



European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction

FACT SHEET from the EU drugs agency in Lisbon

NOTIFICATION: NEW CONTACT DETAILS

EU drugs agency, EMCDDA, moves to new premises

(31.8.2009, LISBON) The EU drugs agency, the **European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)**, moved this month to new premises in the Portuguese capital. From now on, it can be contacted at the following address:

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Established in 1993, the drugs agency has been based in Lisbon since 1995 and is the hub of drug-related information in Europe. Its mission is to provide the EU and its Member States with an evidence base on the European drugs problem to inform policymaking and practice. The EMCDDA's flagship product is its yearly overview of the European drug phenomenon which it releases in a report every autumn.

The move follows the signing in April 2009 of a 25-year lease agreement with owner of the property, the Lisbon Port Authority. Commenting, **EMCDDA Director Wolfgang Götz** said: 'We would like to thank the Portuguese authorities, the EU institutions and the Member-State representatives on our Management Board for all their efforts in making this relocation possible. The current premises provide us with new improved working conditions and enhanced visibility in the agency's hometown'.

This is the first time in six years that EMCDDA staff members have been housed under the same roof, having been split over two sites since 2003.

The new EMCDDA building forms part of a larger European complex shared with the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), based in Lisbon since 2006, and the Jacques Delors European Information Centre (Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

Notes:

Chairman of the EMCDDA Management Board: Marcel Reimen
EMCDDA Director: Wolfgang Götz <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/about/director>
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