

64<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

# SIDE EVENT 'EU DRUGS STRATEGY 2021-2025'

Tuesday, 13 April 2021, 14.10-15.00 CET

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In December 2020 the European Union adopted its Drugs Strategy for 2021-2025. With this strategy, the EU and its 27 Member States have reaffirmed their commitment to an evidence-based and comprehensive approach, addressing the various aspects of the drugs situation in a balanced manner:

1. enhancing security and reducing drug supply;
2. increasing prevention, treatment and care services and reducing drug demand;
3. addressing drug-related harm.

With the preservation of human rights at its core, the EU Drugs Strategy incorporates gender equality and health equity perspectives. It fully embraces the importance of international cooperation and multilateralism. The EU Drugs Strategy incorporates the lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis in the area of drugs and takes a future-oriented approach, promoting research, innovation and foresight to respond more effectively to – and anticipate – challenges.



[→ Link to the strategy](#)

## WELCOMING REMARKS

**João Goulão** - Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the EU

## THE EU DRUGS STRATEGY 2021 – 2025: KEY ELEMENTS

**Markus Riehl** - Outgoing German Presidency of the Council of the EU

## THE EU DRUGS STRATEGY 2021-2025 IN A WIDER ORGANISED CRIME CONTEXT

**Floriana Sipala** - Head of Organised Crime and Drugs Policy Unit, European Commission

## HOW TO ADDRESS THE COMPLEXITY OF DRUGS IN A POST-COVID-19 WORLD

**Alexis Goosdeel** - Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

## TARGETING HIGH-RISK DRUG-RELATED ORGANISED CRIME GROUPS

**Laimonas Vasiliauskas** - Team leader, Serious and Organised Crime Department, Europol

## CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS' INVOLVEMENT IN IMPLEMENTING EU DRUG POLICY

**Iga Kender-Jeziorska** - Chair of the Working Group on EU Drug Policies for the Civil Society Forum on Drugs in Europe

## Q&A

## CLOSING REMARKS

**João Goulão** - Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the EU



This side-event will be held in English



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