

# Visit of the European Parliament LIBE Committee to the EMCDDA

MEP Caterina Chinnici, member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE Committee) of the European Parliament (Italy, S&D – Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats), is visiting the EMCDDA on 30 and 31 October to gain first-hand insight into the agency, its activities and achievements.

MEP Chinnici will be accompanied by two political advisors – Aurélien Mazuy (ALDE) and Lide Iruin Ibarzabal (GUE/NGL) – and by two representatives of the LIBE Committee Secretariat – Moira Andreanelli and Angela Hrincescu. The Head of the European Parliament Information Office in Portugal, Pedro Valente da Silva, will also participate in the visit.

Fabian Pereyra, Head of the Executive Office at the EMCDDA, is welcoming the delegation in the Director's absence and will explain the agency's contribution to a healthier and more secure Europe. Recent data from the 2019 European Drug Report will be presented and an exchange of views will take place on international drug-related policy challenges, mainly relating to cannabis.

On the issue of the EMCDDA's collaboration with stakeholders, Manuel Cardoso, Deputy General Director of SICAD (General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies) of the Ministry of Health of Portugal, will illustrate the agency's added value for an EU Member State.

Finally, the results of the 2018 external evaluation of the EMCDDA and the budgetary situation for 2020 and 2021–27 will be presented and discussed.