

# Side Event. 65th Commission on Narcotic Drugs

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The EU's rights-based and development-oriented approach to drug policies in cooperation initiatives in Central Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Presentation of COPOLAD III and CADAP 7.

The experience of the European Union international cooperation initiatives in Central Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean will be presented.

COPOLAD (European Union - Latin America - Caribbean) & CADAP (European Union - Central Asia) are cooperation projects on drugs funded by the EU and led by Spain.

The global drug policy situation is complex and changing, impacting economies as well as the public health and well-being of many communities. The COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to significantly modify the world's economic and social context and has affected the most vulnerable groups.

Drug policies need to tackle these challenges.

International cooperation is a valuable tool to foster evidence-based approach for effective and balanced drug policies.

### Chair:

**Joan R. Villalbí.** Government Delegate for the National Plan on Drugs. Ministry of Health. Spain.

### Panelists:

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