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МИНИСТАРСТВО ЗДРАВЉА



**Working Arrangement  
between the  
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction  
and the  
Office for Combating Drugs, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Interior  
of the Government of the Republic of Serbia**

Whereas the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) is a decentralised agency of the European Union in charge of providing factual, objective, reliable and comparable information at European level concerning drugs, drug addiction and their consequences pursuant to the conditions set out in Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 (recast);

Whereas the Office for Combating Drugs of the Government of Serbia is the competent authority in Serbia for implementing drug policy in the Republic of Serbia and coordinating the work of public administration bodies in the field of the combating drugs, as well as professional, administrative and operational tasks in the field of combating drugs has expressed an interest to negotiate a working arrangement with EMCDDA;

Whereas the Ministry of Interior of Serbia (MI) is the competent authority in Serbia for preventing and detecting criminal offences, finding and apprehending their perpetrators, and bringing them to justice.

Accordingly, the cooperation between the Ministry of Interior and the EMCDDA under the Working Arrangement would take place in the areas listed under a), b), and d).

Whereas the Ministry of Health of Serbia (MOH) is the competent authority in Serbia for contact point activities related to the cooperation with the EMCDDA, as well as for matters related to the Early Warning System on New Psychoactive Substances;

Accordingly, the cooperation between the Ministry of Health and the EMCDDA under the Working Arrangement would take place in the areas listed under a) and b).

Whereas Art. 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 (recast) specifies that the Centre shall actively seek to cooperate with international organisations and other, particularly European, governmental and non-governmental bodies competent in the sector of drugs, and that such cooperation shall be based on Working Arrangements concluded with these bodies;

Whereas the Management Board of the EMCDDA, after receiving the favourable opinion of the European Commission, provided the EMCDDA Director at its meeting of 12–13 December 2019 with a mandate to sign the present Working Arrangement;

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and the Office for Combating Drugs of the Government of Serbia, Ministry of Health of Serbia (MoH) and the Ministry of Interior of Serbia (MI) intend to cooperate in the following fields:

- a) Exchange on methodology of data-collection systems and on data itself (demand and demand reduction, supply and supply reduction, legal aspects and policy models);
- b) Exchange of expertise and of data on NPS, as well as establishment and strengthening of an Early Warning System on Drugs;
- c) Exchange of experiences on health and social responses to drug problems, above all prevention of communicable diseases, harm reduction, social integration and integrated care for addicts;
- d) Support for the approximation of the Serbian national legislation and policies with EU legislation and policies on drug-related issues, including information systems.

Place of signing: Belgrade, 25 March 2020

For the EMCDDA

For the Office for Combating  
Drugs of the Government of  
Serbia

For the Ministry of Health

For the Ministry of Interior

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