Updates on UNGASS on Drugs

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UNGASS 2016

During the 1998 UNGASS – Member States agreed to a decade entitled: "A drug free world by 2008 – we can do it!"

UNGASS scheduled for 2019 but brought forward to 2016 due to urgency



Timeline: UNGASS

- UNGASS outcome document EU consolidated position finalised by Oct
- EU consolidated position presented at reconvened CND December UNGASS segment
- Human rights council session on drugs –
 September
- UNAIDS PCB October
- UNGASS April 2016



EU position so far....

- Strong on
 - Human rights especially the abolition of the death penalty for drugs
 - Risk and harm reduction
 - NPS

Weak on

- Regulation/decriminalization
- Treaty reform



Civil Society Task Force: EU and Thematic Reps

Name	Organization	Constituency
Ann Fordham	International Drug Policy Consortium	Western Europe
Fay Watson	EURAD	Western Europe
Dasha Ocheret	Eurasian Harm Reduction Network	Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Ahmet Olas	Turkish Green Crescent	Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Holly Bradford	INPUD	Global voice: people who use drugs
Rick Lines	HRI	Global voice: harm reduction



Timeline: Civil Society Task Force

- CSTF questionnaire deadline 31st July
- Civil society outcome document
- Civil society hearing hopefully 3 months ahead of UNGASS in NY



10by20 campaign



Imprisoning and even executing large numbers of people for drug offences



Forcing people who use drugs into abusive involuntary treatment



Shutting down harm reduction services, driving up rates of HIV, hepatitis and drug-related deaths



Increasing violence and militarisation

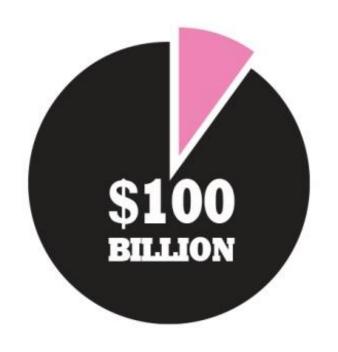


Annual government spending on drug control.

Within the EU:

EUR 5.9 billion on imprisoning people for drug related offenses





We're campaigning to redirect just a tenth of this money to harm reduction – 10 per cent by 2020.



This 10% could...

Fill the gap in HIV and Hepatitis C prevention for people who use drugs twice over.

Strengthen networks of people who use drugs to provide peer services and campaign for their rights.

Roll out Naloxone, enabling us to prevent thousands of overdose deaths every year.



Potential activities for CSF HIV

- Join VNGOC and NYNGOC
- Fill out questionnaire for CSTF
- Joint CSF position statement that could be sent to
- HDG on drugs
- Commissioner at DG Home



Websites and links

- http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/ccsacclat/vngoc-questionnaire-2015/
- http://nyngoc.org/
- http://www.vngoc.org/
- https://www.unodc.org/ungass2016/

