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Horizontal Working Party on Drugs

Austrian Presidency of the Council
of the EU

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Presidency Motto

„A Europe that
protects“

Presidency Priorities

- **Security** and the fight against illegal immigration
- **Securing prosperity and competitiveness** through digitalisation
- **Stability** in the neighbourhood – further EU-rapprochement of the Western Balkan/Southeastern European states
- **Effective Multilateralism** – Strengthening effective multilateralism and the global rules based system

HDG Priorities

- Preparation for a Successful UNGASS 2019 Process and Outcome
- Role of Internet/Darknet in the production, marketing and distribution of drugs and challenges/possibilities for prevention of drug use
- International scheduling of new psychoactive substances
- Alternative development – Council Conclusions
- Implementation of the EU Action Plan of Drugs 2017–2020
- Dialogues with third countries (USA, RU, CELAC – 28.11.)
- Information-sharing between HDG and other Council WPs

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