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Thanks to a growing commitment among European citizens who are opposed to the war on drugs, ENCOD has been able to ensure their voice is being heard at the highest levels of the European Union. ENCOD's public profile has increased, among others due to the organisation of concrete actions and the spread of the 'Freedom to Farm' campaign for the right of every world citizen to grow, possess and use all natural plants.

Our aim remains to ensure the organisation and funding of a European Coalition of Citizens in favour of bringing an end to the war on drugs.

In 2007 our challenge will be to obtain a meaningful and transparent dialogue with authorities of the European Union. The European Commission has promised to initiate a dialogue process with civil society concerning drug policies in the second half of the year. Additionally, we will co-ordinate the preparation of the campaign for the UN meeting in March 2008 in Vienna, where the results of international drug control in the past ten years should be evaluated.

Please find in this report a short description of ENCOD and its members, the activities that were carried out in 2006 and the way ENCOD spent its money.

On behalf of the ENCOD Steering Committee,

Joep Oomen

## **1. ENCOD membership**

On 1 January 2006, ENCOD had 127 members (organisations and individuals). Throughout the year this number increased to 141 members. About 45 of them are companies and/or shops, there are 36 organisations of consumers of cannabis and/or other drugs, 20 organisations involved in local drug policy reform work, 11 organisations specialised in harm reduction and 29 individual citizens.

For a current list of ENCOD members, see annex 1.

ENCOD members and associates received in 2006 a monthly bulletin on European drug policy and the activities of ENCOD in English, Spanish, Dutch and French. This bulletin is available on our website [www.encod.org](http://www.encod.org)

Most members are also subscribed to the “eurodrug” (in English) or “hispadrug” (in Spanish) electronic mailing lists, where news on relevant issues is shared and discussed. Approximately two-third of the members are subscribed to the “ENCOD Member” list which is moderated and serves to discuss and prepare common ENCOD activities.

ENCOD Members were invited to the Conference “The Road to Vienna” organised in the European parliament on 6 and 7 November 2006. The General Assembly of Members (which decides on the general work programme) took place in Antwerp on 23, 24 and 25 June. On this GA the ENCOD Steering Committee (a feedback group for the secretariat) was confirmed. This Committee consists of Christine Kluge Haberkorn (Akzept, Germany), Virginia Montañes (individual member, Spain), Marina Impallomeni (Forum Droghe, Italy), Jan van der Tas (SDB, Netherlands), Farid Ghehioeche (CAM-RD, France) and Joep Oomen (ENCOD-secretariat).

The secretariat is run by one paid person with the help of several activists from around Europe working on a voluntary basis. They support the secretariat with regular tasks (translation and editorial work) or in a practical way during the organisation of events, participation at fairs etc.

## **2. Activities**

In 2006, ENCOD was active in three areas: lobby at the level of European Union and United Nations authorities, activism around the Freedom to Farm and Cannabis Social Club issue, and general activities.

### **Lobby activities**

Among other positive results of ENCOD’s efforts over the past years, the European Commission has started to initiate a process towards a concrete dialogue with European civil society on the drug issue. Of course, the true relevance of this dialogue depends on how it is organised. On 26 and 27 January 2006, the European Commission invited NGOs to a Conference to

discuss the next steps in the process. Approx. 60 NGO representatives assisted, among whom were 15 ENCOD members.

A negative example of the state of dialogue with citizens on drug policy in the EU was given in Sweden, where on 6 February, Member of Parliament Mrs. Birgitte Rydberg found it necessary to question the financial support given by Swedish authorities to the Swedish Drug Users' Union (Brukarforeningen) referring to the fact that they were members of ENCOD. Brukarforeningen was forced to suspend its membership, and in spite of the almost general condemnation of Mrs. Rydberg's comments in the Swedish press, has so far not been able to reverse this decision.

At the January Conference, the European Commission announced that the dialogue would start in 2007 with a maximum budget of 16 million EURO/year. A "Green Paper" with a proposal to organise the dialogue was published in June, so civil society could comment it. On behalf of ENCOD a "Green Pepper" was produced, containing 30 pages of comments on the past, present and (hopefully) future of the dialogue process on drugs in the EU.

Additionally, through a short but intensive lobby campaign towards the European Parliament, ENCOD learned that the total annual amount available for the dialogue process would be definitively established at 1 million EURO. A confirmation of this amount and the concrete implementation of the programme it will be used for is to be expected in the second half of 2007.

