

# Prevention of Overdoses and Drug-Related Deaths

Side event at the 65th Commission on Narcotic Drugs organized by the Netherlands

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Tuesday 15 March 2022

12.15-13.05 CET

## About

During this side event, experts will present recent developments in and innovative projects on improved data collection and reporting tools and strategic measures to prevent and reduce overdose and drug-related deaths as the ultimate harm of drug use. Intervening effectively to prevent drug overdoses remains a clear gap in current responses, with the number of fatal drug overdoses remaining high in many countries and even increasing in some. For example, overdose deaths in the European Union have been increasing since 2012, with the 74 % increase among the 50-plus age group particularly high. The session will address various country-specific examples and aims to distill common approaches in preventing and reducing fatal and non-fatal overdoses and drug related harm as well as improving effective data collection and reporting there to.

## Moderator

### **Mr. Victor Sannes - the Netherlands**

Director Nutrition, Health Protection and Prevention department at the Ministry of Health

## Panel

### **Dr. Eamon Keenan - Ireland**

HSE National Clinical Lead of Addiction Services

### **Dr. Joakim Strandberg - Sweden**

Head of Unit for Drug Prevention Public Health Agency

### **Dr. Mateja Jandl - Slovenia**

Medical doctor and public health specialist at National Health Institute

### **Ms. Aljona Kurbatova - Estonia**

Head of the Center for Prevention of Drug Addiction and Infectious Diseases at the National Institute for Health Development

**European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)**

## Programme

Introduction

Presentations by speakers

Reflection on the presentation by EMCDDA

Q&A

Closing remarks

**Co-sponsored by Ireland, Sweden, Czech Republic, Estonia, Slovenia and the European Union.**