

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) completing Regulation (EEC) No 302/93 establishing a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and, in particular, Article 308 (ex Article 235) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

- (1) Whereas, on 8 February 1993, the Council adopted Regulation (EEC) No 302/93 ⁽¹⁾ establishing a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA),
- (2) Whereas the EMCDDA is responsible for establishing and coordinating, in cooperation with the Member States, a European Network on Drugs and Drug Addiction (REITOX),
- (3) Whereas the European Parliament in its Resolution of September 1998 on the 1997 Annual Report of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction on the state of the drugs problem in the EU indicated that it regards it as essential that the EMCDDA should make a start on incorporating the applicant countries from central and eastern Europe and Cyprus into the REITOX network and taking account of data from those countries in its reports and analyses,
- (4) Whereas there is the need to progressively organise the participation of the central and eastern European countries (CEECs) in the EMCDDA activities and the REITOX core tasks, as foreseen in the EMCDDA Work Programme for 1998-2000,
- (5) Whereas the PHARE Multi-Beneficiary Drugs Programme aims, in particular, at providing assistance to the central and eastern European countries for the development and strengthening of information systems and networks for collecting, processing and distributing data concerning drugs and drug addiction in the CEECs,
- (6) Whereas it is desirable to directly entrust the EMCDDA with the implementation of structural technical assistance projects in the field of information systems for the applicant countries of central and eastern European countries and other applicant countries with a view to involving them into the activities of the EMCDDA and establishing structural links with the REITOX network,

(7) Whereas it is necessary for the EMCDDA to cover in its approach all PHARE countries which are part of the PHARE Multi-Beneficiary Drugs Programme, including therefore Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

(8) Whereas the structural assistance projects to be implemented by the EMCDDA in applicant countries and countries eligible for the PHARE programme include in particular activities related to coordination and exchange of information, transfer of know-how, creation and reinforcement of structural links with the REITOX network and setting up and consolidation of national focal points.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following modifies Article 1(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 302/93:

- ‘4. Without prejudice to Article 2 (D) 14., the Centre may not take any measure which in any way goes beyond the sphere of information and the processing thereof.’

Article 2

The following completes Article 2 (D) of Regulation (EEC) No 302/93:

- ‘14. It may provide, at the request of the European Commission, structural technical assistance in the field of drugs information systems for applicant countries and countries eligible for the PHARE programme with a view to involving them into the activities of the EMCDDA and establishing structural links with the REITOX network.’

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 36, 12.2.1993.