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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Date:	4 February 2026
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS
Date:	5 February 2026
Time:	09:30
Venue:	COUNCIL EUROPA BUILDING Rue de la Loi 167, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 2+2

4 February 2026, 10:00 – 18:00

1. Adoption of the agenda

- 2. Information about drug-related issues addressed in other preparatory bodies of the Council and other relevant meetings (*)¹**
 - Information by Presidency

- 3. Presentation by the new Executive Director of the EUDA (*)**

- 4. EU Drugs Strategic Framework (*)**
 - a) EU Drugs Strategy
 - Conclusion of the discussion on the endorsement of the EU Drugs Strategy as accompanied by a political message
WK 1031/2026 (to be issued)
 - Focused exchange of views on Strategic priority n°9: Strengthen international cooperation (in light of Actions 2, 4, 17, 18, 19 of the Action Plan against drug trafficking)
 - b) EU Action Plan against drug trafficking and overall implementation framework
 - Update by the Presidency on the way forward

- 5. Preparation for the 69th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) (9-13 March 2026) and other CND and UNODC- related matters (*)**
 - a) Presentation and exchange of views with the Chair of the 69th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
 - b) Contribution by the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs (CSFD)
 - c) Update and exchange of views on organisational aspects
 - d) Exchange of views on the draft EU statements
WK 540/2026 REV 1, WK 217/2026 REV 1, WK 219/2026 REV 1, WK 220/2026 REV 1, WK 221/2026 REV 1, WK 223/2026 REV 1 (to be issued)
 - e) Update on draft resolutions by EU Member States
ST 5888/26 (to be issued)
 - f) Information about other draft resolutions

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

g) Information about side events

WK 388/2026 REV 1

h) Update by the EEAS regarding the implementation of the CND resolution “Strengthening the global drug control framework: a path to effective implementation” and exchange of views

i) Agreement on the proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the 69th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the scheduling of substances

ST 5895/26 (to be issued)

j) Agreement on the non-paper on a Union position on the scheduling of the coca leaf under the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs related to the WHO recommendation

WK 268/2026

k) Preparation of the informal meeting with the CSFD in the margins of the CND session

6. Thematic Discussion: Drugs-related crime conducted in prisons (*)

- Presentation by the Presidency
- Presentation by EUROPOL
- Presentation by Italy
- Presentation by the Netherlands
- Exchange of views

ST 5567/26

5 February 2026, 9:30- 13:00

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

a) Preparation for the Technical Committee Meeting of the EU- CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs (Brussels, 26 March 2026)

i. Draft agenda, Annotated agenda, Annual report and Outcome document

WK 85/2026, WK 813/2026 (to be issued), WK 1035/2026, WK 1036/2026

- ii. Discussion on possible ways to strengthen the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs
ST 5498/26 (to be issued)
- b) Preparation for the EU-Brazil Expert Meeting on Drugs (Vienna, March 2026, in the margins of the CND session)
WK 269/2026, WK 816/2026 (to be issued)
- c) Preparation of the EU-U.S. Dialogue on Drugs (Brussels, 23 April 2026)
WK 817/2026 (to be issued)

8. Thematic Discussion: Alternatives to Coercive Sanctions (*)

- Presentation by Presidency
 - Presentation by EUDA
 - Presentation by Austria
 - Presentation by Portugal
 - Exchange of views
- ST 5568/2026

9. AOB

- Information by Europol on new public reports on maritime drug trafficking
- Militarisation of drug policy: Executive Order designating fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction

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