

## **France elected as the new chair of the Pompidou Group and Energy Control awarded**

Within the [Council of Europe](#), the [Pompidou Group's](#) core mission is to contribute to the development of multidisciplinary, innovative, effective and evidence-based drug policies in its member states.

Ministers and representatives from Pompidou Group member States, Mediterranean non member States and other international organisations met on 3 and 4 November in Strasbourg to debate current policy approaches and decide on the Pompidou Group work programme for 2011-2014. France represented by Etienne Afaire, President of the inter-ministerial mission against drug abuse (MILDT) was elected as the new presidency of the Group. The conference also saw the accession of new members to the Pompidou Group: Serbia and "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia." The conference held a debate on "Drug-related risks at the work place", "Early intervention" and supply reduction in this context. The three winning projects of the 2010 European Drug Prevention Prize - a Belgian, a Spanish and a British project- were also announced.

The Spanish project is our partner and friend [Energy Control](#), the Safer Nightlife project of [ABD](#), the leading association of the [DC&D Safer Nightlife working group](#).