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Launch of the Annual report 2012 of the EMCDDA on "the state of the drugs problem in Europe", Lisbon: visit, extracts from the joint press conference by Cecilia Malmström and Wolfgang Götz, and statement

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Cecilia Malmström, Member of the EC in charge of Home Affairs, was in Lisbon on 15 November 2012 for the launch of the "Annual report 2012 - the state of the drugs problem in Europe" of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA). She met with Wolfgang Götz, Director of the EMCDDA, and they held a joint press conference.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Exterior shots of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) building in Lisbon (3 shots)	00:00:29
10:00:34	Arrival of Cecilia Malmström, Member of the EC in charge of Home Affairs	00:00:09
10:00:43	Cecilia Malmström entering the conference room with Wolfgang Götz, Director of the EMCDDA (2 shots)	00:00:15
10:00:59	Cecilia Malmström and Wolfgang Götz sitting at the conference table	00:00:09
10:01:09	The speakers	00:00:05
10:01:15	Cecilia Malmström with Wolfgang Götz and João Goulão, President of the Portuguese Institute for Drugs and Drug Addictions (IDT) and Chairman of the Management Board of the EMCDDA	00:00:07
10:01:22	Cutaway	00:00:04
10:01:27	SOUNDBITE by Cecilia Malmström (in ENGLISH) saying that the EMCDDA works within and with the EU Member States and with experts from across Europe and further afield to provide this analysis; it provides us with a very useful up-to-date and scientifically robust overview of the contemporary European drug phenomenon, along with examples of best practice on responding to it; the drug situation in Europe is a major policy challenge; the use of	00:00:43

	situation in Europe is a major policy challenge; the use of illicit substances continues to undermine public health, inflicting damage not only on individuals and their relatives, but also on families in general, society in general, and the community in which they live.	
10:02:10	Cutaway	00:00:11
10:02:21	Cecilia Malmström leaving the conference room	00:00:09
10:02:31	Cecilia Malmström walking to another EMCDDA building (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:02:41	SOUNDBITE by Cecilia Malmström (in ENGLISH) saying that the report is a very valuable tool, not only for the Commission but for stakeholders and national authorities all over Europe in order to get scientific based information on the drug situation in Europe; the report shows that some of the traditional drugs – cannabis, heroin, cocaine – seem to be decreasing slightly, which is very positive; on the other hand, it shows that new substances appear with an alarming rate: more than one a week is reported to the centre - 57 so far in 2012; but through the early warning mechanism, through the scientific work done at the EMCDDA, the evaluation and the risk-assessment can be done and spread in the Member States, so that they can work together in order to address this phenomenon.	00:00:49
10:03:30	SOUNDBITE by Cecilia Malmström (in ENGLISH) saying that what is particularly interesting in the report is related to heroin: heroin is decreasing, which shows that the EU strategy combining reducing supply and demand is probably proving to give some results; of course, the future will show if this is a tendency that goes.	00:00:26

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