COPOLAD:
A bi-regional project for cooperation and dialogue
EVOLUTION AND PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES

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ENTIDADES COLABORADORAS

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PRINCIPAL STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Optimize the bi-regional EU-ECLAC exchange: dialogue and evidence-based experience. Seek to:

- Strengthen mutual, concrete and coordinated responses
- Identify strategies, methods and instruments based on:
  - Each country’s experiences
  - Available evidence on effectiveness
  - Prioritization based on effectiveness (cost-benefit)

Contribute to increased consistency among:

- Research
- Policy
- Practical application

WORK METHOD

- Program open to all countries in both regions
- All 11 members of the Consortium have participated since the initial planning phase
- Activities: determined by consensus among the Consortium and approved by the European Commission
WORK METHOD

- Each activity is led by a member state
- Based on the needs and content of the activities, each leader may coordinate with:
  - Other member states
  - The Consortium’s partner agencies. For example:
    - Efforts in consolidating and training national observatories are carried out in cooperation with EMCDDA and OID-CICAD
    - Online training in Demand Reduction is carried out under the co-direction of PAHO

COMPONENTS

- COMPONENT I  Consolidation of the European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism On Drugs
- COMPONENT II  Consolidation of National Drug Observatories
- COMPONENT III  Demand Reduction Capacity Building
- COMPONENT IV  Supply Reduction Capacity Building
COMPONENT I

Consolidation of the European Union – Latin America and the Caribbean Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism On Drugs

Primary Advances

§ 1st Annual Conference (Bogota, June 30 – July 1, 2011). Report available: www.copolad.eu

§ 1st Report on the Status of Documentation Centers in member states: first preparatory workshop to develop a model platform for online information exchange between centers (Madrid, Spain, September 2012)

§ A section dedicated to the CELAC-EU Mechanism is being developed on the COPOLAD website, to facilitate direct communication between National Agencies and the Mechanism’s Technical Committee.

COMPONENT I

Consolidation of the European Union – Latin America and the Caribbean Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism On Drugs

Primary Advances (continued …)

§ Seminar – Workshop Drug policy evaluation (Santiago, Chile, March 27-29, 2012)

§ Seminar – Workshop Drug policies: Decentralization (Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 16-18, 2012)

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Primary Advances (continued…)

Proposal to carry out an evaluation of the evidence available on the various elements of drug policy

- What do we know?
- What do we need to learn?
- Implications regarding knowledge needs in this area

The possibility of collaborating with PAHO on its evaluation, in order to develop a “policy briefing” on this topic, is currently being explored.

COMPONENT II

Consolidation of National Drug Observatories

Primary Advances

Report on indicators collected by EMCDDA, OID-CICAD, National Observatories and other agencies working in this area

1st working meeting to identify a set of comparable indicators for Latin America and the EU

(Bogota, Colombia, March 21-23, 2012)

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COMPONENT II

Consolidation of National Drug Observatories

Primary Advances (continued ...)

Report on the characteristics, training needs and shortcomings of the existing information systems in member states in LA.

Providing training to Observatory personnel on statistics and epidemiology, as well as other identified training needs. Planned courses:

* Biostatistics and epidemiology as applied to drugs
  (Tentative date and location: August 2012, Panama)

* Drafting and publication of reports and scientific articles
  (Tentative date and location: March 2013, country to be determined)

COMPONENT II

Consolidation of National Drug Observatories

Primary Advances (continued ...)

Development of a Thematic Twinning Model between observatories that will enable the development of training workshops (COPOLAD years 2 and 3). Initial workshops planned:

* Development of data collection and patient classification tools. Analysis procedures to determine the national demand for treatment.
  (Tentative date and location: October 2012, Costa Rica)

* Development of data collection tools for identification of problem drug use: alcohol, marijuana and cocaine.
  (Tentative date and location: March 2013, country to be determined)
Analysis of the current status of Rapid Alert Systems (RAS), in order to:
- Identify the current situation in each country
- Promote their development in all countries
- Promote the harmonization of protocols, to facilitate information exchange between countries and regions (EU-CELAC)

Drafting and distribution of a questionnaire on existing research groups and networks in both regions, in order to organize teams and encourage online collaboration.

Preparation and distribution of a questionnaire on COPOLAD members’ Documentation Centers, in order to develop a model online collaboration platform, to optimize knowledge management.
Diagnostic report on Demand Reduction training needs, as identified by professionals primarily working in leadership and planning roles, such as: Policy, Program and Center Directors and Coordinators. In national public sector institutions (37%), regional institutions (46%), and local institutions (20%); and 38% from non-governmental organizations.

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1st edition of the online course for Primary Healthcare personnel responsible for treatment (national, regional or local)

“Comprehensive system for treatment of drug dependency”

Open call for EU fellowship applications: through May 31.
A study that will serve as the basis for the development of a consensus process on criteria for demand reduction evidence has been initiated. Agreement will be reached through a Delphi study, in which experts from the various countries will participate.

The design of an interactive support system for planning and evaluation of DR programs has started: it will include a guided tour, in accordance with Logic Model Planning.

A directory of demand reduction centers and service providers has been started.

http://www.copolad.eu/directorio-de-centros-y-servicios
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Countries that have supplied information for the Directory

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
COMPONENT III
Primary Advances (continued ....)

Internal advantages (for each country) in participating in the Directory:
- Availability of a map of existing resources in the country in:
  - Prevention
  - Assistance
  - Social reintegration
- Simple, continual updating, at a low cost: only requires:
  - An appropriate distribution among centers and services
  - A final validation of the information provided by each team

External advantages (for each country) in participating in the Directory:
- Domestic visibility: availability of an open resource for its citizenry, which provides information on the availability of and access to programs:
  - Prevention
  - Assistance
  - Social reintegration
- International visibility
**COMPONENT IV**

**Supply reduction capacity building**

**Primary advances**

**Alternative development activities:**

- Study to analyze the livelihood bases and systems in coca growing zones. Supports:
  - Basis for the identification of best practices and lessons learned in the development of livelihood alternatives among the coca-growing population.
  - Analysis of actors and communities interested in workshops on the development of local rural development programs.
- First workshop planned: September 2012 (Bogota, Colombia)

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**SR Control Activities:**

- International Conference: *Synthetic drugs, an emerging phenomenon in Latin America* (Cartagena, Colombia, November 1-4, 2011).
  
  31 experts from police anti-drug units and national drug control agencies: information exchange regarding trafficking and use of synthetic drugs; experiences with the European Early Alert System; forensic analysis laboratories; legal high; precursors and chemical substances used in the production of synthetic drugs; criminal forensics; importance of and regulations regarding international cooperation in this area.

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Primary Advances (continued …)

**SR Control Activities:**

- In preparation:
  - 1 Regional Conference on prevention, control and police investigation of the diversion of drug precursors
    (Tentative location and date: October 2012, Argentina)
  - Workshop: Police investigation of maritime cocaine trafficking; improving investigative techniques, coordination and intelligence exchange in combating container trafficking of psychotropic substances.
    (Tentative date and location: November 2012, country to be determined)

### COMPONENT IV

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**Supply Reduction Capacity Building**

**Status of implementation and workload**

(in real terms and as a percentage, updated March 30, 2012)

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