

Activities and events in 2024

January

15-19 January - Online meetings for the launch of the PG fathers who use drugs qualitative research project

23 January, Chisinau, Moldova - Pompidou Group participation in the Steering Committee of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Moldova

24 January - Online Conference by the European Gender and Drugs Group

25 January - participation in the Interagency Working Group on “Access to Controlled Drugs for Medical and Scientific Purposes, whilst Prevention Diversion, Non-Medical Use and Misuse

February

1 February - Launch of 2024 MedNET addictology courses in Marrakech and Tangiers

6 February, Paris, France - 1st Bureau meeting of Permanent Correspondents

7 February, Paris, France - Meeting of the Human Rights expert group

19-21 February, Tbilisi, Georgia – Training on the Pressing Issues of Mental Health (under bilateral project in Georgia)

21 February - Meeting of the expert group on online addictions (online)

22 February - Lisbon Addiction side event on gender, first online preparatory meeting

22-23 February, Tbilisi, Georgia – Workshop for Georgian Probation Agency and municipal representatives on mapping of preventive services for parents and adolescents (under bilateral project in Georgia)

March

1-2 March, Tunis, Tunisia - MedNET Masterclass in opioid use disorders

12-15 March, Bologna, Italy - Module I, Thematic Training on 'Improving Access and Quality of Treatment Services'

13 March - Lisbon Addiction side event on gender, second online preparatory meeting

13 March, Tbilisi, Georgia – Launch of the project 'Support to Penitentiary Systems Reforms in Georgia' (including a Pompidou Group component)

14-22 March, Vienna, Austria - Pompidou Group participation in the 67th session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)

26 March - 4th Meeting of the expert group on online addictions (online)

April

17 April, Paris, France - MedSPAD Committee meeting

18-19 April, Amsterdam, The Netherlands - Pompidou Group's participation in WHO Conference on prison health

22-23 April, Strasbourg, France – 2nd working group meeting for the development of the HELP course on Human rights, drugs and addictions

29 and 30 April, (two half days) - 1st advisory group meeting on the role of police in drug prevention (online)

May

8 May, Tbilisi, Georgia - Mid-term evaluation workshop of the piloting phase of the Positive Parenting Programme

14-17 May, Rabat, Morocco - Module II, Thematic Training on 'Improving Access and Quality of Treatment Services'

28-31 May, Milan, Italy - Study visit of Georgian delegation to Italy (under bilateral project in Georgia)

30 May, Naples, Italy - 94th Permanent Correspondents meeting

31 May, Naples, Italy - Seminar 'Recovery'

June

10-14 June, Montenegro – Training of trainers on module on drugs and addictions for interdisciplinary prison staff (under CJHP)

17-18 June, Ljubljana, Slovenia - Assessment visit to Slovenia on improving the implementation of standards on treatment and rehabilitation of detained people with substance use disorders

19-20 June 2024, Nicosia, Cyprus - Assessment visit to Cyprus on improving the implementation of standards on treatment and rehabilitation of detained people with substance use disorders

20-21 June, Strasbourg, France – 3rd Working group meeting of the HELP course on drugs and addictions

25 June – Joint hearing of the Pompidou Group and the Sport Division of the Council of Europe during the PACE session on ‘Addiction to sport betting’

July

3-4 July, Strasbourg, France – 2nd Advisory group meeting on redefining the role of police in drug prevention

4-5 July, Lisbon, Portugal - Pompidou Group participation in the constituent meeting of the EU Drug Agency Management Board

9 July, Strasbourg, France - Mid-term review by the Chair of the Permanent Correspondents to the Committee of Ministers’ Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Issues (GR-SOC)

30-31 July, Kobuleti, Georgia - Workshop on the Presentation of the Evidence on and Benefits of Prison-based Therapeutic Communities

August

September

12 September – Presentation to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the results and findings of the expert analysis on the draft law related to the rehabilitation of people with substance use disorders in Ukraine (online)