In co-operation with two political groups in the European Parliament, ENCOD organised the Conference "The Road to Vienna 2008" on 6 and 7 November. Approximately 80 people attended this conference, 80% citizens and 20% authorities and Members of the European Parliament and their assistants. The speeches of internationally recognised experts, activists, local and regional authorities and the government of Bolivia were well received by the audience. Several TV stations recorded the conference. At the end of the Conference, a Declaration was adopted calling for a European approach towards a change of course in international drug legislation at the Vienna meeting in March 2008.

An ENCOD representative took part in the 49<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna in March and distributed a public statement on behalf of the Coalition.

## **Activism**

More and more ENCOD members are partially engaged in the organisation of Million Marijuana Marches, that take place in hundreds of cities around the globe. These events are organised in order to show public support for the end to the prohibition of cannabis. Apart from these marches, several groups of cannabis activists throughout Europe have started to associate themselves and initiate the collective plantation of cannabis for their own personal use.

These associations, sometimes named Cannabis Social Clubs, have been operating for some years in Spain, and in 2006, have spread to Belgium (with the participation of the ENCOD-coordinator, the association Trekt Uw Plant was set up in Antwerpen) . Currently, different versions of these groups are being prepared in France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands.

Cannabis Social Clubs wish to organise the cultivation and distribution of cannabis to their adult members in an open, transparent and controllable way. They present themselves as a sound alternative to the illegal market, allowing authorities to safeguard a health- and environmentally safe method of production.

In September an ENCOD member established a website to inform and support people on the Cannabis Social Club proposal. This site, [www.cannabis-clubs.eu](http://www.cannabis-clubs.eu) can also host advertisements, and thus become a combination of activism, information and self-financing.

As cannabis remains a prohibited substance, these associations have to be prepared to face a legal process. In Belgium, Trekt Uw Plant's first collective plantation, consisting of 6 plants for the same number of members) was confiscated on 12 December and will be prosecuted in the course of 2007. In the case of Pannagh (a Cannabis Social Club in Bilbao, Spain, whose plantation was confiscated in October 2005) ENCOD obtained an explanation from EU Justice Commissioner Franco Frattini that the European Commission subscribes the principle of autonomy of national authorities concerning the legal status of cannabis cultivation for personal use.

### **General activities**

The spread of the Freedom to Farm campaign (flyers, posters, stickers, T-shirts, badges and money boxes) took place through the establishment of stands in the Hemp Fairs in Amsterdam (Highlife), Barcelona (Spannabis), Bern (Cannatrade) and Bologna (Cannabis Tipo Forte).

In the summer, a conflict arose in the agenda of the two companies organising the Hemp Fairs in Spain (Spannabis and Highlife). Both fairs were planned at the same weekend. ENCOD tried to avoid the conflict, proposing a mediated solution. After two months of correspondence one of the organising companies decided to postpone the planned dates with one week, so stand holders as well as public could attend both. However, a permanent and satisfactory solution for all has yet to be obtained.

ENCOD representatives accepted invitations to take part in several meetings and conferences, among others:

Expert Group Meetings of the Correlation Network on Social Inclusion and Health (Krakow and Dublin)

AKZEPT 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference (Berlin)

Summer University of the French Green Party (Coutances)

Legalize! Parade (Amsterdam)  
Appel de 18 Joint (Paris)  
Feria del Akulliku (Barcelona)  
Workshop: Evaluación de políticas y programas relacionadas con el fenómeno social de las drogas en la Unión Europea, International Institute for the Sociology of Law ( Oñati, Spain)  
Conferencia 'Hablemos del cannabis' University of DEUSTO (Bilbao)  
Conferencia Anual ASAUPAM (Barcelona)  
III Crucero cannábico (Sevilla)

In May, several ENCOD members participated in a solidarity hungerstrike with Swiss cannabis activist Bernard Rappaz. Rappaz had been detained for cannabis possession and realised a 73 day long hungerstrike to achieve his liberation.

Throughout the year, the ENCOD co-ordinator wrote articles in magazines such as Fuoriluogo (Italy) and Cañamo (Spain), served as a consultant for students from various countries working on a thesis on the drugs phenomenon, had radio and TV interviews with Belgian, Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish and European press, and also held lectures on drug policy for Universities in Antwerp, Barcelona, Bilbao and Rotterdam.

Full report on campaign activities on <http://www.encoded.org/campaign2006.htm>

### **3. Financial report (see Annex 2)**

The income is formed by membership fees and donations, reimbursements or payments of articles or speeches, revenue proceeding from the sale of merchandising products and the membership fees of TREKT UW PLANT, the Antwerp Cannabis Social Club (as Belgian banks are refusing to open an account for this association, the account has been hosted by ENCOD).

