



THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN DRUG POLICY

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Room PHS 1C51 - European Parliament, Brussels

Seminar organised by the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs (CSFD) and co-hosted by MEP Marisa Matias, Group of the European United Left-Nordic Green Left, Portugal

The CSFD is an expert group of the European Commission composed of 45 NGOs from across Europe that aims to foster dialogue between European policy makers and European civil society which supports drug policy formulation and implementation through practical advice.

The EU is entering a key stage in drug policy, with its Drug Strategy for 2013-2020 and Plan of Action 2017-2020 soon coming to an end. At global level, the international drug control system has evolved in major ways in the past decade, with the occurrence of a UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on drugs in 2016, and a Ministerial Segment in 2019 which paved the way for the next 10 years of global drug control. The EU played a key role throughout this process, ensuring that health, human rights, social inclusion and development considerations featured prominently in international discussions around drugs. In the meanwhile, the European elections brought in new Members of European Parliament.

In this context, this seminar will highlight ongoing challenges in drug policy at European and global levels and provide insight into how civil society can assist policy makers and legislators in tackling these issues. Speakers will provide inputs on the contributions of civil society to the EU on current drug policy issues, and raise awareness of the value of civil society participation – and in particular the CSFD – in drug policy processes.

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