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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs

Date: 24 and 25 May 2023
Time: 10:00, 09:30
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 2+2

24 May 2023, 10.00 – 17.00

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. **Presentation of drug-related issues addressed in other preparatory bodies of the Council and other relevant meetings(*)¹:**
 - a) meeting of COSI on the detection of illicit wholesale trafficking of drugs and drug precursors at EU points of entry and exit (16 May 2023)
 - Presentation by the Chair of COSI
 - Information by Europol, including on Europol report on Criminal Networks in EU Ports: Risks and challenges for law enforcement
 - b) Other relevant meetings

3. **Thematic discussion on the production, trafficking and non-medical use of medicines containing opioids (*)**
 - a) Introduction by Europol, EMCDDA and EMA
 - b) National presentations by Member States
 - c) DiscussionST 9258/23 (to be issued)

4. **The Presidency's draft summary and conclusions from the Thematic Discussions on Gender and Drugs (*)**
ST 9259/23 (to be issued)

5. **Health and social responses to drug problems: a European Miniguide on Women and drugs: Health and social responses (*)**
 - Presentation by EMCDDA

6. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Drugs Agency (*)**
 - Presentation by the EMCDDA Director Mr. Alexis Goosdeel about the Agency's plans for the implementation of the new mandate for the EU Drugs Agency
 - Discussion

¹ EMCDDA and Europol are invited to participate in the items marked with an (*).

7. **Drug-related developments in EU Member States (*)**
 - Presentation by Czechia
 - Presentation by France

8. **Report from the EU National Drug Coordinators' meeting (Malmö, Sweden, 2-4 May 2023) (*)**

WK 6236/2023 (to be issued)

25 May 2023, 9.30-13.00

9. **Further follow-up to the EU-U.S. Dialogue on Drugs (*)**
 - Presentation and exchange of views with a U.S. representative on the proposal for a Global Coalition against Synthetic Drugs

10. **Developments related to low THC cannabis products in the EU (*)**
 - a) State of play in different sectors
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - b) National coordination on the developments related to low-THC cannabis products and related areas
 - Presentation by the Presidency
 - c) Report on cannabis regulation in the EU
 - Presentation by the EMCDDA

11. **Dialogues with third countries (*)**

a) Preparations for the EU-Western Balkans dialogue (Brussels, 25 May 2023)

CM 2056/23, WK 6336/2023 (to be issued)

b) EU-CELAC:

- Preparation of the Technical Committee of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs (Brussels, 14 June 2023)

WK 3412/2023

- Preparation of the upcoming High-Level Meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs (Barcelona, 29-30 August 2023)

WK 6258/2023 (to be issued), WK 3414/2023 REV1, WK 3415/2023 REV 2

- Information about the preparations for the upcoming EU-CELAC Summit (Brussels, 17-18 July 2023) and link to the topic of drug-related challenges

12. **Commission on Narcotic Drugs and International Narcotics Control Board-related matters and drug-related topics in other UN Bodies (*)**

a) UN Human Rights Council: resolution on Contribution to the implementation of the joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem with regards to human rights

b) Information about CND elections

c) Information about INCB elections

13. **Any other business**

- Information from the Commission on the “Thematic Schengen Evaluation to identify best practices in MS capabilities to fight against drug trafficking into the EU”