

**Co-operation Group to Combat Drug Abuse  
and illicit trafficking in Drugs**

P-PG/Cost (2015) 1

**Effects and associated costs of drug control policies**

**Terms of reference**

1. **Name of activity :** Possible adverse effects and associated cost of drug control policies (P-PG/Cost)
2. **Type of activity:** Ad hoc Expert Group
3. **Source of terms of reference:** Pompidou Group 2015 – 2018 Work Programme (priority 3.2.)  
Decision at 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of Permanent Correspondents

4. **Specific terms of reference**

***Taking into account:***

- Existing research on intended and unintended effects of drug control policies and their associated cost;
- The Pompidou Group's commitment to ensure that drug policies are based on the principles of human rights and the concern of health and wellbeing of human kind;
- The Pompidou Group's insights on linking policy with research. The Pompidou Group's previous work on calculating of the social cost of illicit drugs
- The Pompidou Group's previous work on Coherence Policy

***Aims and objectives:***

This aim pursued by the following concrete objectives:

- Defining the costs and adverse effects related to drug control policies;
- Identifying costs carried by individuals and society related to the illegality of substances;
- Preparing a model for cost/benefit analysis of existing drug control policies related to the above mentioned issues.

***Expected results:***

1. Report on the findings by the expert group
2. Draft document serving as a basis for a Pompidou Group Policy paper to be adopted by Permanent Correspondents.

5. **Working methods:**

Expert Group of maximum of 7 experts/researchers nominated by Permanent Correspondents and consultants identified by the Secretariat. The Expert Group shall hold a maximum of 5 meetings and the report and draft policy document is to be presented to PCs at their 76<sup>th</sup> meeting in November 2015.

The secretariat will be in charge of establishing the expert group, organizing the meetings and the preparation of the publication for reporting back to the PCs.

7. **Duration:** These terms of reference will expire on 31 December 2016.

8. **Organisation:**

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