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CADAP 7 Technical Committee Meeting held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Dushanbe, 19 August 2022

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 Dushanbe on August 19, 2022. The action's main stakeholders were convened to the event, including implementing agency - FIIAPP, the EU delegation and the Government authorities such as the Drug Control Agency, Ministries of Foreign and Internal Affairs, Education, Justice, Health.

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."

Ms Firuza Murdovzoda, the Head of Informational and Analytical Department of DCA expressed gratitude to European Union and CADAP programme for continuous support that was provided to Tajikistan during previous phases and assured readiness for successful implementation of the Work Plan under the new phase. Specific emphasis was made with regard to enhancing cooperation on preventive activities and hard component.

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. As it was said by Mr. Janusz Sieroslavsky, expert, "Drug use prevention programmes are effective when they respond to the needs of a community, involve all the relevant sectors and are based on scientific evidence; effective programmes should also incorporate strong monitoring and evaluation components"

The technical committee 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. 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.

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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).

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