



Modernizing drug policy: What helps and what goes against it – Case studies

Side event at the 61st Session of the CND

Tuesday 13th March, 9:00 to 9:50, Conference Room MOE79

Organised by the Fédération Bruxelloise des Institutions pour Toxicomanes, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, the International Drug Policy Consortium and Agencia Piaget para o Desenvolvimento

The side event will focus on the range of factors which contribute to support or undermine drug policy modernization. Various country case studies – Portugal, Belgium and Canada – will be discussed in an effort to identify some of these elements.

Some of these countries are characterized by past or present radical drug policy modernization – although these reforms are often limited to restricted areas (cannabis regulation, for instance) or a “one-time modernization”. In other cases, there may also be a drug policy status quo.

Speakers will offer an overview of past and present reforms, identify roadblocks for further modernization, and provide some recommendations for the way forward.

Speakers:

- Sebastien Alexandre, Fedito BXL, Belgium
- Richard Elliott, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Canada
- Jose Queiros, APDES, Portugal
- Moderator: Marie Nougier, IDPC, UK