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COMMUNITY AGENCIES: PARTNERS IN ACCESSION

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PROGRAMME

Community agencies: partners in accession

We have commemorated significant political developments in European history in 2009: the 20th anniversary of the fall of the iron curtain and the fifth anniversary of an extensive wave of European Union enlargement. Looking to the future, this year has also marked the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty by all European Union Member States.

Europe is a different place now than it was 20, or even 10 years ago. Consequently, a European Union of 27 Member States faces new challenges, including helping candidate and potential candidate countries prepare for participation in the work of Community agencies. This is not a new task, but the nature of technical cooperation, its objectives and modalities are becoming more complex and require a new approach. Community agencies have a special role to play in helping third countries become familiar with European practices and the range of cooperation mechanisms in existence.

Today's conference, called 'Community agencies: partners in accession', has been organised by the EMCDDA at the request of the European Commission to contribute to this process. The audience of policymakers from IPA beneficiary countries, representatives from EU Member States, the European Parliament, the European Commission and the agencies themselves have been brought together here in Sintra to share experiences and learn more about each other. We hope that the information on offer on procedures for participating in the work of the agencies, useful tips and advice will contribute to giving new impetus to the actions in the Pre-Accession Assistance Programme.

Wolfgang Götz
EMCDDA Director

16.00 – 17.00

INAUGURAL SESSION

- **Mr Wolfgang Götz**, Director, EMCDDA
- **Mr Bo Andersson**, Assistant Commissioner, Swedish National Police Academy, Division for International Affairs
- **Mr Alexis Goosdeel**, Head of Unit, Reitox and International Cooperation, EMCDDA

17.00 – 18.00

**PLENARY SESSION I – EU AND IPA BENEFICIARIES:
TOWARDS A STRENGTHENED COOPERATION**

Chair: **Mr Vitalino Canas**, President, Parliamentary Committee for EU Affairs, Portuguese Parliament

EU governance and enlargement: challenges and perspectives

Mr Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Director, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, DG Justice, Freedom and Security, EC

The enlargement process in the light of the Lisbon Treaty

Mr David Phinnemore, Senior Lecturer in European Integration, Jean Monnet Chair in European Political Science, Queen’s University, Belfast

18.30

WELCOME COCKTAIL

09.30 – 11.00

PLENARY SESSION II – THE COMMUNITY AGENCIES AT YOUR SERVICE

Chair: Ms Maarit Kokki, Adviser to the Director, ECDC

The Community Agencies within the EU institutional framework

Mr Zoltán Kazatsay, Deputy Director-General, Coordination for Transport, DG Energy and Transport, EC

What is a Community Agency? From theory to practice

Mr Patrick Goudou, Executive Director, EASA

What can the European Commission and Community Agencies offer to IPA beneficiaries?

Mr Yngve Engstroem, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement, EC

11.00 – 11.30

COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 12.30

PLENARY SESSION III – THREE PERSPECTIVES OF COOPERATION WITH COMMUNITY AGENCIES

Chair: Mr Jukka Takala, Director of OSHA

The experience of a former candidate country

Ms Bogusława Bukowska, Deputy Director of the Polish National Bureau for Drug Prevention, Deputy Polish Member of the EMCDDA Management Board

The point of view of a candidate country

Ms Peyman Altan, Head/Project Manager, Drug Addiction & Tobacco Control Department, Ministry of Health, Turkey

The point of view of a potential candidate country

Dr Drazenka Malicbegovic-Rados, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia-Herzegovina

12.30 – 14.00

LUNCH

14.00 – 15.30

PARALLEL SESSION A – LESSONS LEARNED

1. What have been your experiences of technical assistance so far?
2. What were the key elements of success?
3. What were the main challenges and how did you resolve them?

Workshop 1: Transport (EASA, EMSA, ERA)

Chair: Mr James Wood, Communication Adviser, EMSA

Speakers:

- Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Head of International and Legal Department, Ministry of Transport, Croatia
- Mr. Yalkin Giray Yuksel, General directorate of Maritime Transport Turkey
- Mr Dieter Gaupmann, International Cooperation Department, EASA
- Mr Shkelqim Xhaxhiu, Head of Maritime Transport Policy Section, Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications, Albania
- Mr Andrea Tassoni, Project Manager, EMSA

Rapporteur: Mr Alessandro Pirona, Project Manager, EMCDDA

Workshop 2: Environment and agriculture (CPVO, ECHA, EEA)

Chair: Mr Gordon McInnes, Deputy Director, EEA

Speakers:

- Mr Hans-Walter Rutz, Multi Beneficiary Programme Expert, CPVO
- Mr Rene Vukelić, Head of Development, Projects and International Cooperation Sector, Croatian environment Agency, Croatia
- Mr Zoran Mitrović, Deputy Director, Environment Protection Agency, Montenegro
- Mr Osman Hoxha, Ministry of Agriculture, Albania

Rapporteur: Mr Henk Visser, Task Manager, DG Enlargement, EC

Workshop 3: Health (ECDC, EFSA, EMCDDA, EMEA)

Chair: Mr Thomas Lönngren, Executive Director, EMEA

Speakers:

- Ms Marina Kuzman, Associate Director, National Institute of Public Health, Croatia
- Mr Ilco Zaharaiev, Head of Department for European Integration, Ministry of Health, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Ms Ljiljana Golubovic, Public Health Institute, Montenegro
- Ms Zorica Jurković, Director, Croatian Food Agency
- Mr Finn Sheye, Policy Officer, EFSA

