

# Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain countries concerning restrictive measures against Syria



On 6 November 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1651[1] implementing Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

The Council added eight persons to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

The Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania[2], and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this Council Decision.

They will ensure that their national policies conform to this Council Decision.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

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[1] Published on 09.11.2020 in the Official Journal of the European Union no L 370 I/15

[2] The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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# Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain countries concerning restrictive measures in

# view of Turkey's unauthorised drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean



On 6 November 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1657[1] concerning restrictive measures in view of Turkey's unauthorised drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The Council Decision extends the existing restrictive measures for a further twelve months, until 12 November 2021.

The Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania[2], and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Armenia align themselves with this Council Decision.

They will ensure that their national policies conform to this Council Decision.

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## Protocol for updating the Evidence database of the Best Practice Portal

*EMCDDA, Lisbon, December 2020*

### **Summary**

The Evidence database is a core component of the EMCDDA's Best Practice Portal. The portal is a resource for professionals, policymakers and researchers in the drugs field and provides information on the available evidence on drug-related prevention, treatment and harm reduction, focusing

on the European context. The evidence is compiled following an explicit methodological process which is described in this document.

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**Main subject:**

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## **Steven Maijoor speaks at the third roundtable on euro risk-free rates**

The focus of the event was the fallbacks for EURIBOR, where working group on euro risk-free rates members will guide the audience through the recently launched public consultations on EURIBOR fallback trigger events and €STR-based EURIBOR fallback rates.

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## **ESMA is seeking experts in financial innovation for its consultative group**

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU securities markets regulator, is looking for [new candidates](#) for the Consultative Working Group (CWG) of the Financial Innovation Standing Committee (FISC).

ESMA has established the CWG to benefit from the expertise of stakeholders who are involved in the topics related to financial innovation under ESMA's remit (securities markets, market infrastructures, institutional and retail investors) and with a view to support ESMA's objectives of investor protection, market integrity and financial stability. FISC looks to this group to provide expert advice regarding ESMA's work on Financial Innovation.

Interested stakeholders can apply by 31 January 2021, by submitting the [application form](#) and their CV.