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The Programme of the Portuguese Presidency of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs (HDG) - second semester of 2007 - was prepared after consultation with the European Commission, the Council Secretariat, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and Europol.

With this Presidency Programme in the field of drugs, Portugal intends to cover the issues that are expected to be discussed during the 18 months period, as stated in the combined programme of the German, Portuguese and Slovenian Presidencies (Doc. 17079/1/06 POLGEN 125, Part III, area of freedom, security and justice, point 121 - fighting drugs).

## 1. Portuguese Presidency objectives

The aim of the Portuguese HDG Presidency is to further develop and intensify the drug and drug addiction policy of the European Union based on the EU Drug Strategy 2005-2012 and the EU Action Plan on Drugs 2005-2008. This aim is to be achieved by means of, firstly, the substantive work of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs, secondly, by enhancing relations with priority third countries and international organisations and, finally, by events which are related to the EU Drugs Action Plan.

## 2. The HDG's work

The HDG's mandate includes a large number of issues that are dealt with according to the priorities of the Presidency in exercise (see annex 1). The main priority for the Portuguese Presidency will be the reinforcement of the cooperation with West Africa, in order to tackle the cocaine flow coming through that region. In this regard, in the first HDG meeting under Portuguese Presidency, we will have a **thematic debate** concerning the “**West Africa Cocaine platform**” (Actions 35 and 36.4. of the EU Drugs Action Plan 2005-2008), in which we will discuss the scale of the problem, the present state of play and the possibilities of enhancing an European Union intervention in the area.

Furthermore, the Portuguese Presidency will tailor the contents of its work to the measures of the EU Drugs Action Plan that will be either finalised in 2007 or which need to be acted upon. In this regard Portugal intends to promote three other **thematic debates**:

- **Information and intelligence exchange mechanisms** (Action 18.1 and 36.1 of the EU Drugs Action Plan 2005-2008): the purpose of this debate is to bring to the political level the most operational aspects implemented by the police forces and the intelligence services, and to reflect on its results and articulation possibilities with other supply reduction instruments.

- **Harm reduction in prisons** (Action 13.2 and 15 of the EU Drugs Action Plan 2005-2008): the debate on this issue will give continuity to the discussions initiated by the Austrian and German Presidencies, as well as to the European Commission Report on the implementation of the Council Recommendation of the 18th June 2003 related to prevention and to the reduction of the harmful effects of drug addiction in health.  
This thematic debate intends to contribute also to the proposal for a recommendation being prepared by the Commission on “prevention, treatment and harm reduction services for people in prison, reintegration services on release from prison and methods to monitor/analyse drug use among prisoners”.
- **Preventing the distribution of drugs at street level** (Action 25.2 of the EU Drugs Action Plan 2005-2008): this debate aims to promote the exchange of experiences and good practices, contributing to improve the intervention of Member States in this area.

### 3. **Coordination with other Council Working Groups**

Like the former presidencies, at each meeting of the HDG, the Chair will give an update on ongoing work in the field of drugs in the following Council Working Groups:

- Public Health Working Group (PHWG)
- Customs Cooperation Working Group (CCWG)
- Customs Union Working Party
- Police Cooperation Working Group (PCWG)
- Multidisciplinary Working Group (MDG)
- Terrorism Working Group (TWG)
- Regional Working Groups (AMLAT, COLAT, COASI, COEST, COMEM, COAFR, COMED, COWEB).

A document outlining the drugs relevant work contained in the work programmes of these groups will be circulated on the first HDG meeting under Portuguese Presidency.

The chair of the HDG will coordinate with the chairs of the regional working groups dealing with countries or regions particularly affected by drug trafficking and use, so that, whenever deemed pertinent, elements of the HDG can present, in those groups, a situation point on drug issues.

#### 4. External relations

The establishment of relationships with third countries and with relevant international organizations working in this area will be another way to develop and to examine thoroughly the European Union policies on drugs and drug addiction.

The Portuguese Presidency of the HDG has foreseen:

- **Troikas** with Russia, USA, Iran, Pakistan and the Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS). These meetings will be prepared in the HDG meetings preceding the Troikas.
- Two **meetings of the Technical Committee of the Cooperation and Coordination Mechanism on Drugs between European Union and Latin America and Caribbean**. Portugal, together with the Bolivian co-chair, will promote the debate on the follow up of the Port of Spain Declaration, adopted in May 2007.
- **Other international issues**: the Paris Pact, the Dublin Group, the UNGASS assessment, the update of EU – Action Oriented paper on Afghanistan, the follow up of the EU/Russia Experts Meeting (Warsaw, November 2006) and the Warsaw Seminar on inter-regional cooperation (November 2007), will be addressed when the need arises.

#### 5. Organisational aspects

Meetings of the HDG will be chaired by João Goulão, the Portuguese National Drugs Coordinator and Chair of the Institute on Drugs and Drug Addiction. Where external relations matters/Troikas are concerned, the co-chair will be Pedro Monteiro of the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see contacts in annex 2). Pedro Monteiro will also chair meetings of the EU/LAC Technical Committee.

We will devote the mornings of HDG meetings of July and September to external relations, and the afternoons to internal issues, due to the fact that on those meetings the thematic debate will address external matters.

