European monitoring centre for drugs and addiction EMCDDA: assistance to applicant countries (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 302/93)

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PURPOSE : to complement Regulation 302/93/EEC establishing a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) in order to extend activities of the EMCDDA to candidate countries, by means of the PHARE Multi-Beneficiary Drugs Programme. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 2220/2000/EC amending Regulation 302/93/EEC on the establishment of a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction. CONTENT : the Regulation aims to stretch the activities of the EMCDDA to the applicant countries and also progressively organise the participation of the applicant countries in the Observatory activities and the Reitox core tasks. However, Regulation 302 /93/EEC does not provide for the possibility for the centre itself to implement structural and technical assistance projects. Therefore, the present Regulation shall enable the Observatory, with the financial help of the existing Community programmes, to provide structural and technical assistance in the field of drugs information systems to those applicant countries willing to participate in the EMCDDA. More specifically, the idea is to directly entrust the EMCDDA with the implementation of PHARE funded projects and, at the request of the Commission, transfer its know-how and assist in the creation and reinforcement of structural links with the Reitox network and the setting up and the consolidation of the national focal points. Furthermore, it is necessary for the Observatory 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 Republic of Macedonia. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 07.10.2000.