

## **Commission on Narcotic Drugs - 68<sup>th</sup> session**

### **Aligning Drug and Addiction Policies with Human Rights Commitments and Obligations**

**Side Event organised by the Pompidou Group of the Council of  
Europe**

Vienna, Austria

Monday, 10 March 2025

Hybrid (M0E07)

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13:00 - 14:00 p.m.

## **Agenda**

### **Opening of the side event**

The Pompidou Group Rapporteur on Human Rights, Richard Muscat (Malta), will open the meeting.

### **1. Presentation of the Policy Paper “Bringing Human Rights to the Heart of Drug and Addiction Policies: Guidance for Aligning Drug and Addiction Policies with Human Rights” by Denis Huber**

- During their 95<sup>th</sup> meeting, held in Strasbourg on 5–6 November 2024, the Permanent Correspondents of the Pompidou Group adopted a policy document entitled “[Bringing Human Rights to the Heart of Drug and Addiction Policies: Guidance for Aligning Drug and Addiction Policies with Human Rights.](#)” Denis Huber, Executive Secretary of the Pompidou Group, will present the document.

### **2. Follow up to the Pompidou Group policy paper : Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA) by Ardita Abdiu**

- Ardita Abdiu, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Pompidou Group, will present follow-up action, including the preparation of a draft recommendation for the Committee of Ministers under the authority of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), through the setting up of a Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA).

### **3. A researcher point of view, by Marie Jauffret-Roustide.**

- Marie Jauffret-Roustide, a researcher at Inserm and the scientific director of the Social Sciences, Drugs, and Societies program at EHESS, will share her comments on the policy paper and its follow up action.

### **4. Presentation of the Pompidou Group HELP course by Anastasiya Ugrinchuk**

- The newly created online course (under the Council of Europe HELP programme) focuses on promoting a rehabilitative and health-centered approach for people with substance use disorders (PWSUD). It aims to equip legal professionals, policymakers, and practitioners with the tools to align their practices with human rights, address violations in the criminal justice system, and promote alternatives to punitive measures. Anastasiya Ugrinchuk, Project Officer at the Pompidou Group Secretariat, will present the course.