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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Date:	20 and 21 September 2023
Time:	10:00, 09:00
Venue:	COUNCIL LEX BUILDING Rue de la Loi 145, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 2+2

20 September 2023, 10.00-17.30

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **People who use drugs and mental health (*)¹**
 - a) Presentation of the updated concept note by the Presidency
ST 11196/23 REV1

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

- b) Draft Council conclusions on people with drug use disorders with co-occurring mental health disorders

- Presentation by the Presidency

- Discussion

ST 12543/23

3. **Thematic debate: Special regional plans to tackle drug trafficking in highly affected areas (*)**

- a) Presentation by Spanish experts

- b) Presentations by DE, IT, NL

- c) Discussion

4. **Presentation of drug-related issues addressed in other preparatory bodies of the Council and other relevant meetings (*)**

- a) Update on the preparation of the meeting with CLASI (Brussels, 28 September 2023)

- b) Update on the preparation of the EU-U.S. Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) on Justice and Home affairs (Madrid, 5-6 October 2023)

ST 11954/23

- c) Update on the preparation of the EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home affairs (Skopje, 26-27 October 2023)

ST 11958/23

- d) Other relevant meetings

21 September 2023, 9.00-13.00

5. **Report from the National Drug Coordinators' meeting (online, 31 August 2023) (*)**

6. **Update on the implementation of the new mandate for the EU Drugs Agency (*)**

- a) Update on budgetary issues

- b) Preparatory work carried out by the NFPs

- c) Information about the meeting organised by the CSFD on the new mandate of the Agency on 7 September 2023

- d) Exchange of views

7. **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and International Narcotics Control Board-related matters (*)**

- a) Preparations for the CND Thematic Discussions – 1st Intersessional meeting (Vienna, 23-25 October 2023)
 - Draft EU Statements
WK 9383/2023 REV 2, WK 9384/2023 REV 1, WK 9385/2023 REV 1,
WK 9386/2023, WK 9387/2023 REV 1, WK 9388/2023 REV 1
- b) Preparations for the CND Thematic Discussions - 2nd intersessional meeting (Vienna, 4-6 December 2023)
 - Draft EU Statements
WK 11213/2023, WK 11214/2023, WK 11216/2023, WK 11217/2023,
WK 11219/2023 (to be issued)
- c) Preparations for the upcoming Mid-Term Review
 - Update on the state of play and exchange of views
- d) Information about INCB and CND elections

8. **Bilateral and regional dialogues on drugs and other exchanges with third countries (*)**

- a) Preparation of the EU-Colombia Dialogue on drugs (29 September 2023)
WK 7457/2023 REV 1, WK 11222/2023
- b) EU-U.S.:
 - Preparation of the EU-U.S. Dialogue on Drugs (17 November 2023)
WK 8801/2023 REV 1
 - Exchange of views on the US-led efforts in the area of synthetic drugs
 - i. Update on recent developments concerning the Global Coalition to Address Synthetic Drug Threats, including working groups and sub-working groups
 - ii. Update on the negotiations over the draft resolution of the UN General Assembly regarding synthetic drugs

c) EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs

- Information by the Presidency
- Discussion of the draft Declaration of the High Level Meeting
WK 3415/2023 REV 6 (to be issued)
- Preparation of the Technical Committee Meeting of the Mechanism (18 October 2023)
WK 11231/2023 (to be issued)

9. Preparation of the joint meeting of the HDG and the CSFD (Brussels, 15 November 2023)

WK 11211/2023

10. Any other business

- Information by Belgium about the awareness raising event on the access to and availability of controlled substances: Access and Availability (Brussels, 14-15 November 2023)
- Information by the Commission about the drug-related topic in the State of the Union 2023
- Letter of Intent

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