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**Subject: European Civil Society Forum on Drugs**

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Thank you for your message and your interest in the Civil Society Forum on Drugs. The detailed program together with practical information on organising your participation will be sent to you within the coming few days.

The first call for proposals on the Programme on Drug Prevention and Information will be published in December 2007. You can find all relevant information on Commission's website at [http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/drugs/funding\\_drugs\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/drugs/funding_drugs_en.htm). Please note that this budget line is not used for organising this meeting with civil society.

The 26 participants of the Forum have been selected according to the criteria set out in the Green paper and the report on the results of the open consultation, both of which you can find at

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/news/consulting\\_public/news\\_consulting\\_public\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/news/consulting_public/news_consulting_public_en.htm).

As stated in the Green paper "A Civil Society Forum would be a broad platform for a structured dialogue, but at the same time membership needs to be limited for it to be manageable and yield operational results. The object is not to create a civil society assembly as a platform for various ideologies but to create a practical instrument to support policy formulation and implementation through practical advice." In the report, the maximum size was placed to 30 participating organizations, excluding observers.

I hope you find this information useful and appreciate your willingness to participate in a constructive structured dialogue on drugs in Europe.

Kind Regards,

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Head of Unit