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EU experts trained medical staff of penitentiary institutions in Tajikistan on treatment services for drug dependent inmates

Dushanbe, 29 April 2016 – Experts from Germany conducted a two-day training for 15 national experts in treatment of drug dependent prisoners - medical staff of penitentiary institutions: medical administration of the main office for execution of criminal penalties and correctional facilities from Dushanbe and other districts of Tajikistan.

The training focused on international standards of medical ethics and human rights in prison and opioid substitution therapy. The trainers also presented such topics as psychoactive drugs and drug dependency, oral opiate substitution in prisons, and needle exchange program in prisons: national and international experience.

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Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP Phase 6) represents continuity of the EU policy and long term engagement with Central Asian partners to help further strengthen their national policies in drug demand reduction.

A working group of 10-15 experts in the field of narcology, psychology, and social work will participate in CADAP trainings during the period of 2016-2017. These trainings will be conducted in Central Asian countries for the purpose of improving quality standards of medical services rendered for problem drug users. At the end of trainings participants will receive certificates of University of Frankfurt.

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