

*This newsletter provides information about key news and events related to UNODC's action and partnerships in the region. The UNODC Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe (2012-2015) aims at addressing the illicit trafficking of heroin from Afghanistan and other related challenges, such as organized crime, corruption and drug abuse. Structured along the 3 main pillars - (I) Illicit Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime, (II) Enhancement of Integrity and Justice, (III) Prevention, Treatment and Care - this Programme focuses on priority actions identified in cooperation with the Governments in the region and through a dialogue with national, regional and international partners.*

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## NEWS AND EVENTS

### On its 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary, UNODC Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe proves its worth and shows road ahead

**Vienna, 23 May 2013** – Speaking on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the UNODC SEE Regional Programme, UNODC Executive Director Yury Fedotov said: "The positive impact of this integrated Programme extends far beyond the borders of SEE. The RP links Europe to UNODC's work in West and Central Asia and is a strong platform for countering the heroin moving along the Balkan corridor from Afghanistan to the markets of Western and Central Europe." Since its launch, the Programme has undertaken an aggressive range of activities to assist in countering illicit drug trafficking, as well as confronting transnational organized crime, corruption, money laundering and drug abuse. The Programme has been a prime mover in the UNODC strategy of "networking the networks" whereby effective operational cooperation is promoted between law enforcement institutions along the entirety of the Balkan routes, along with joint operations and sharing of information. Mr. Fedotov thanked the donors of the SEE Programme and continued: "The Programme has taken enormous strides forward over the last 12 months, and it will make an even greater impact in the years to come as it continues to grow its portfolio and deliver on its core activities".

### Briefing on UNODC work in South Eastern and Eastern Europe

**Vienna, 21 June 2013** – In the course of a briefing to Member States on UNODC work in South Eastern and Eastern Europe, UNODC updated the Vienna based Permanent Missions on recent developments with regard to the delivery of the SEE Regional Programme and ongoing and planned initiatives in the Russian Federation, Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. It was agreed that UNODC continues to meet with the Permanent Missions on a regular basis and keep updating them on the work in the region. Participants reiterated their commitment to strengthening partnerships, delivering the SEE Regional Programme, upgrading the work in Eastern Europe, ensuring further resource mobilisation, identification of new cooperation opportunities and promoting regional and inter-regional dialogue.



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### Paris Pact Initiative (PPI): Phase IV Launched

**Vienna, June 2013** – The new phase of the PPI started as planned on 1 June, coinciding with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Paris Pact initiated at the Conference on Drug Routes from Central Asia to Europe in Paris in May 2003. Phase IV is a 3-year project based on the Vienna Declaration, the outcome document of the Third Ministerial Conference of the Paris Pact Partners, held in Vienna in February 2012.

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**Paris Pact**  
A partnership to counter the trafficking and consumption of opiates originating in Afghanistan

## CONTAINER CONTROL PROGRAMME (CCP)

### Tangible results of the work of the Joint Container Control Unit in the port of Durres

**Durres, 21 May 2013** – First tangible results of operational work of the Joint Container Control Unit (JCCU) in the port of Durres, Albania, established with UNODC help in February 2013, are already visible. The Regional Anti-Drug Unit in Durres in cooperation with the JCCU seized 7kg 939.75gr of heroin on 21 May 2013. Operational data indicate that the destination country for the drugs was Italy and that it went from Turkey along the Balkan corridor and possibly entered Albania either through Montenegro or Kosovo under UNSCR 1244. UNODC congratulated relevant authorities in Albania, including the Customs Administration and State Police, for successfully conducting this operation.



### UNODC-WCO offer training on the Use of Search Equipment

**Durres, May 2013** – Following the donation to the port of Durres of the search equipment CT-K30 Kits in May 2013, UNODC organized a three-day training on the use of this equipment for the Durres JCCU. In particular, the participants were provided with instructions, in Albanian, on the use of specialized equipment that will enable them to counter illicit trafficking in the port of Durres more efficiently. The training was conducted by UNODC trained experts. In addition to the classroom training, last daily sessions were dedicated to practical exercises at the Container Terminal.

