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*European Cities Against Drugs 17<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Conference*

## EMPOWERING OUR CITIZENS TO HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES

*Hosted by the Government of Malta & Pembroke Local Council*

On April 22-24, 2010, Malta hosts 17th ECAD Mayors' Conference on Drugs. Participation is estimated to over 150 representatives of the ECAD Member cities, non-member cities, non-governmental organisations, government representatives and researches. The conference purpose is to strengthen, through international co-operation and exchange, the work against the abuse of illicit drugs on local, national and international levels.

ECAD stands for humane, restrictive anti-drug policy rooted in prevention, treatment, research, and law enforcement. ECAD member cities work to develop initiatives and efforts against drug abuse supporting the UN Conventions which oppose legalisation of presently illicit drugs.

- The issue of maintaining restrictive and humane drug policies, both nationally and internationally, must remain on top of the political agenda, especially in times when our societies face tough financial challenges. Our task - creating a future without drugs for the citizens of our cities - is one of the crucial ones for democracy and well-being of our societies, says Jörgen Svidén, ECAD Director.

The ECAD Mayors' Conference is arranged by the ECAD in cooperation with a host city. The Conference contributes to raising awareness about drug-related issues in the hosting city/country and promotes experience exchange and scientific update which benefit the local anti-drug work.

About 85% of anti-drug work is carried out in cities!

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ECAD is an organisation initiated by the City of Stockholm in 1994. Today its members include 264 cities in 30 European countries. ECAD

- Is a common standpoint for leading decision-makers throughout Europe who show a united front against illicit drugs guided by the UN Conventions on Drugs;
- Is a unique platform for exchange of knowledge and best practice between decision-makers and specialists;
- Works to disseminate knowledge about evidence-based and successful methods and new research;
- Develops and maintains contacts with local, regional and national governments, the European Union, the United Nations and other international bodies in order to actively represent interests of ECAD member cities aimed at intensified counteraction of drugs;
- Develops Narcoconflictology as a scientific base for future professional drug control managers;
- Gives lectures, arranges conferences and seminars and initiates local, regional and international projects on drug-related topics all over Europe.



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