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# Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP Phase 6)

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## Meetings in Osh

**On 10-11 November 2015 the EU, CADAP and Border Management Programme in Central Asia (BOMCA) programmes' representatives visited Osh.**

The EU/BOMCA/CADAP delegation met with State Drug Control Service (SDCS) in Osh to discuss joint cooperation in the future. Chief of the Department of the Mobile Operation Groups Colonel Mirzaliev provided an overview of the activities undertaken by the SDCS in the region. This was followed by a presentation of the significant drug seizures in Batken and Osh.

Ernest Robello, CADAP Project Leader, explained that CADAP and BOMCA are part of the EU regional assistance to CA countries, complementing each other on issues concerning drug demand and supply reduction. SDCS representatives stressed that they all knew the work of previous CADAP 5 and would be happy to engage more actively in the current phase of the programme. They noted that SDCS is open to exchange of knowledge and experiences with CADAP-6.

During the trip to Osh, meeting with the Southern Narcology Centre was organised. Dr Aigul Sadieva, Director of Southern Narcology Centre, informed EU, BOMCA and CADAP representatives about the situation in the region concerning the number of drug users and pattern of drug use in the general population. The delegation had the opportunity to visit the methadone dispensary unit located at the Narcology Center. Dr Sadieva and Ernest Robello discussed possibilities for cooperation within framework of CADAP, especially under prevention and treatment components.

## Meetings with Kazakh National Partners

**Ernest Robello, CADAP Project Leader, conducted meetings in Astana to introduce the new sixth phase of CADAP and its Components to key national partners from the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Health and Social Development.**

On 30 November he met with representatives of the Ministry of Health and Social Development (MoHSD) to learn more about the current drug situation in

Kazakhstan and the role of the Ministry in handling this aspect as well as identify future cooperation within CADAP-6. Mainly, the Ministry deals with issues related to prevention and treatment and gave positive responses and indicated their willingness to cooperate and work jointly under CADAP-6. So far, the Sectoral Programme to Combat Drug Trafficking for 2012-2015 and State Programme “Salamatty Kazakhstan” are two key state documents/action plans for MoHSD to formulate its activities. Both are going to be finalized this year and substituted by another state programme “Densaulyk”.

At the meeting with the Ministry of Interior, the Head of Department for Combatting Drug Trafficking and Drug Control along with 5 other officials, further focal points for CADAP Components, covered the current drug situation in Kazakhstan and mentioned the importance of Sectoral Programme for Combatting Drug Trafficking where around 12 Ministerial Agencies and authorities were involved. Accordingly, they were informed about the upcoming Assessment Missions planned for December and January. Overall, the Ministry of Interior gave positive signals and expressed their high willingness for further cooperation.

### **Workshop on the Northern Route of Afghan opiate trafficking**

On 2-3 December 2015 the workshop on the Northern Route of Afghan opiate trafficking was organized jointly by UNODC Afghan Opiate Trade Project (AOTP), Regional Programme for Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries and the EU-funded Heroin Route II Project and hosted by

CARICC (Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre). UNODC invited the EU Delegation and the CADAP 6 Team Leader Ernest Robello to present CADAP.



The workshop provided an extensive and deep overview of the drug phenomenon in Central Asia. The workshop helped ensure a better understanding of the existing structural gaps and the improvements achieved by the main actors in the fight against drug trafficking. Central Asia remains a region significantly affected by the Afghan’s heroine production. Although the CA Governments are keen to reduce the negative impacts of drug trafficking and drug abuse, there is a need for support from international donors when it comes to technical assistance. CADAP and the Heroin Route programmes can contribute positively in this respect.

### **Kick-off of EU-Central Asia Drug Action Programme’s 6th phase**

*The sixth phase of the Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP), funded by the European Union, was launched on 26 November 2015. The conference of the official opening of CADAP 6 was hosted by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.*

The Conference aimed at presenting the next CADAP Phase, discussing programme’s



tasks and expected results, defining the priorities and joint actions at the regional level. By providing opportunities for exchange of expertise and dialogue, the Conference was the next step towards strengthening regional platform on drug demand reduction, promoting cooperation and interaction among agencies and partners concerned, as well as creating a coordinated strategy on results achievement.



In his welcoming speech, Ambassador Cesare de Montis, Head of the EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic, stressed that CADAP can play an important positive and constructive role in the region, by enhancing the cooperation between Central

Asian republics in strategically important areas such as drug addiction treatment and prevention.

The event, which was jointly organized with the EU-funded Border Management Programme in Central Asia, gathered more than a hundred participants including representatives of the key beneficiary agencies of these EU Assistance programmes, namely border security, customs, migration agencies, state services on drug control, ministries of health from Central Asian countries, as well as representatives from the international stakeholders, such as Central Asian Embassies, EU Member States' embassies and international organisations.



The opening ceremony was followed by the first regional steering committee meeting, in which EU experts presented work plans on policy advice, data collection and monitoring, prevention, treatment and harm reduction, and discussed CADAP's implementation modalities with their Central Asian partners.

Such regional meetings are convened once a year in Central Asian countries to promote further dialogue and exchange of information among the national authorities involved in the programme together with

the EU and implementation partners. In this way, a better understanding and ownership of the programme is ensured, as well as agreements on future perspectives and joint efforts to enhance programme's impact both at country and regional level.

## **Prevention Component Assessment Mission in Kazakhstan**

A seminar-type assessment mission on Prevention Component of CADAP-6 was held in Astana, Kazakhstan, on 8 - 9 December 2015 that gathered national



partners from Ministries, Astana City local authorities as well as international organizations and NGOs.

The key objective of the assessment mission was to present and discuss the Proposal of Prevention Component, to review prevention programmes and activities currently held in Kazakhstan and to explore and assess the needs of Kazakhstan in the prevention field.

The Prevention Component specified which working areas are important for Kazakhstan and how they can be supported by CADAP-6 that would help to formulate detailed prevention action plan and activities for Kazakhstan. Along with that, preliminary list of communities for local programme implementation was identified as well as the preliminary proposals of Kazakh experts for developing prevention programme was collected.

Assessment Mission was productive and paved the way for effective next steps.



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