

Seminar “EU-LAC cooperation to combat the illicit maritime trade of drugs”

Date: Monday, 10 June, 2024.

Time: 09.30-13.00 hours.

Place: Albert Borschette Congress Center

Rue Froissart 36 (room CCAB 0.D), 1040
Brussels, Belgium

Programme (31.05.2024)*

9:30 **Registration**

10:00 – **Welcoming remarks**

10:30

Dr. Adrián Bonilla, Executive Director, EU-LAC Foundation

Pelayo Castro, Deputy Managing Director for the Americas, European External Action Service

Keynote:

Ine Van Wymersch, National Drugs Commissioner of Belgium

10:30 -

11:45

Session 1 –Key trends of the illicit maritime trade of drugs in Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union

Jason Eligh, Senior Expert and Thematic Lead on Drugs, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC)

Dr. Jorge Claudio Szeinfeld, Professor at Universidad Nacional de La Plata

Matthew Willner-Reid, Coordinator of the Global Illicit Flows Programme, European Commission – FPI

Fabien Gérard, Deputy Drugs Commissioner of Belgium

Tayra Barsallo, General Director of the National Customs Authority of Panama

Followed by an open discussion with all participants.

Moderator: Dr. Jorge Nuñez, University of Amsterdam

11:45 –

13:00

Session 2 - Logistic hubs, port cities and the combat of illicit maritime trade

Dr. Carolina Sancho Hirane, Academic Sub-Director of the Academia Nacional de Estudios Políticos y Estratégicos (ANEPE) and Professor at the Universidad de Chile

Bob van den Berghe, Deputy Chief, UNODC Global Container Control Programme

Ambassador Liliam Ballón, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru

Fahad Saher, Hans Buhrs and Matthias Schotanus. Policy Advisors on Transnational Organized Crime at the Embassies of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Peru, Costa Rica and Colombia

Police Commissioner Jessica Rayiet, Head of Port Security, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Followed by an open discussion with all participants.

Moderator: Dr. Adrián Bonilla, Executive Director, EU-LAC Foundation

13:00

Closing Remarks: Dr. Adrián Bonilla, Executive Director, EU-LAC Foundation