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### CADAP Programme and its national partners wrapping up the progress and making plans for the future

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The EU-funded Central Asia Drug Action Programme, 7<sup>th</sup> Phase (CADAP 7) starts the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Technical Committees meetings to discuss the main developments within the action to date and agree on the way forward. Next meeting from the series has been conducted in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on June 30, 2022. The action's main stakeholders were convened to the event, including the EU delegation and the Government authorities such as the Ministries of Foreign and Internal Affairs, Education, Justice, Health.

Cosimo Lamberti, EU Delegation Programme Manager opened the event and highlighted that “being a platform for exchanging opinions and planning next steps, the technical committee targets the needs of a wide range of partners involved in combatting drug abuse and illicit trafficking: policy makers, law enforcement bodies and health specialists.”

Ms. Cholpon Tabaldieva, Senior Operations Officer of Organizational and Analytical Department of Counter-Narcotics Service of Ministry of Interior emphasized that “Countering drugs continues to be a priority area of the Kyrgyz Republic and it is supported by country strategic planning documents, including the National Security Concept of the Kyrgyz Republic and the National Development Program of the Kyrgyz Republic for the period up to 2026. In this regard, contribution of CADAP Programme is very relevant”.

The meeting resulted in forming and agreeing on a country work plan of the Programme for the upcoming year with specific outputs, activities and technical partnership arrangements. A separate working session with experts from National Center on Prevention of Addictions (Poland) has been held, where preventive measures planned for 2022-2023 years have been presented based on the needs and proposals to national partners assessed earlier.

Since its launch in 2003, the different phases of the EU-funded CADAP Programme 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 7<sup>th</sup> phase, with a total budget of 6.8 million Euros, intends to continue targeting interventions in the development of integrated and evidence-based drug policies and to improve access to quality drug demand reduction initiatives to vulnerable groups, following a gender and human rights-based approach (HRBA).



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