On all the others HDG meetings we will devote the morning of each meeting to internal issues and the afternoons to external ones.

The timetable for HDG meetings as well as EU/LAC Technical Committees and Troikas may be found in annex 3.

## 6. Events of the Presidency

The following events related to EU Drug Policy will take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2007:

- **Conference on the Evaluation of Public Policies and Programmes on Drugs**

As part of the official programme of the Ministry of Health, the Institute on Drugs and Drug Addiction is organising a **Conference on the Evaluation of Public Policies and Programmes on Drugs**, which will take place in **Lisbon**, on the **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September**.

The aim of this event is to promote the debate on the evaluation of public policies and demand and supply reduction programmes as well as international cooperation programmes. In addition, we intend also to analyse the situation regarding the methodological developments and the most recent research projects in this area.

- **Meeting of the EU National Drug Coordinators**

The regular Meeting of the EU National Drug Coordinators will take place on the **24<sup>th</sup> October, in Lisbon**. The aim of the meeting is, as usual, to promote the opportunity for the National Drug Coordinators to exchange information on their national developments, to review the scope for greater cooperation and to focus on the implementation of the EU Drugs Action Plan. In addition, we plan to discuss two issues: “Cocaine use and provision of treatment services” and “Update on coordination mechanisms”.

## 7. Sponsored events

The Portuguese Presidency will co-sponsor the following events in the field of drugs:

- **FESAT's Conference on "Taking a call on cannabis – Drug Helpline Response"** will be held in **Lisbon**, on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October**. The conference is organised in collaboration with EMCCDA and the Portuguese Institute on Drugs and Drug Addiction and aims at discussing the several approaches to the cannabis consumption (for more information: [www.fesat.org](http://www.fesat.org)).
- **Pompidou Group Conference on Prevention "Families, lifestyles and drugs – reaching families in prevention"**. Hosted by the Portuguese Institute on Drugs and Drug Addiction, the Conference is part of the 2007-2010 programme of the Pompidou Group and will be held in **Oporto**, on the **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November**. The aim of the conference is to explore and develop approaches to involve families in drug prevention. The conference will target experts and professionals in drug prevention and social work.

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**Contents of the Portuguese Presidency of the HDG**

- 1) Implementation of the EU Drugs Action Plan (2005-2008):
  - Thematic debates: i) West Africa cocaine platform; ii) information and intelligence exchange mechanisms; iii) harm reduction in prisons; iv) preventing the distribution of drugs at street level;
  - Second review report
- 2) EU Coordination:
  - Public Health Working Group
  - Police Cooperation Working Group
  - Customs Cooperation Working Group
  - Customs Union Working Party
  - Multidisciplinary Group on Organized Crime
  - Terrorism Working Group
  - Regional Working Groups
- 3) Evaluation of the Council Decision on the transmission of samples of controlled substances
- 4) Financial Programme “Drugs Prevention and Information”
- 5) Maritime Analysis Operations Centre – Narcotics (MAOC-N)
- 6) Risk Assessment of BZP
- 7) Definition proposal for “drug related crime”
- 8) Proposal for “guidelines on emerging trends”
- 9) Afghanistan: Action oriented-paper
- 10) Preparation of the 51st CND
- 11) Follow-up of the UNGASS assessment

- 12) Matrix of Member States drug assistance to third countries
- 13) Implementation of the Conclusions of the EU – Russia Expert Meeting, Warsaw, 12-14 November 2006
- 14) Preparation, EU Coordination and follow-up of the Dublin Group Meeting
- 15) Troikas: USA, Russia, Pakistan (tbc), Iran (tbc), ECOWAS (tbc)
- 16) 2 Meetings of Technical Committee of the EU/LAC Mechanism on Drugs
- 17) Warsaw Seminar on inter-agency cooperation (28/29 November)
- 18) Preparation and EU coordination of the High Level Specialized Dialogue on Drugs between the EU and the Andean Community (Cartagena das Indias, Colombia)
- 19) Presidency events:
  - Conference on the Evaluation of Public Policies and Programmes on Drugs (19 and 20 September, Lisbon)
  - National Drug Coordinators Meeting (24 October, Lisbon)

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**Portuguese Presidency of the EU****HDG calendar – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2007**

<b>11 July</b>	<b>HDG</b>
<b>5 September</b>	<b>HDG</b>
<b>6 September</b>	<b>EU – LAC</b> <b>Informal Dialogue with ECOWAS (t.b.c.)</b>
<b>19 / 20 September</b>	<b>Conference on the Evaluation of Public Policies and Programmes on Drugs (Lisbon)</b>
<b>10 October</b>	<b>HDG</b>
<b>11 October</b>	<b>Troika Russia</b> <b>Troika Pakistan (t.b.c.)</b>
<b>24 October</b>	<b>National Drug Coordinators Meeting (Lisbon)</b>
<b>13 November</b>	<b>HDG</b>
<b>14 November</b>	<b>Troika USA (t.b.c.)</b> <b>EU – LAC</b>
<b>11 December</b>	<b>HDG</b>
<b>12 December</b>	<b>Troika Iran (t.b.c.)</b>