



**The EU Delegation to the International Organisations in Vienna, the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the EU, the incoming Dutch Presidency of the Council of the EU and the European Commission**

*Kindly invite you to a joint side event on*

## **UNGASS 2016: EUROPEAN UNION VISION**

*In the margins of the reconvened 58th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs*

***Wednesday, 9 December 2015, 14.00 – 15.00***

***Conference Room C2, C Building, Vienna International Centre***

The event aims to introduce the participants to the European Union vision as regards UNGASS 2016 and elaborate on some of the European Union priorities: achieving more focus on the health side of the drugs phenomenon, strengthening the human rights dimension within drug policies and pursuing drug policies based on evidence.

The Chair of the Civil Society Forum on Drugs - a platform established for the informal exchange of views between civil society and EU institutions - will present practical examples of closer involvement of civil society in drug policy making on a regional level.



## AGENDA

2.00-2.10 **Introduction: short overview of the EU priorities on UNGASS 2016**

H.E. Mr. Didier LENOIR, Ambassador, Head of the EU Delegation to the International Organisations in Vienna

2.10-2.20 **Strengthening human rights dimension within drug policies**

H. E. Mr. Camille Weis, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Luxembourg Presidency of the European Union

2.20-2.30 **Health-based approach to drug policies**

H. E. Mr. Marco Hennis, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations Organizations in Vienna

2.30-2.40 **Evidence-based drug strategies: their development and importance**

Mr. Danilo Ballotta, Principal Policy Analyst, Coordinator of institutional relations at the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

2.40-2.50 **Involvement of civil society in drugs policy: the example of the Civil Society Forum on Drugs**

Mrs. Maria Phelan, Chair of the Civil Society Forum on Drugs

2.50-3.00 Questions and answers