13 September – Participation in the Europe hearing on drug use prevention (online)

18-19 September, Porto, Portugal - Pompidou Group participation in the EU4Monitoring Drugs II Project Advisory Committee meeting

23 September - 2nd Bureau meeting of Permanent Correspondents (online)

24-25 September, Strasbourg, France – Joint conference ‘Improvement and safeguards of health conditions of persons deprived of their liberty with substance use disorders’

24-26 September, Strasbourg, France – 4th study visit of the South-East Europe group of prison professionals (PRISEE)

October

3-4 October, Lviv, Ukraine – Training on Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) for multidisciplinary teams of staff of Ukrainian detention facilities (hybrid)

9-10 October, Sofia, Bulgaria – High-level Seminar & 10th annual meeting of the South-East Europe group of law enforcement officers (AIRSEE)

14-15 October, Mexico City, Mexico – Strategic workshop ‘Integrating gender and children’s rights in services for families affected by drug use’

15 October 2024, Kyiv, Ukraine - Meeting “Inter-institutional working group on piloting the first prison-based Therapeutic Community for treating substance use disorders in Ukraine” in line of the Project “Towards more humane detention conditions and reduced reoffending in Ukraine (DECOPRIS)”

21-22 October, Lisbon, Portugal - Pompidou Group participation in the 4th European Conference on Healthcare in Prison

22 October, Lisbon, Portugal - 2nd Gender and Drugs Symposium

23-25 October, Lisbon, Portugal - Pompidou Group participation in the 5th European Conference on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (“Lisbon Addictions”)

25-26 October, Vienna, Austria – Pompidou Group contribution to the European Conference on Health Promotion in Prisons (under CJHP)

29-30 October, Budapest, Hungary – 3rd Advisory group meeting on redefining the role of police in drug prevention

November

5-6 November, Strasbourg, France - 95th Permanent Correspondents' meeting

12 November, Paris, France - Human Rights and Drugs conference

12-14 November, Vienna, Austria - Pompidou Group participation in the CND intersessional meeting to follow up on the 2019 Ministerial Declaration on the implementation of all international drug policy commitments

15-16 November, Oran, Algeria – MedNET National capacity-building seminar for professionals working in addiction treatment centres

19-21 November, Strasbourg, France - 2nd Annual Conference of Drug Control Networks

21-22 November, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova - Field visit on Development of a comprehensive care model for people with substance use disorder (SUD)

25-27 November, Lisbon, Portugal – MedNET Study visit for Tunisian delegation on the roll-out of Opioid Agonist Treatment for opioid use disorders in Tunisia

27-28 November, Brussels, Belgium - 30th MedNET plenary meeting

28-29 November, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova - Training for prison staff on the ethics and right to health in prison

December

2-4 December, Warsaw, Poland - Pompidou Group participation in the 2024 European Harm Reduction Conference

5-6 December, Lisbon, Portugal - Pompidou Group participation in the EUDA Management Board meeting

5-6 December, Kakheti, Georgia - Workshop on the finalization of indicators for the National Drug Policy Strategy and National Prevention Action Plan

7-8 and 14-15 December, Kakheti, Georgia - Introduction to Drug and Substance Use Prevention for Teachers (Training of Trainers)

9-11 December, Rome, Italy – MedNET Study visit for Egyptian delegation on the development of a model for management and care for individuals with drug use disorder in contact with the criminal justice system

10-11 December, Vinnytsia, Ukraine - Training on Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) for multidisciplinary teams of staff of Ukrainian detention facilities (hybrid)

9-13 December, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova - Pompidou Group Interdisciplinary Training of Trainers on treatment and care of people with substance use disorders in prison

16-18 December, Kakheti, Georgia - Training on the Pressing Issues of Mental Health

18 December, Strasbourg / online - 1st meeting of the Joint Expert Group in developing Policy Guidelines on combating organised crime relating to drug trafficking, based on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights