



## **Co-operation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking in Drugs**

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### **Pompidou Group 2015 Executive Training: 'Conducting a review of global drug policies and instruments with a view to national and European drug policy priorities – a contribution to the preparation for the 2016 UNGASS'**

#### **Training course outline**

**Dates:** 23 - 25 March 2015, needs assessment seminar (1<sup>st</sup> module), Ljubljana, Slovenia  
June 2015 (tbc), qualifying seminar (2<sup>nd</sup> module), Slovenia (venue to be determined)

#### **Scope and Purpose of the Training**

The special session of the United Nations General Assembly 2016 is focusing on the world's drug problem. In preparation of this event a review is taken place of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Action Plan which was adopted in 2009.

European Member States are in the need to work out a common strategy to encounter the drug problem. Drug policies have to be based on Human rights, public health principles and take into consideration evidence, research and the specific national needs of a country.

#### **Training objective**

The Training aims at a review of European drug policies and their implementation. The objective is providing drug policy managers with support in preparing elements for a European input for UNGASS 2016.

#### **Expected results**

As a result participants will have developed ideas for common European proposals that could be channelled into the UNGASS 2016 process. These will be communicated to Permanent Correspondents in support of developing possible common European positions.

#### **Participation**

The Programme targets managers from governmental institutions that are responsible for developing and/or implementing drug policies and/or coordinating related programme implementation, service delivery and cooperation with stakeholders. To ensure a highly participatory learning process the training is limited to a maximum of 40 participants (from Council of Europe member States and non-member States). High-profile facilitators will be identified and engaged on the basis of the elaborated topics.

#### **Working methods**

The Executive Training consists of a preparation phase and 2 seminar modules. The work is conducted in plenary sessions and working groups in a highly participatory format. The activities are planned and organised by a group of experts. Participants are required to commit themselves to participate in and prepare for both modules.

**Languages:** To ensure a highly inter-active training and to allow for direct communication between all participants at all times the main working language will be English. Based on need and feasibility certain working groups can be organised in other languages (e.g. Russian or French) on an ad hoc basis during the seminars.

**Preparation:** A detailed participation form filled in by participants together with their CVs will help the group of experts to get an overview over the individual profiles of participants and serve as a basis to prepare the programme for the first seminar that will focus on needs assessment (1<sup>st</sup> module).

### **Module I: Needs Assessment Seminar**

During this seminar participants will explore the issues and aspects of their work related to development of drug policies and policy implementation. At the end of the seminar participants will prepare a list of proposals as to what they see as needed to support them to develop ideas for common European positions on drug policies taking into consideration all necessary elements of a coherent drug policy.

Following the needs assessment seminar the group of experts will assess the process and the outcomes in order to prepare a list of topics which are feasible for the qualifying seminar (2<sup>nd</sup> module) and identify relevant experts as facilitators.

### **Module II: Qualifying Seminar**

The qualifying seminar will be a training activity based on the identified needs by the participants and their suggestions for supportive action that can be achieved in a training context. The aim of the qualifying seminar is to enable participants to review European drug policies and following this preparing thematic proposals for common European elements that could be contributed to the 2016 UNGASS process. This could constitute an important support for their national delegations in working towards common European positions in preparation of UNGASS.

As a result of the training participants will have further built their capacities and competences that are directly relevant to their day-to-day work.

### **Additional value**

In addition to the capacity building effect of the training activity, the seminars will produce information of interest to policy makers. In particular knowledge on ways how to overcome barriers and obstacles in policy development and implementation, as well as ways to improve the quality of work, is a valuable source of information for the decision making level.

### **Follow-up**

The Executive Training will also serve as a starting point for continued networking between participants thus setting an impulse that will be prone to deliver further beneficial insights and understanding on all relevant aspects. The Secretariat of the Pompidou Group will assist in facilitating this process.

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