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Paris Pact Initiative: Partnership to Combat Illicit Traffic in Opiates Originating in Afghanistan

Paris Pact Partners - 58 partner countries & 23 regional and international organizations

1st Ministerial Conference Paris 2004
2nd Ministerial Conference Moscow 2007
3rd Ministerial Conference Vienna 2010
UNGASS 2016

Phase I 2004-2006
Phase II 2007-2010
Phase III 2012-2013
Phase IV 2013-2024
Paris Pact Partners:

58 partner countries

23 regional and international organizations

### 58 Paris Pact Partner Countries

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### 23 Paris Pact Partner Organizations

- Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre (CARICCC)
- Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)
- Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
- Council of Europe (CE)
- Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
- Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (EAG) *
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
- European Police Office (EUROPOL)
- European Union (EU)
- Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- GCC Criminal Information Center to Combat Drugs (GCC-CICCD) *
- International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)
- Interpol (INTERPOL)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
- Southeast European Law Enforcement Center (SELEC)
- United Nations Aids Programme (UNAIDS)
- United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)
- United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- World Customs Organization (WCO)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

* New Paris Pact Partners since the 3rd Ministerial Conference
Vienna Declaration

PILLAR I
Regional Cooperation

PILLAR II
Financial Flows Linked to Illicit Traffic in Opiates

PILLAR III
Preventing Diversion of Precursor Chemicals

PILLAR IV
Reducing Drug Abuse and Dependence

Offering a forum for dialogue
Enhancing evidence-based policy and strategy
Promoting good practices
Adapting to evolving threats along trafficking routes
Paris Pact Initiative - *Pillar II*: Detecting and blocking Financial Flows linked to the illicit traffic in opiates originating from Afghanistan

Expert Working Group (EWG) Meeting – 7-8 October 2021, Vienna (hybrid)

Co-Chair: David Frend  
AML/CFT Adviser and Mentor – Mekong Region  
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- Attended by over 150 participants, representing 36 countries and 12 international and regional organisations

- Agenda:
  - **Understanding** – the threat picture
  - **Disruption** – current initiatives to disrupt illicit financial flows
  - **Developing** – new initiatives and capabilities to assist in disruption of illicit financial flows
  - Review and endorsement of EWG Prioritized Recommendations for Policy Consultative Group Meeting (PCGM)
Developing: New initiatives and capabilities to assist in disruption of illicit financial flows

- Growing importance of virtual assets; not only as financial enablers of the illicit drug trade, but also as a repository for the storage of illicit financial flows pending integration into the orthodox financial sector.

- Paris Pact EWG demonstrated:
  - How private sector could work in partnership with the public sector to track, trace, freeze, seize and confiscate virtual assets associated with the illicit trade in drugs
  - How public-private partnership can mitigate significant risks to public sector by transferring the costs of recovering virtual assets to private sector; while majority of recovered value returned to the public finances for societal economic re-distribution.
1. A community of AML/CFT professionals should be further developed and embedded across government agencies to deliver an integrated response to counter illicit drug-related crimes.

Comment: Including by utilising technical assistance and capacity building from UNODC and other relevant organisations and other regional and national centres and sharing good practices and training manuals.

2. Address gaps in the partnership’s understanding of cross border flows in particular the nature and extent of financial, precursor and drug flows related to the trade in opiates originating in Afghanistan and relevant money laundering.

Comment: To consider initiating a study regarding the latest trends related to drug trafficking routes and related financial flows, including an assessment of the magnitude of the threat and illicit profits generated in destination / consuming countries and potential, existing and growing connections to terrorism financing and other transnational organised crimes.
3. Gather good practices, develop and deliver training on disrupting “contactless” drugs purchases, to include the full range of payment methods (including virtual currencies and new payment methods).

Comment: To consider developing a practical guide on the issue.

4. Continue to support and deliver Illicit Financial Flows workshops which bring together experts from the Northern/Balkan Route and Southern Routes.

Comment: Including by benefiting from UNODC's ongoing programmes and initiatives, as well as the expertise of other relevant organisations.

EWG recommendations will be presented for review and endorsement at Paris Pact’s 15th Policy Consultative Group Meeting (PCGM) 15-16 November 2021, in Vienna (hybrid).
Paris Pact’s unique link between expert level & policy-making & operations

Recommendations’ review and endorsement cycle

Implement
Future expert-level discussions are focused on the implementation of the priority recommendations

Prioritize
Partners select priority recommendations based on stock-taking exercise (EWG/PCGM)

Identify
Expert Working Groups (EWG) instigate round table discussions, help partners to identify areas in need of improvement and recommend concrete action

Review
Recommendations proposed by experts are reviewed and endorsed by the Policy Consultative Group Meeting (PCGM)
Illicit Financial Flows
Regional Cooperation

Drugs Prevention
Health
Pillar I
Law Enforcement oriented Pillars
Pillar II
Illicit Financial Flows
Pillar III
Precursors

Pillar IV
Drug Prevention and Health

Expert Working Groups

Policy Consultative Group Meeting

Paris Pact Consultative Mechanism

RECENTLY COMPLETED
NEW DELHI 2019
SHANGHAI 2019
VIENNA (hybrid) 2020

UPCOMING
MOSCOW
In-person*
15-16 Dec 2021
VIENNA 7-8 Oct 2021
VIENNA 7-8 Oct 2021

* With option for virtual participation

VIENNA
In-person*
15-16 Nov 2021

Dates, Venue
TBC
Q3 / 2022

VIENNA
Hybrid
28-29 Oct 2021

Dates, Venue
TBC
Q2 / 2022

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