The expenses are formed by salary costs of the coordinator, the overhead costs of the Antwerp office, travel costs in relation to meetings and events and campaign costs (production of material etc.) Finally the Trekt Uw Plant group spent some money on the action of 12 december.

Necessarily, large part of the work of the ENCOD coordinator is formed by fundraising activities. Since 2004 these activities are focussed on the commercial sector that is related to the cultivation and consumption of cannabis. Thanks to these efforts, through visits to shops and companies in the Netherlands and contacts made at hemp fairs, new members have joined ENCOD. Thanks to these contacts, new ideas have surged to ensure the survival of the ENCOD. We hope these ideas will come into practice in 2007.

Finally, it should be mentioned that ENCODOs work in 2005 could never have been possible without the active and excellent engagement of the following people (and of course the support of all members). Sorry if we forgot someone.....

**Ana Pertika  
Andria Efthimiou-Mordaunt  
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Bruno Valkeneers  
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Chris Franks  
Christine Klüge  
Cindy Fazey  
Claudia di Palma  
Eberhard Schatz  
Edo Boggio  
Eliot Ross Albert  
Enrico Fletzer  
Farid Ghehioeche  
Fernanda de la Figuera  
Franco Corleone  
Gaspar Fraga y Cañamo  
Grazia Zuffa  
Henk van Dalen  
Iván Ugidos y los amigos de León  
Jan Ludewig  
Jan van der Tas  
Jan van Remoortere  
Jean Michel Rodriguez  
Joep Oomen  
José Luis y La María de Valls  
Judith Laws  
Kris Verdonck**

**Laurent Appel  
Marina Impallomeni  
Martín Barriuso  
Martin Steidinger  
Meline Arankelian  
Milena Naydenova  
Peter Cohen  
Peter Webster  
Phil Smith  
Rocío Forero  
Simon van Serious Seeds  
Sjoerd Berkhuisen  
Stijn Goossens  
Sylvia Weisskopf  
Thorri Johannson  
Vero Casamia  
Virginia Montañes y Nakles**

## ANNEX 1

CURRENT ENCOD MEMBERSHIP – APRIL 2007.

### HARM REDUCTION ORGANISATIONS

A COMUNIDADE CONTRA SIDA – Portugal  
AKZEPT e.V. - Germany  
ALICE-PROJECT - Germany  
AMOC - Netherlands  
BLUE POINT DRUG COUNSELING AND OUTPATIENT CENTER – Hungary  
BONJO - Netherlands  
FEDERACION ANDALUZA DE DROGODEPENDENCIAS Y SIDA ENLACE  
– Spain  
GASS - Spain  
GRUP IGIA - Spain

### CONSUMER ORGANISATIONS, CANNABIS

AICC CANNABISCAFE – Spain  
AMIGOS DE MARIA - Spain  
AMIGOS DE MARIA VITORIA - Spain  
ARSECA - Spain  
BÜNDNIS HANFPARADE. - Germany  
CALMA – Spain  
CAMPAIGN TO LEGALISE CANNABIS ASSOCIATION – UK  
CANNABIS COLLEGE – Netherlands  
CCAN - Spain  
DHV - Germany  
KANABA - Poland  
LCA - United Kingdom  
NORMAL (NORML) – Norway  
NORMAL - Sweden  
PANNAGH - Spain

PIC, Italy  
PMM, Netherlands  
TREKT UW PLANT - Belgium  
UNCC, France

### CONSUMER ORGANISATIONS, OTHER DRUGS

ASAUPA'M – Spain  
BRUGERFORENINGEN - Denmark  
DEBED vzw - Belgium  
EVE & RAVE - Switzerland  
FAUDAS - Spain  
HOPE SOFIA - Bulgaria  
JMT - United Kingdom  
LIGNE BLANCHE - France  
MDHG Belangenvereniging Druggebruikers - Netherlands  
REFORM - United Kingdom  
WYZWOLENIE, Poland

### RELATIVES

BUNDESVERBAND DER ELTERN UND ANGEHÖRIGEN FÜR  
AKZEPTIERENDE DROGENARBEIT E.V. - Germany

### NORTH SOUTH NGOs

ASK - Switzerland

### ANTI-PROHIBITIONIST ORGANISATIONS

BUNDESNETZWERK DROGENPOLITIK - Germany  
CAM-RD - France  
DMT AVOCATS – Spain  
DROLEG - Switzerland  
FORUM DROGHE - Italy

LEGALIZE! – Netherlands  
LIAISON ANTIPROHIBITIONNISTE - Belgium  
MUNDO ANTIPROHIBICIONISTA - Spain  
NETHERLANDS DRUG POLICY FOUNDATION - The Netherlands  
PRO JUGENDSCHUTZ - Switzerland  
TRANSFORM - United Kingdom

