

Objective

This seminar will look at EU legislation and policy in place to counter drug trafficking and its supply. New legislative initiatives in relation to new psychoactive substances (NPS) will be analysed and possibilities of cooperation at EU level explained.

Key topics

- The EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020 and the related Action Plan
- Planned EU legislation in relation to new psychoactive substances
- EU Recommendations and EU Regulations on the prevention of diversion of chemical precursors
- Work and possibilities of cooperation with EU agencies in the field: Europol, Eurojust and EMCDDA
- Case studies and best practice from the Member States

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officials and ministry officials

Travel to Trier:

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Speakers

Daniel Dudek, Specialist, Serious and Organised Crime Unit, Europol, The Hague

Francisco Javier Duránte Areños, Captain, Technical Unit, Judicial Police, Guardia Civil, Madrid

Nils Hänninger, Director, Division for Police Issues, Ministry of Justice, Stockholm

Marcin Karnas, Leading Expert, Horizontal Drugs Group, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Warsaw

Paolo Mazzarini, Policy Officer, Protection of Citizens and Enforcement of IPR Unit, Directorate-General Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission, Brussels

Tofic Murschudlu, Chief, Implementation Support Section, Organized Crime Branch, UNODC, Vienna

Matthieu Pittaco*, French Liaison Officer, Centre for the Coordination of the Fight Against Drugs in the Mediterranean (CeCLAD-M), Toulon

Lambert Schmidt*, Policy Officer, Drug Supply Reduction, Anti-drugs Policy Unit, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels

Benedikt Welfens, Chair of the Trafficking and Related Crimes Team, Deputy to the National Member for Germany, Eurojust, The Hague

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Representative, Southeast European Law Enforcement Centre (SELEC), Bucharest

Representative*, National Crime Agency (NCA), London

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ENHANCING CROSS-BORDER LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION TO REDUCE DRUG SUPPLY

Formulation of new EU legislation
on new psychoactive substances

Practical experiences in EU Member
States

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Thursday, 16 April 2015

- 08:30 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Ramin Farinpour
- I. THE CURRENT EU FRAMEWORK ON DRUGS**
Chair: Ramin Farinpour
- 09:05 **The main pillars of EU action: the EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020, the EU Drugs Action Plan 2013-2016 and other Council (legislative) initiatives**
Nils Hänninger
- 09:45 **Drug precursor control at EU level: the implementation and functioning of current EU legislation on monitoring and control of drug precursors**
Paola Mazzarini
- 10:15 **The EU approach to drugs – the role of the EMCDDA in ensuring more comprehensive information, research and evaluation**
Representative, EMCDDA
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break
- II. DRUG SUPPLY, DEMAND AND TRAFFICKING**
Chair: Nils Hänninger
- 11:30 **An overview of drug supply**
Lambert Schmidt
- 12:00 **Overview of drug demand in the European market**
Representative, EMCDDA
- 12:30 **Drug trafficking into and out of Europe – latest trends and developments**
Daniel Dudek
- 13:00 Discussion
- 13:15 Lunch

- III. PRACTICAL CROSS-BORDER POLICE & JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN COMBATING DRUG TRAFFICKING IN THE EU: MEANS AND METHODS**
Chair: Lambert Schmidt
- 14:15 **The role of Europol, cooperation with EMCDDA on information exchange, risk assessment and control of new synthetic drugs**
Daniel Dudek, Representative, EMCDDA
- 15:00 **The work of the Centre for the Coordination of the Fight Against Drugs in the Mediterranean (CeCLAD-M) in coordinating action to suppress illicit drug trafficking by sea and air**
Matthieu Pittaco
- 15:30 Discussion
- 15:45 Coffee break
- 16:15 **Coordinating action against drug trafficking in the Balkans: the work of the Southeast European Law Enforcement Center (SELEC)**
Representative, SELEC
- 16:45 **The role of Eurojust and the importance of judicial and police cooperation in countering drug supply, including case studies**
Benedikt Welfens
- 17:15 **Looking beyond the EU's borders: the work of UNODC in assisting EU Member States to reduce drug supply**
Tofik Murshudlu
- 17:45 Discussion
- 18:00 End of first day
- 19:30 Seminar dinner

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- IV. BEST PRACTICE IN EU MEMBER STATES ON NATIONAL DRUG SUPPLY REDUCTION POLICIES AND EXAMPLES OF CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION**
Chair: Nils Hänninger
- 09:00 **The UK approach to countering drug supply, dealing with new psychoactive substances and using cross-border links in doing so**
Representative, NCA
- 09:30 **From cocaine to cannabis: Spanish action on countering drug trafficking and enhancing cross-border international and intra-EU cooperation**
Francisco Javier Durántez Areños
- 10:00 **The Polish perspective on reducing drug supply, with a focus on synthetic drugs, and the work of the EU Horizontal Drugs Group in enhancing cooperation**
Marcin Karnas
- 10:30 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break
- V. RESPONDING TO NEW DRUGS AND MOVING TOWARDS ENHANCED CROSS-BORDER LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION**
Chair: Ramin Farinpour
- 11:30 **Dealing with new unregulated synthetic drugs: EU policy so far and developments in the move towards a new legal framework**
Nils Hänninger
- 12:00 **Panel discussion on enhancing cross-border law enforcement cooperation**
Daniel Dudek, Francisco Javier Durántez Areños, Nils Hänninger, Marcin Karnas, Benedikt Welfens, Representative - SELEC, Representative - NCA
- 13:00 Discussion
- 13:30 Light lunch and end of the seminar