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Second Steering Committee of the Central Asia Drug Reduction Programme took place in Turkmenistan

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On 5 July 2023, the Second Steering Committee meeting of the 7th Phase of the EU-funded Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP) brought together delegates from the national beneficiary agencies of Central Asian countries, European Union Delegations, implementing partner FIIAPP and international experts in drug demand reduction.

The objectives of the meeting were to share good practices, identify priority issues, discuss the 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.

«CADAP programme is a long-standing partner of Turkmenistan. The Government of Turkmenistan, in particular the relevant ministries and departments of Turkmenistan, within the framework of the previous and current 7 phase of this Programme, are actively involved in the implementation of all its components», said Yazguly Agabayev, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Turkmenistan, in his welcoming speech. - “The plan of the current 7th phase of CADAP Programme includes such

activities as technical assistance in the development of a roadmap to strengthen the key positions of national policy, monitoring, prevention and treatment, assistance in the development and testing of curricula on drug prevention, compiling a roadmap to improve data collection, preparing national reports on drugs, assisting in the introduction of new curricula on rehabilitation and reintegration in universities, and others that are of interest to the countries of the region and are certainly relevant for us at this time”, - he noted.

Cosimo Lamberti, European Union Representative mentioned the great regional impact of CADAP Programme. “One of the greater positive aspects is that in CADAP case we have possibility to tackle several problems not at national but at a regional one or transnational one” – he said.

“Maintaining frequent contact between countries of the region and carrying out activities at regional level requires appropriate coordination mechanisms. In Central Asia, regional cooperation is made easier through the Regional Steering Committee whose members are representatives of national beneficiaries’ agencies of CADAP 7. Annual Steering Committees have been convened in different countries of the region to report, evaluate and review various activities carried out within the framework of CADAP, as well as to design new ones. In 2023, Turkmen Government has strongly supported this initiative by providing an excellent platform for establishing a forum for the presentation of achievements, evaluation of results, and feedback”, says Ernest Robello, CADAP 7 Director.

The meeting involved a presentation of the programme’s objectives, expected results and the actions planned for the next year, followed by a constructive discussion with the primary beneficiaries from Central Asian countries. Good practices were shared, priority issues identified, together with opportunities for knowledge and experience sharing in the area of drug reduction.

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

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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