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Best regards,
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Emne: Draft EMCDDA Strategy for 2025 informal consultation - comments from Norway

Dear [REDACTED]

These are the Norwegian comments to the draft EMCDDA strategy.

Initially, please convey our satisfaction to the director for facilitating an open process. We appreciate the fact that the management board has had several possibilities to comment on the work in progress, and I understand that also the EMCDDA staff has been duly heard in the process.

From the Norwegian point of view, there are no reasons for major comments to the draft as it seems to be well written and to include the relevant issues. We therefore restrict our comments to the following.

Norway welcomes the forward looking and strategic approach of the draft strategy. Nevertheless, we would welcome a strategic discussion on priorities between and within the highlighted areas in the draft. Whereas new tasks and new working methods are both relevant and necessary, it is of key importance that these will not compromise the focus on and the quality of the core task of the center, namely the work on ensuring reliable and comparable data. The document initially recognizes the resource challenges that both the center and the member states are and will be facing, and in that respect the document could benefit from a discussion on priorities.

Furthermore, while more analytical and strategic work might be in demand, and surely is very important, we would like to underscore that it is very important to ensure that tasks related to such demand are always carried out cautiously, in a manner that ensures the centers neutral position politically. The opposite might have the ability to harm the legitimacy of the data delivered by the center and the center as such. In this respect, we would suggest that careful consideration is being given to the wording of the text, for example we ask that it be considered to replace the work "formulation" under goal 1, action area 4.3 with another word, for example "development".

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Best regards,

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Note to the attention of the members, substitutes and observers of the Management Board

On behalf of Mr Alexis Goosdeel, Director of the EMCDDA, please find attached a letter to your attention.

Kind regards,

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