Rapporteur: Ms Cécile Martel, Senior Policy Officer, EMCDDA

Workshop 4: Living and working conditions (CEDEFOP, ETF, EUROFOUND, OSHA)

Chair: Mr Jorma Karppinen, Director, EUROFOUND

Speakers:

- Ms Madlen Serban, Director, ETF
- Ms Boglárka Bóla and Tim Tregenza, Network Managers, OSHA
- Mr Loukas Zahilas, Senior Expert, Qualifications and Learning Outcomes, CEDEFOP
- Mr Zdravko Muratti, Head of Department, Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship, Croatia
- Mr Ali Riza Ergun, Expert of Occupational Health and Safety, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Turkey

Rapporteur: Ms Mattanja de Boer, Head of Operations, EUROFOUND

15.30 – 16.00 | **COFFEE BREAK**

16.00 – 17.30

PARALLEL SESSION B – PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

1. Are there new technical assistance projects?
2. What are the needs and expectations of such projects?
3. How can we make the cooperation more fruitful and efficient?

Workshop 1: Transport (EASA, EMSA, ERA)

Chair: *Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac*, Head of International and Legal Department, Ministry of Transport, Croatia

Speakers:

- *Mr Danijel Krakic*, Director, Ministry of Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development, Directorate for Railway Traffic, Croatia
- *Mr Nexhat Kapidani*, Senior Advisor, Maritime Safety Department, Montenegro
- *Mr Andrea Tassoni*, Project Manager, EMSA
- *Mr Anders Lundstrom*, Head of Unit, ERA

Rapporteur: *Mr Giuseppe Russo*, Project Officer for Training and Cooperation, EMSA

Workshop 2: Environment and agriculture (CPVO, ECHA, EEA)

Chair: *Ms Jelena Cvetkovic*, Assistant Minister for EU Integration and International Cooperation, Serbia

Speakers:

- *Mr Gordon McInnes*, Deputy Director, EEA
- *Mr Dejan Lekic*, Manager of the Information System Department, Serbian Environmental Protection Agency, Serbia
- *Ms Svetlana Gjorgjeva*, Head of Macedonian Environmental Information Center, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Rapporteur: *Mr Henk Visser*, Task Manager, DG Enlargement, EC

Workshop 3: Health (ECDC, EFSA, EMCDDA, EMEA)

Chair: *Ms Elizabet Paunovic*, Assistant Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Sector for Integration and International Cooperation, Serbia

Speakers:

- *Mr Alban Ylli*, Director of Public Health Institute, Albania
- *Ms Marina Popovska-Domazetova*, Director, Food Directorate, Ministry of Health, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- *Mr Frédéric Denecker*, Project and Network Support Officer, EMCDDA
- *Ms Nergiz Özbag*, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, General Directorate of Protection and Control, Turkey
- *Ms Tanja Knežević*, Director, Institute of Public Health of Serbia

Rapporteur: *Ms Cécile Martel*, Senior Policy Officer, EMCDDA

Workshop 4: Living and working conditions (CEDEFOP, ETF, EUROFOUND, OSHA)

Chair: *Mr Zeki Parlak*, Associate Professor, Marmara University, Turkey

Speakers:

- *Mr Goran Jovanovski*, State Labour Inspectorate, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- *Ms Vera Božić-Trefalt*, Director, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy, Occupational Health and Safety Directorate, Serbia
- *Mr Zlatko Popovic*, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health, Montenegro
- *Ms Frosina Gjino*, State Inspectorate of Labour (under the Ministry of Labour), Albania

Rapporteur: *Ms Mattanja de Boer*, Head of Operations, EUROFOUND

20.00 | OFFICIAL DINNER

09.00 – 10.30

PLENARY SESSION IV – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: THE WAY FORWARD

Chair: **Mr Alexis Goosdeel**, Head of Unit, Reitox and International Cooperation, EMCDDA

Report by the rapporteurs from the working groups

Discussion

TAIEX, providing technical assistance for institution building

Mr Paolo Gozzi, Team leader TAIEX, Twinning and SIGMA, DG Enlargement, EC

10.30 – 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 12.30

PLENARY SESSION V – INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES

Chair: **Mr Paulo de Almeida Sande**, Head of the European Parliament Information Office in Portugal

The role of the European Parliament and civil society in the accession process

Mr Paulo de Almeida Sande, Head of the European Parliament Information Office in Portugal

Strengthening cooperation at regional level: challenges, perspectives and possible contribution of Community agencies

Ms Jelica Minic, Deputy Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo

Continuing the cooperation: mid term perspectives

Mr Yngve Engstroem, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement, EC

12.30 – 13.00

CLOSING SESSION

- **Mr Wolfgang Götz**, Director, EMCDDA
- **Ms Margarida Marquês**, Head of the European Commission Delegation in Portugal
- **Mr Mario David**, Member of the European Parliament

List of acronyms

CEDEFOP	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
CPVO	Community Plant Variety Office
DG	Directorate-General (European Commission)
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency
EC	European Commission
ECDC	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
ECHA	European Chemicals Agency
EEA	European Environment Agency
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
EMCDDA	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
EMA	European Medicines Agency
EMSA	European Maritime Safety Agency
ERA	European Railway Agency
ETF	European Training Foundation
EU	European Union
EUROFOUND	European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
IPA	Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance
OSHA	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
TAIEX	Technical Assistance Information Exchange Unit (European Commission)

