. Reduction of co-infection of HIV and tuberculosis in the Leningrad Region. Purpose: Services are better available for risk groups and respond to their needs. Expected results: 1. Low threshold services for injecting drug users and commercial sex workers are established and well-functioning. 2. Capacity of relevant professionals in HIV prevention, early detection and infection control of TB is improved. 3. Awareness of risk groups about HIV prevention, TB-related issues and services available has improved 4. Collaboration between stakeholders has improved.	and AIDS Centre, cities of Ivangorod and Vyborg, NGOs working in the HIV-related non-medical sector in the Leningrad Region.)	
12. Support the strengthening of drug demand reduction by providing external assistance programs to support institution and capacity building, as well as support to enhance quality of services and evaluation	26 November 2011-26 December 2014 March 2013 – December 2013	EU-funded grant contract enhancing HIV prevention capacities in Georgia The aim of the project “Drug prevention in Georgia” is to improve professional competencies of the Georgian specialists from public institutions and non-governmental organizations in the filed of drug prevention based on the EU best practice and to establish online drug counselling centre in Georgia for dependent individuals, their families and anyone interested in the problem of drugs and drug addiction. The Project is implemented under the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs program „Polish aid”;	Georgian Harm reduction Network Polish National Bureau for Drug Prevention (The Merkury Foundation – Polish NGO)	GEORGIA GEORGIA

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		(www.polskapomoc.gov.pl). The Georgian project partners are: “Centre for Mental Health and Prevention of Addiction” – institution under the Ministry of Health and “Disease Prevention, Control and Non Proliferation Association” – Georgian NGO that deals with drug issues. The project consists of three components: Component 1: Improving professional skills of staff in state administration and NGOs in terms of drug prevention based on EU best practice. Result: raising professional competencies, developing trainings concept. Component 2: Developing inter-institutional cooperation models based on Polish experience. Result: Combining and augmenting the potential of public institutions and NGOs based on conclusions from research and monitoring. Component 3: Establishing an online counselling centre for drug users. Result: providing access to online drug counselling for drug users, their families and anyone wishing to obtain reliable information on drugs and drug addiction. The conference that inaugurates the Project took		

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	1 April 2010-31 March 2013	place on 29 March In Tbilisi, Georgia. Project "Development of Education in the Field of Substance Abuse Prevention in Murmansk region" aims to support adolescent's substance abuse prevention in the Murmansk region giving training by distant learning methods for students, teachers and specialist working the youth in the prevention of substance abuse (alcohol, drug and medicinal substances).	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland, University of Lapland, Department of Social Work (Murmansk Institute of Humanistic Sciences, Murmansk State Pedagogical University, Murmansk State Technical University, Anti-Drug Commission of Murmansk Region)	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
13. Continue commitment in Eastern European countries to providing external assistance programs to support institution building, training for law enforcement and prosecution services and demand reduction, wherever possible through adequate technical assistance	2011 November-2013 November The training including drugs topic in Lithuania was organised on March 2013	In the frame of the project "Support to the Government of Moldova in the field of anti-corruption, reform of Ministry of Internal Affairs, including police and personal data protection" (aiming to support the Moldovan Government in the implementation of the requirements of the chapter Justice, Freedom and Security of the future EU-Moldova Association Agreement and to conform to the recommendations of the ongoing EU visa liberalisation dialogue) two training sessions of the top managers of the Moldovan Ministry of the Interior were undertaken. The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Lithuania, Police Department, Centre for Combating Economic Crime and Corruption, and National Centre for Personal Data Protection are supported in the related activities as described in the Terms of Reference of the project and Technical proposal.	Administrator of the project are KPMG and GIZ Leader of the Project –Austrian representative, 2 key experts – Lithuanians.	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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		One of the training topics was „drug control“.		
	13-15 March 2012	Study visit concerning strengthening capacities of law enforcement agencies in the field of prevention and combating trafficking in drugs, precursors and psychotropic substances was organised in the framework of TALEX in Madrid Objectives: • Familiarise to Spanish legislation and the EU legislation in the field of prevention and combating drug trafficking. • Familiarise to Spanish institutions involved in preventing and combating drug trafficking and those involved in the implementation of policies and strategies on drug • Enhance cooperation in the field of the study of international drug trafficking routes • Threat assessment on trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances within the Republic of Moldova • Cooperation in the field of joint operations and exchange of information at operational level.	Spain	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA , Ministry of Interior, Antidrug and International Cooperation Departments
	1 January 2010-31 December 2012	Project "Strengthening of Municipal Anti-Drug Networking in the Murmansk Region" General objectives: decrease of psychological and behavioural disorders caused by drug use in Murmansk region, decrease of psychoactive substance abuse of the population in general,	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland, National Institute for Health and Welfare (Monshegorsk City Administration, Youth Department of Monshegorsk,	RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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		decrease of HIV incidence by reduction of the infection through injecting drug use (IDU) and decrease of psychoactive substance availability in Murmansk Region municipalities. Purpose: Improved administrative and political vertical framework in substance abuse prevention enabling implementation of new efficient practices of municipal anti-drug management.	Narcological Dispensary of Murmansk Region)	
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14. Consider the possibility of inviting representatives of the Eastern Partnership and the Russian Federation to collaborate with and participate in the meetings of the EMCDDA as appropriate, in order to exchange experience and discuss the contribution of monitoring and research in streamlining the effectiveness of anti-drug policy		Armenia reiterated its willingness to establish close cooperation with the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA).		ARMENIA
	July 17 July 2012	The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova and European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) was signed, in Chisinau for an initial period of five years. The new agreement establishes structured cooperation between the EMCDDA and National Anti-Drug Observatory part of the National Centre for Health Management. The National Anti-Drug Observatory will cooperate with the EMCDDA to further develop its capacity for producing an accurate picture of the Moldovan drug situation, thereby contributing to a comprehensive overview of the European drugs problem. Also, the MoU will enhance the partners' knowledge base on the drugs situation and responses to it in areas of both supply and	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova and European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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		demand. The Republic of Moldova is one of the first countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy area, and in particular the Eastern Partnership, to pursue closer relations with the EMCDDA.		