



European Monitoring Centre  
for Drugs and Drug Addiction



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**Working Arrangement  
between the  
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction  
and the  
Federal Office of Public Health of Switzerland**

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 — Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 (Recast);

Whereas the Federal Office of Public Health of Switzerland (FOPH) is the competent authority for the evaluation and coordination of the federal policy on illicit drugs;

Whereas the FOPH has expressed an interest to formally engage in closer scientific cooperation with the EMCDDA;

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 29 June 2017 with a mandate to sign the present working arrangement;

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and the Federal Office of Public Health of Switzerland 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 New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) — collaboration between the Swiss National Reference Laboratory and the European Database on New Drugs (EDND);
- 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.

Place of signing: Lisbon

on 12 September 2017

For the EMCDDA  
Director,  
Alexis Goosdeel

For the Federal Office of Public Health of Switzerland  
Director,  
Pascal Strupler

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