



European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction



**Working Arrangement
between the
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
and the
Ministry of Justice of Georgia**

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 Ministry of Justice of Georgia coordinates the Inter-Agency Coordination Council on Combating Drug Abuse, which is in charge of shaping, revising and monitoring implementation of the state policy on responding to drug-related security and health challenges in Georgia; and of ensuring the full operationalisation of the National Drug Observatory, which is established within the country to collect, analyse and report information on illicit consumption of controlled substances subjected to special control, as well as for the purpose of defining epidemiological and statistical indicators;

Whereas Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 (recast) specifies that the EMCDDA 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 16–17 December 2021 with a mandate to sign the present Working Arrangement;

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and the Ministry of Justice of Georgia 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) Support for the strengthening of a National Drug Observatory in Georgia;
- c) Exchange of expertise and of data on new psychoactive substances (NPS), as well as establishment and strengthening of an Early Warning System on Drugs;
- d) Exchange of experiences on health and social responses to drug problems, above all prevention of drug use and treatment of drug dependence, as well as prevention of communicable diseases, harm reduction and social integration.

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