Draft European Union drugs strategy for 2005 to 2012

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The European Parliament adopted by 285 votes in favour, 273 against with 23 abstentions and own-initiative report by Giusto CATANIA (GUE/NGL, IT) making recommendations to the Council and to the European Council, on the European strategy on fighting drugs (2005-2012). (Please see the summary of 02 /12/04.) They need to take account of the fact that the assessments made to date of the six main objectives set by the EU Drugs Strategy (2000-2004) show that none of them achieved favourable results and draw political and legislative lessons from this when devising the EU Drugs Strategy (2005-2012) and the related action plans.

Parliament wanted them to establish assessment measures which will allow shortcomings in - and more appropriate measures and resources to achieve - the goals set out in the EU Drugs

Strategy to be correctly detected and rectified. Parliament also wanted the Council and European Council to define and exponentially step up the involvement and participation of drug addicts and users of illicit substances, civil society, NGOs, the voluntary sector and the general public in resolving drug-related problems.