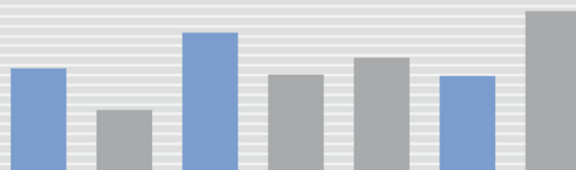




Fact sheet

from the EU drugs agency in Lisbon



NEW MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED TODAY

EMCDDA renews accord with ISCTE-IUL

(10.5.2017, LISBON) The **EU drugs agency (EMCDDA)** and the **University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL)** will be strengthening their cooperation in future thanks to a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two bodies today in Lisbon. The signatories were **Rector of ISCTE-IUL Professor Luís Antero Reto** and **EMCDDA Director Alexis Goosdeel**.

The EMCDDA and ISCTE-IUL signed their first MoU in 2011, ahead of the first **European drugs summer school (EDSS)** organised by the two partners in 2012. The organisations are currently preparing the sixth EDSS, to take place in Lisbon from 26 June to 7 July ⁽¹⁾.

Signed for a period of five years, the new MoU aims to:

- promote effective cooperation in academic and scientific activities in areas of common interest; and
- enhance the scientific, technical and human capacity and potential of the two organisations.

The MoU includes opportunities for: the exchange of scientific experts and university professors (for teaching and research purposes); the exchange of information, knowledge and expertise in areas of common interest; collaborative research, lectures, symposia and similar activities; joint academic programmes (including summer schools) and trainee exchanges.

The 2017 MoU is in line with the recently published **EMCDDA Strategy 2025**, which states that the EMCDDA's partnerships with universities, research centres and scientific bodies, among others, allow the agency to maintain a close and ongoing understanding of developments in the research area ⁽²⁾. Such partnerships to date have also supported the development of European and international standards and have facilitated the reporting and interpretation of European data at international level.

Notes

⁽¹⁾ For more, see www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/fs9/registration-opens-for-2017-european-drugs-summer-school — Promotional video available at https://youtu.be/rKImV_vSall

⁽²⁾ For more, see www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/work-programmes-and-strategies/strategy-2025 — www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2017/directors-message/strategy-2025