### **MEDIA**

CANNACLOPEDIA - Belgium  
CAÑAMO – Spain  
HANF JOURNAL – Germany  
NACHTSCHATTEN VERLAG - Switzerland  
RADIO K CENTRALE – Italy  
SPANNABIS – Spain  
SPLIFF - Poland

### **COMPANIES/SHOPS**

ABC, Netherlands  
CAÑAMAZO, Spain  
CASA JUANITA - Spain  
CHANVRE ET CIE – France  
COFFEESHOP COLOSSEUM - Netherlands  
DE DAMPKRING – Netherlands  
DE SJAMAAN – Netherlands  
DE VERDAMPER – Netherlands  
DE VLIEGENDE HOLLANDER, Netherlands  
DOBLE ZERO – Spain  
DUTCH PASSION - Netherlands  
GANJACOLOMA - Spain  
GREEN DELUXE - Austria  
GROW IN BERLIN – Germany  
HEMPFLAX BV - Netherlands  
HIPERSEMILLAS – Spain

HOMEGROWN FANTASEEDS – Netherlands  
CHANVRE - INFO - Switzerland  
LA HUERTA DE JUAN VALDES - Spain  
LA MARIA DE VALLS - Spain  
LA MARIETA GROWSHOP – Spain  
LLUM VERDA – Spain  
GROW SHOP MAS TRICOMAS - Spain  
MATRIX GROWSHOP - Spain  
THE NEW BALANCE - Netherlands  
OTHALA BV – Netherlands  
PARADISE SEEDS – Netherlands  
PLANTACTIVA, Spain  
POLLINATOR - Netherlands  
QUINTESSENTIAL TIPS Ltd - United Kingdom  
ROOR - Germany  
SENSI SEEDS BV - Netherlands  
SERIOUS SEEDS BV - Netherlands  
SPLIF - The Netherlands  
THE ROOKIES - The Netherlands  
VOCM (Vereniging Officiële Coffeeshops Maastricht)- Netherlands  
VRCO - Netherlands  
ZERO ZERO GROWSHOP - Spain  
ZUM HINKELSTEIN- Switzerland

### **Individual Members**

Adriaan Jansen, The Netherlands.  
Ana Pertika, Spain.  
Andreas Holy, Austria  
August de Loor - Netherlands  
Beatriz Acevedo, Colombia/United Kingdom.  
Carlo Dijkmeester, The Netherlands.  
Eduardo López Arriero, Spain.  
Eliot Ross Albert, United Kingdom.  
Ismael Pradera, Spain

Jan Vindheim, Norway  
JB Richardson Woerlee, Netherlands  
Jeroen Bos, Netherlands  
Jens Schneider, Germany  
Jos Oomen, The Netherlands.  
Juha Alakulppi, Finland.  
Jules Sinturel, France  
Kris Verdonck, Belgium.  
Kristina von Stosch, Germany.  
Maria Solikova, Slovakia  
Mauro Guarinieri, Italy.  
Michael Benneke, Denmark.  
Nora Stojanovik, Macedonia  
Olivier Ferreira, France.  
Paul von Hartmann, France  
Peter Cohen, The Netherlands.  
Peter Webster, France.  
Sergio Abanedes, Spain  
Stein Hoftvedt, Norway.  
Stijn Goossens, Belgium.

Thorri Johannson, Iceland.  
Timothy Jake Gluckman, Germany.  
Vero Casamia, France  
Virginia Montañes, Spain.  
Wernard Bruining, Netherlands.  
Xavier Majo, Spain.

#### **ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS**

CONSEJO ANDINO DE PRODUCTORES DE COCA, Bolivia/Peru/Colombia  
REFORMA, Latin America  
CEE-HRN NETWORK - Lithuania  
COMMON SENSE ON DRUG POLICY, United States  
DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE, United States  
DRUG REFORM COORDINATION NETWORK, United States  
MILDGREEN, New Zealand  
NAP, Australia  
Molly Charles, India

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in EURO**

**INCOME**

Saldo 2005	14'008.56
Membership fees	39'660.49
Others	3'284.59
TREKT UW PLANT	2'529.88
Merchandising	1'665.00

**TOTAL INCOME** **61'148.52**

**Saldo to 2007** **10'876.98**

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**EXPENSES**

Salary costs	25'270.25
Office Costs	9'444.13
Travel costs	8'315.87
Campaign costs	6'990.29
TREKT UW PLANT	251.00

**TOTAL  
EXPENSES** **50'271.54**