In order to support Member States to achieve recognized quality standards, LSS publishes guidelines and manuals addressing aspects of quality management relevant to fields of forensic science, in particular concerning:

- The development of quality management systems including the design and implementation of good practices and the establishment of structured quality control programmes;
- The material and equipment necessary to be able to obtain reliable data;
- The training and education in best practices for first responders, law enforcement officers and scientists.
Publications on technical and analytical methodologies

LSS provides guidance and practical assistance to Member States at any stage of their capacity development to strengthen and improve their technical and analytical performances in the field and in the laboratory, through the publication of a series of technical guidelines and manuals with recommended methods of analysis, in particular concerning:

- **Identification of drugs and precursors** to allow the identification and analysis of substances under international control and new psychoactive substances in seized material or biological samples on site or in the laboratory using a variety of analytical techniques;

- **Recognition, preservation, collection and analysis of physical traces** at crime scenes to allow reconstruction and understanding of past criminal events;

- **Examination of security documents** to recognize fraudulent documents and interdict cross-border crimes (e.g. smuggling of migrants, drugs and other goods or mobility of terrorists).

How to get access to these publications?

Most of the publications are available on the internet and can be downloaded at:

www.unodc.org/unodc/en/scientists/resources.html

Law enforcement-sensitive publications are only available upon request by contacting the UNODC Laboratory and Scientific Section via e-mail at:

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Upon request, UNODC furnishes in-person training and E-learning modules on most of the above mentioned topics. UNODC also provides kits to be used on the field for rapid drug and precursor testing and for crime scene investigation.

If required, access to these UNODC services can be arranged subject to the availability of funds.

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