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EU funded Central Asia Drug Action Programme presents **2023 Action Plan for Uzbekistan**

At its next meeting, held on 22 February in Tashkent, the Technical Committee of the Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP), funded by the European Union presented Plan of Action for Uzbekistan for 2023, discussed the main developments within the Programme to date and agreed on the way forward the nearest future.

In his welcoming remarks, Mr. Wim Riepma, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Uzbekistan, said that the partnership between the European Union and Uzbekistan has grown stronger throughout the years and became a cornerstone of the EU's goal of fostering resilience and prosperity in Central Asia and beyond. He added that successful drug demand and harm reduction as well as addressing drug trafficking, contribute to this goal. Uzbekistan is strategically located vis-à-vis major production areas of opioids, (met)-amphetamines and synthetic drugs and therefore the CADAP Programme continues to be of high relevance. He thanked and commended the government of Uzbekistan for their unwavering support.

Ms Dina Mamutova, specialist of the international department, National Information-Analytical Center on Drug Control under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, mentioned that within the implementation of the CADAP phases, visible results have been achieved in the area of prevention, in the reduction of the spread of drug use among the population. "Today we face new challenges and threats requiring a joint international response. In doing so, we consider it possible to continue our fruitful cooperation under the Financial Agreement for the implementation of the 7 phase of the CADAP Programme in the several key areas" – she said.

Besides discussing the results to highlight, sharing the opinions and determining the plan of actions for the next year, participants have been acquainted with the latest developments with regard to evidence-based drug policies - the approach of Spain has been presented to them. Also, the requirements related to internship in Spain (Government Delegation for the National Plan on Drugs, under Ministry of Health of Spain) have been communicated to potential applicants from government institutions of Uzbekistan.

It should be noted that a wide range of activities are being planned for Uzbekistan for 2023, among which are – the development of a roadmap on drug control, production and dissemination of targeted studies upon the request of national partners, development of preventive and treatment programmes in accordance with European standards, expert meetings and internships at European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addictions (EMCDDA), field visit to Spain.

More information about CADAP, its activities and results achieved is available at: <http://www.eu-cadap.org>



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