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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	hdg@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Date:	8 September 2026
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 2+2

8 September 2026, 10:00 – 17:00

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

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

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3. **Jointly Operationalising the EU Drugs Strategy (*)**

a) Update on the EU Action Plan against drug trafficking

- Presentation by the Presidency on the priorities
- Update by the Commission on the state of play

b) EU Cooperation Hub on Drugs

- Update by the project leaders on their respective Cooperation Projects: state of play, overview of participation, next steps for each project

4. **Thematic Discussion: Cooperation Project on Assessing Drug Prevention Systems and Frameworks in EU Member States - UNODC Review of Prevention Systems (*)**

- Presentation by Dr. Wadih Maalouf, UNODC
- Presentation by Torbjorn Brekke, Norwegian Ministry for Health and Care Services
- Presentation by Lucy Dillon. Irish Health Research Board
- Exchange of views

ST 12567/26

5. **Preparations for the JHA Council (1-2 October 2026)**

- Information from the Presidency on the October JHA Council – ministerial exchange of views on drug-related intimidation

ST 12713/26

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

a) Preparation of the EU-China Dialogue on Drugs (Brussels, 22 September 2026)

WK 7829/2026, WK 9792/2026

b) Preparation of the Technical Committee Meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs (Brussels, 8 October 2026)

i. Update on the Executive Bureau
ii. Draft agenda

WK 9582/2026

iii. Draft annotated agenda

WK 13140/2026 (to be issued)

c) Preparation of the EU-U.S. Dialogue on Drugs (Brussels, pm 27 and 28 October 2026)

- Draft agenda

WK 13141/2026

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7. Preparation of the joint HDG-CSFD meeting on 12 November 2026

- Draft agenda

  WK 13337/2026

8. Commission on Narcotic drugs (*)

- Preparations for the CND Thematic Discussions (7-9 December 2026)

9. Updates from EUDA (*)

a) Presentation on the report on Threat Assessment posed by highly potent synthetic opioids

b) Information on the working arrangement with the UK

c) Information on the Management Board Meeting (18 and 19 June 2026)

10. Project MEDUSA (*)

- Presentation by Europol

11. AOB

- Information on Europol Intelligence Notification on Cannabis Trafficking from North America to Europe

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