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CADAP 7 Technical Committee Meeting held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

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The EU-funded Central Asia Drug Action Programme, 7th Phase (CADAP 7) continues the 2nd 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 hybrid format in Ashgabat on August 24, 2022. The action's main stakeholders were convened to the event, including implementing agency - FIIAPP, the EU delegation and the Government partners - Ministry of Internal Affairs of Turkmenistan, Ministry of Sports and Youth Policy, Ministry of Healthcare and Medical Industry.

Cosimo Lamberti, EU Delegation Programme Manager opened the event and highlighted that "European Union and CADAP programme are not simply bringing expertise to the region but also exchanging experience and expertise."

Government authorities expressed gratitude to European Union and CADAP programme for continuous support and expressed commitment for fruitful cooperation and successful implementation of the current phase.

The Technical Committees continue to serve a basis for monitoring progress towards project goals and a reference point for efficiency of cooperation and partnerships with the beneficiaries during the implementation phase. The meeting gave all project stakeholders the opportunity to update EU on the progress made in terms of the project's inception phase and activities already being implemented, to provide country update on baseline situation, issues and challenges. It 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.

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 7th 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).

CADAP 7 is implemented by FIIAPP – International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies. A foundation of the Spanish public sector that manages international cooperation projects within the framework of the 2030 Agenda. FIIAPP is an actor of the Spanish and European cooperation whose work is based on peer-to-peer exchange of knowledge and learning between public administrations of different countries.



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