

Policy guidelines on combating organised crime relating to drug trafficking, based on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (OC-DT)

4th Meeting of the Joint Expert Group

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Agenda and Order of Business

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Agenda and Order of Business

1 Opening of the meeting

2 Adoption of the agenda and order of business

Working document

OC-DT members are invited to adopt the draft agenda and the provisional order of business, subject to any further amendments discussed.

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3 Presentation on Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters

Working document

[Third Additional Protocol](#)

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has adopted a third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, marking an important step in the modernisation of judicial co-operation.

The new Protocol aims to strengthen the capacity of member and partner states to respond effectively to crime, particularly in a context of rapid political, social and technological change. It supplements and updates the Convention adopted in 1959, as well as its first two Additional Protocols, to adapt them to contemporary challenges.

4 Presentation of the PC-RAC, its role and tasks according to the terms of reference

Working document

[ToRs PC-RAC](#)

The PC-RAC is entrusted, under the authority of the Committee of Ministers and the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), to elaborate an additional protocol supplementing the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism (CETS no. 198), as well as a draft explanatory report.

5 Presentation and review of the 2nd draft of the Background Study

Working document

[Background Study](#)

Experts will present the report, OC-DT members will review.

6 Draft-zero Policy Guidelines

Working document

OC-DT will go through draft-zero Policy Guidelines working document. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat

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with inputs from the Paris meeting drop list and from the two experts.

7 Working methods and programme for the next meetings [Working document](#)

OC-DT members will be invited to propose and agree on the next following steps and expectations in terms of progress and finalisation of the documents mentioned above. [P-PG/OC-DT \(2025\)6](#)

Future document for the 19th Ministerial Conference (27-28 November 2025).

8 Date and place of next meeting (15 September 2025 – online)

The OC-DT Secretariat will present the proposed dates of the next meetings. OC-DT members are invited to take note of the dates of the next meetings.

5th meeting (online) on 15 September 2025

6th meeting (Brussels) on 1/2 October 2025

9 AOB

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OC-DT members are invited to raise prior or at the early beginning of the meeting any other issues they would like to discuss under this agenda item.

Nexus with the DH-PDA.

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CDPC plenary session decision.

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10 Adoption of the abridged meeting report and close of the meeting [Working document](#)

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OC-DT members are invited to review, with a view to adoption, the abridged meeting report containing decisions taken during this meeting.

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