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## DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAID CO-OPERATION OFFICE FOR CENTRAL ASIA VISITED A PRISON IN BISHKEK AND MET WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

On 27 January Mr. Erich W. Muller, Director of the EuropeAid Co-operation Office of the European Commission (EC), visited the prison # 47, a project site of the CADAP Programme, during his official visit to Kyrgyzstan, following important meetings with the Presidential Administration and the Minister of Justice.

Having visited the "Atlantis" rehabilitation centre of the medical centre in Prison 47, Mr. Muller witnessed the scope of activities implemented under the "Prevention of Drug Use in Prisons" project under CADAP.

He noted that the project indeed has successfully established a model treatment regime in Kyrgyzstan.

Mr. Muller praised the progressive policy of the penitentiary system in Kyrgyz Republic, and indicated new EC financial and technical assistance in order to institutionalize European Union best practice.



Philip Peirce, Regional Programme Manager, discusses progress of CADAP with Erich W. Muller

One million 280 thousand Euro is allocated, under the new CADAP 4 Programme, for drug rehabilitation work in prisons in Central Asia.

## CADAP HANDED OVER EQUIPMENT TO THE TURKMEN GOVERNMENT

A renovated office for the Drug Profiling Unit (DPU) at the International airport in Ashgabat was inaugurated and handed over to the Government of Turkmenistan on 25 January.

Representatives of State Customs Service of Turkmenistan, Ministry of Interior, State Border Guard Service, Migration Service, National Security and Airport officials were present.

Establishing a DPU at Ashgabat airport would support the current country's Government in coping with narcotics trafficking threats from neighboring Afghanistan and its plans to strengthen border protection.



"We believe that the DPU established at the airport here in Ashgabat will amalgamate the capacities of law enforcement agencies in detecting drug trafficking and coordinating joint search operations with other drug law enforcement officers at airports in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan", said Pierre-Paul Antheunissens, EU-UNDP BOMCA/CADAP Project Manager for Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

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