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## Drugs, medicines, alcohol and driving: experts debate European situation

Strasbourg, 05.07.2006 - The Council of Europe Pompidou Group (\*) will organise on 10 and 11 July 2006 a seminar on Road Traffic and Drugs. The Seminar's aim will be the extensive exchange of ideas and information on the fundamental questions concerning road traffic and the consumption of psychoactive substances, including medicines and alcohol.

In particular, it will cover recent developments in European legislation, presentation of two major epidemiological studies and consideration of the role and impact of therapy programmes. A round table will also look at the practical needs of various professions in their day-to-day work.

Some 50 experts and professionals from all over Europe are expected to attend this seminar at the Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg (room 10 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) It will start at 9.30 on 10 July and **will be open to the press**.

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(\*) Set up in 1971 and incorporated into the Council of Europe in 1980, the Pompidou Group works to prevent drug abuse and illicit trafficking in drugs. It provides a multidisciplinary forum where it is possible for policy-makers, professionals and researchers to discuss and exchange information and ideas on the whole range of drug misuse and trafficking problems. It thus contributes to the development of multidisciplinary, innovative, and evidence-based drug policies in its member states. For further information:

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