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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	hdg@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Informal Videoconference of the members of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Date:	24 November 2020
Time:	9.30
Venue:	Council VTC Platform

This virtual meeting will be held using the Council's video conferencing platform and will allow all participants to connect remotely. This means that every participant will connect from her/his computer, tablet or smartphone.

Each delegation is invited to inform the Council secretariat (hdg@consilium.europa.eu) by Thursday 19 November 2020 at 12.00 (noon) of the names of the persons participating. The maximum number of persons per EU Member State's delegation connecting is 1+1 (1 connection for the capital and 1 connection for the Permanent Representation).

An information note on how to access the system and the meeting access codes will be sent separately to participants, upon confirmation of their participation. Delegations will find below the agenda of the meeting.

Format: 1 + 1

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Impact of COVID-19 on the drugs situation – Focus on people who use drugs in Germany
 - Presentation by Dirk Schaeffer, Deutsche Aidshilfe (German AIDS Organisation)
 - Exchange of views
3. EU Drugs Strategy 2021 - 2025
WK 11409/1/2020 REV 1 (to be issued)
 - Presentation of the revised Presidency note
 - Exchange of views
4. UNODC/CND
 - a) 2019 WHO recommendations on international scheduling of cannabis and cannabis-related substances
ST 12563/20
 - Report on recent developments
 - b) Preparations for the reconvened 63rd session of the CND, Vienna, 2-4 December 2020
 - Draft EU explanation of vote and draft press release regarding the international scheduling of cannabis and cannabis-related substances
 - WK 13027/2020
 - WK 13028/2020
5. Preparation of the first EU-China Dialogue on Drugs
ST 13415/19
 - Discussion on the draft agenda and on the draft annotated agenda
 - WK 13031/2020 (to be issued)
 - WK 13032/2020 (to be issued)
6. Annual Research Dialogue
 - Presentation by the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the EMCDDA
 - WK 13035/2020 (to be issued)
7. Presentation of the priorities by the incoming Portuguese Presidency

8. A.O.B.

- Preparation of the virtual EU-Russia Expert Meeting on Drugs, 25 November 2020 (10 a.m.)
CM 4644/20
 - Preparation of the virtual Dublin Group meeting, 7 December 2020 (a.m.) - Information by the Romanian Presidency of the Dublin Group
WK 13044/2020
 - EU-Mexico High-Level Meeting on Multilateral Themes (agenda point on drugs), 05 November 2020 – Report by the EEAS
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NB: Council documents are available on Delegates' Portal.