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First Steering Committee of the Central Asia Drug Reduction Programme discusses plans for 2022

On 30 March 2022, the First Steering Committee meeting of the 7th Phase of EU-funded CADAP programme brought together delegates from the counter-narcotics beneficiary agencies, European Union Delegations from the Central Asian countries, implementing partner- Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIAPP), in order to discuss plans for the first year of the programme implementation.

The meeting involved a presentation of the programmes' objectives, expected results and the actions planned for the next year, followed by a constructive discussion with the primary beneficiaries and partners. The objectives of the meeting were to share good practices, identify priority issues discuss the draft working plan, identify opportunities for knowledge and experience sharing in the area of drug reduction. The discussion allowed participants from all five Central Asian countries to identify additional needs and make further recommendations, which shall be taken into account in the work plan for the next year.

The meeting was essential for discussing plans for the first year of the programme implementation, laying a foundation for further cooperation and establishing a forum for the presentation of achievements, evaluation of results, and feedback. Similar regional meetings will take place each year throughout the implementation period.

Since its launch in 2003, the different phases of CADAP have been supporting the governments of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in implementing strategies and measures to reduce the demand for drugs, promoting prevention initiatives and improving the treatment offered by public institutions to drug users in the region. The new 7th phase, with a total budget of 6.8 million Euros, intends to continue interventions in the development of integrated and evidence-based drug policies and to improve access to quality drug demand reduction interventions to vulnerable groups, following a gender and human rights-based approach (HRBA).

CADAP 7 is implemented by FIAPP – International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies. FIAPP is a foundation of the Spanish Public Sector that aims the participation of public administrations in international cooperation programmes, mobilizing the knowledge and experiences of the public systems of the European Union and third countries within the framework of the 2030 Agenda.



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