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**Together with co-hosts, Portugal and the Pompidou Group, Council of Europe**

have the honour to invite you to the side event

### **Opioid Dependence Syndrome:**

#### **A Regulatory Framework Assuring Access to Treatment.**

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – 9.00 - 9.50am**

**VIC – M Building: Press Room**

There is at present a huge gap between those with an opioid dependence syndrome and the availability and access to treatment as highlighted by the CND at its intersessional meetings at the close of the year. In the outcome document of the 2016 UNGASS on the world drug problem, UN Member States reiterated a “*commitment to improving access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes by appropriately addressing existing barriers in this regard.....*”. This session provides for a discussion on the way this may be achieved in the coming years for the benefit of those that do not need to be subjected to such barriers that in turn may impact on the well-being of all.

**Chair: H.E. Ambassador Ms. Natasha Meli-Daudey**, Permanent Mission of Malta, Vienna

**Speakers: Mr. René Stamm**, Federal Office of Public Health, Swiss Confederation

**Mr. João Goulão**, National Coordinator for Drugs and Alcohol Problems, Portugal

**Mr. Thomas Kattau**, Deputy Executive Secretary, Pompidou Group, Council of Europe

**Professor Fatima El Omari**, Head, Addictions Treatment Centre, Rabat-Sale, Morocco

**Mr. Danilo Ballotta**, Principal Policy Analyst, EMCDDA

**A light breakfast** will be offered at 8.45am in front of the Press Room.