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## Marking 26<sup>th</sup> June, International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, in Albania and Serbia

**26 June 2013** – UNODC organized several activities in Albania and Serbia. In Albania, the Guide to Treatment Services was widely distributed to general public with the help of NGO Aksion Plus volunteers dressed in T-shirts and caps designed especially for this purpose. The volunteers were active in Durres where they organized multiple sports activities on the beach conveying the message of the campaign. Also, a brochure providing an overview of treatment services in Tirana was launched. Furthermore, Albanian health professionals were interviewed by the National Television where they spoke about the UNODC-WHO Strengthening Families Programme, with special attention to the referral system. In Serbia, UNODC participated in an expert meeting organized by the Institute of Public Health (IPH), as well as in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of People living with HIV organized by an NGO Youth of JAZAS, and presented results of its work. The official message of the UN SG was translated into Serbian and shared at both events. IPH used the visual identity and theme of this year's UNODC campaign translated into Serbian. Besides UNODC, EU Delegation, Ministry of Health and the Global Fund participated in the Conference.



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## DRUG PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CARE

### TREATNET Training of Trainers for health professionals from Serbia and Albania

**Zlatibor, April 2013** — UNODC organized a regional TREATNET Training of Trainers on Drug Dependence Treatment in Zlatibor, Serbia on 8-21 April 2013. The purpose of the training was to educate 20 participants from Serbia and Albania (psychologists, psychiatrists, neurologists, social workers and nurses) so that they can apply the new knowledge and skills in everyday work. The training was conducted in three volumes of the TREATNET educational package – Volumes A: Screening, Assessment and Treatment Planning; B: Elements of Psychosocial Treatment; and C: Addiction Medications and Special Populations.

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### Two new schools in Albania offer training on Strengthening Family Programme

**Shkodra, April-May 2013** – Under the UNODC umbrella, two new trainings were offered to 20 families (with a total of 60 parents and children) in “Mati Logoreci” and “Deshmoret e Prishtines” schools in Shkodra, main goal being to help parents and children understand the root causes of drug abuse and to prevent its onset. The sessions were conducted by UNODC-trained experts. Since September 2011, UNODC covered 20 schools in Tirana and Shkodra cities with a total of 200 families with 600 parents and



### UNODC-WHO training sessions on drug treatment and care in Albania

**Albania, May-June 2013** – 174 professionals from the health care community centers participated in a series of TREATNET training sessions in Tirana, Shkodra and Lezha. Trainings were organized for different profiles of participants (family doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, NGOs staff, toxicologists and psychiatrists) and were coordinated with the Albanian Ministry of Health. Each of the training sessions lasted two days, and was conducted local trainers who had previously benefited from above mentioned training in Zlatibor. UNODC and WHO finds particularly important the cooperation with the civil society. Therefore, upon the request of a local NGO active in the area of harm reduction Aksion Plus, a TREATNET training on Volume A was organized on 10-11 June 2013. Professionals working with the local branches of Aksion Plus in Vlora, Korca, Shkodra and Elbasan joined the training. Certificates of attendance were delivered to all the participants at the end of each training session. Differently from Volume A and B, Volume C is accredited with 9 credits by the Albanian Centre of Continued Education.

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### Study tour in Croatia for health professionals from the region

**Zagreb, 3-7 June 2013** – A study tour for health professionals from Bosnia & Herzegovina and Montenegro was organized with the assistance of the National Drug Office of Croatia. Being a partner to the UNODC Regional Programme for SEE, the Government of Croatia has offered to support this study tour which focused on drug prevention, institutional structure and drug policy coordination, social reintegration of drug users and others. The main outcome of the study tour was networking with relevant institutions and professionals, and precise identification of tools and steps to overcome challenges in setting up comprehensive drug dependence system on a local level, especially in light of the current EU integration process in the SEE region. UNODC appreciated Croatia's support and requested its further engagement in the UNODC RP.

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