The Intersection of Public Health and Law Enforcement: Advancing Drug Policy Reform, Harm Reduction, and Collaborative Strategies

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Lead Organizer: Moldova

Co-sponsors: Switzerland, Estonia, Pompidou Group, UNODC HIV/AIDS Section, Eastern and Central European and Central Asian Commission on Drug Policy, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association, UNODC Group of Friends on HIV Prevention Among People Who Use Drugs and People Living in Prison Settings

Proposed side event will examine the crucial role of law enforcement in promoting public health. Collaboration between law enforcement and non-governmental and government organizations will be a central theme, highlighting successful initiatives and partnerships that have emerged at the intersection of public health and policing. Attendees will gain insights into progressive strategies that seek to shift the paradigm from punitive measures to evidence-based approaches, fostering a more comprehensive and health-oriented response to drug-related challenges. Moreover, the session will underscore the significance of human rights in drug policy enforcement, exploring ways in which law enforcement agencies can uphold individual rights while fulfilling their responsibilities.

Moderator

Maria Plotko, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association

Speakers:

Fariba Soltani, Chief, HIV/AIDS Section & Global Coordinator for HIV/AIDS, UNODC

Volodymyr Tymoshenko, Member of the Eastern and Central European and Central Asian Commission on Drug Policy

Nadejda Burciu, Secretary of State, Moldovan Miinistry of Justice **Vadim Vieru**, lawyer and member of the Advisory Council to the Government Agent, Moldova

Gerli Grünberg, Police and Border Guard Board, Estonia

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