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COMPONENT 3

**ACTIVITY 3.5.2 - WORKING GROUPS IN PRECURSORS
CONTROL**

**3.5.2.1 - ADAPTATION AND TRANSLATION OF
PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES FOR PRECURSORS
CONTROL**

Cooperation Programme between Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union on Drugs Policies (COPOLAD)

- COPOLAD is a cooperation programme funded by the European Commission through EuropeAid (to formulate development and thematic policies of the EU through the Directorate-General for International cooperation and Development DG DEVCO)
- Total budget of €10.000.000 and to be implemented between 2016-2020.
- Its objective is: to reduce drugs supply and demand and, this way, to also reduce the social and health-related risks and harms caused by drug use.



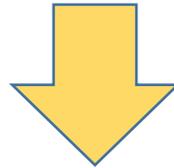
- The EU Drug Strategy (2013-2020) to address new challenges related to *“the need to prevent diversion of precursors, pre-precursors and other essential chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of drugs from legal trade to the illicit market and the diversion of certain chemicals used as cutting agents.”*
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being; Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, pave the way for the provision of access to justice for all and for building effective, accountable institutions at all levels; and Goal 17: Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Synergies and Alliances



Birth of WG1

- Meeting held in Barcelona.
- Second Annual Week of Precursors in Brasilia (Nov. 2017)



COPOLAD organizes and invites all countries to participate as the CELAC countries were interested in having updated information.

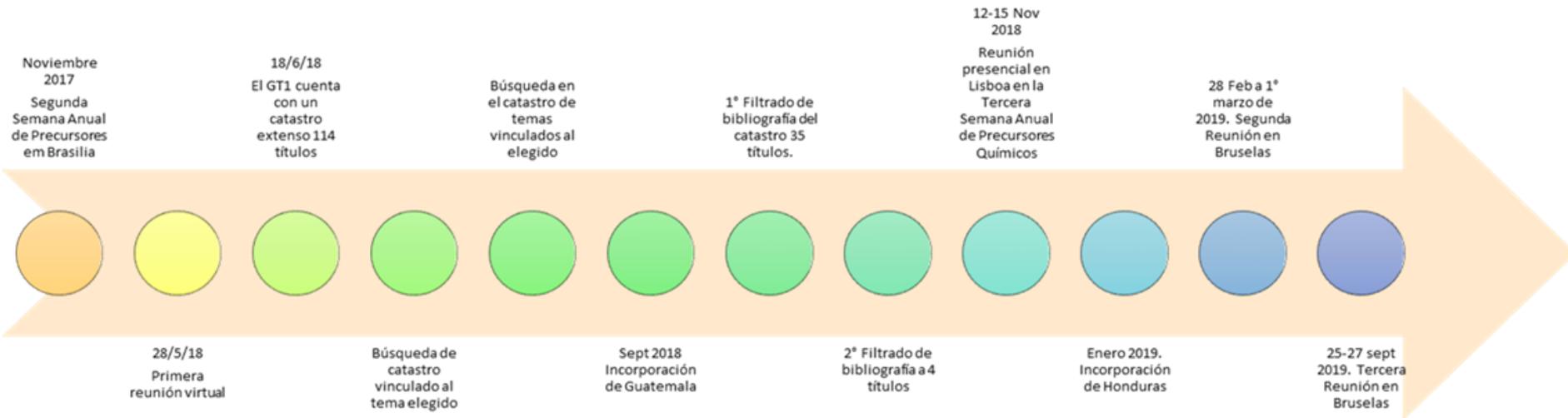
CELAC countries that are part of the WG1

- Oriental Republic of Uruguay
- Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
- Republic of Colombia
- Republic of Chile
- Argentine Republic
- Republic of Ecuador
- Republic of Peru
- Republic of Costa Rica
- Republic of Guatemala
- Republic of Honduras



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Activity history of WG1





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Work Methodology

- Virtual meetings
- In-person meetings: Lisbon (November 2018, Brussels (February and September 2019)

e-room COPOLAD

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Esta e-room, constituye un espacio para el diálogo, intercambio de experiencias, información y evidencia.

Acceso abierto a e-rooms

Algunos de los e-room no requieren de identificación para poder consultar la documentación que se incluye en ellos.

- [Evaluación de Estrategias Nacionales sobre Drogas](#)

Objectives and actions of the WG1

- Carry out an exhaustive bibliographic review to identify updated publications of interest – which are not being used by CELAC countries – to support technical work on precursor control.
- Select relevant publications
- Develop a final publication for CELAC countries in Spanish and English.

Focus

- An approach based on the evidence provided by the analysis of real and representative cases that the control bodies they represent had to face was agreed upon.
- After, each member of the WG1 presented the cases that best illustrate the **difficulty in prosecuting cases of chemical precursors illegal trafficking, highlighting the important role played by inter-agency cooperation, between states and with the private sector.**

Involved Substances

South America

- Ethyl acetate
- Acetone
- Calcium chloride
- Formic acid
- Calcium hydroxide
- *25INBOMe*
- *Fentanyl*
- *Scopolamine*

Central America

- Pseudoephedrine
- Tablets with pseudoephedrine hydrochloride
- Methylamine

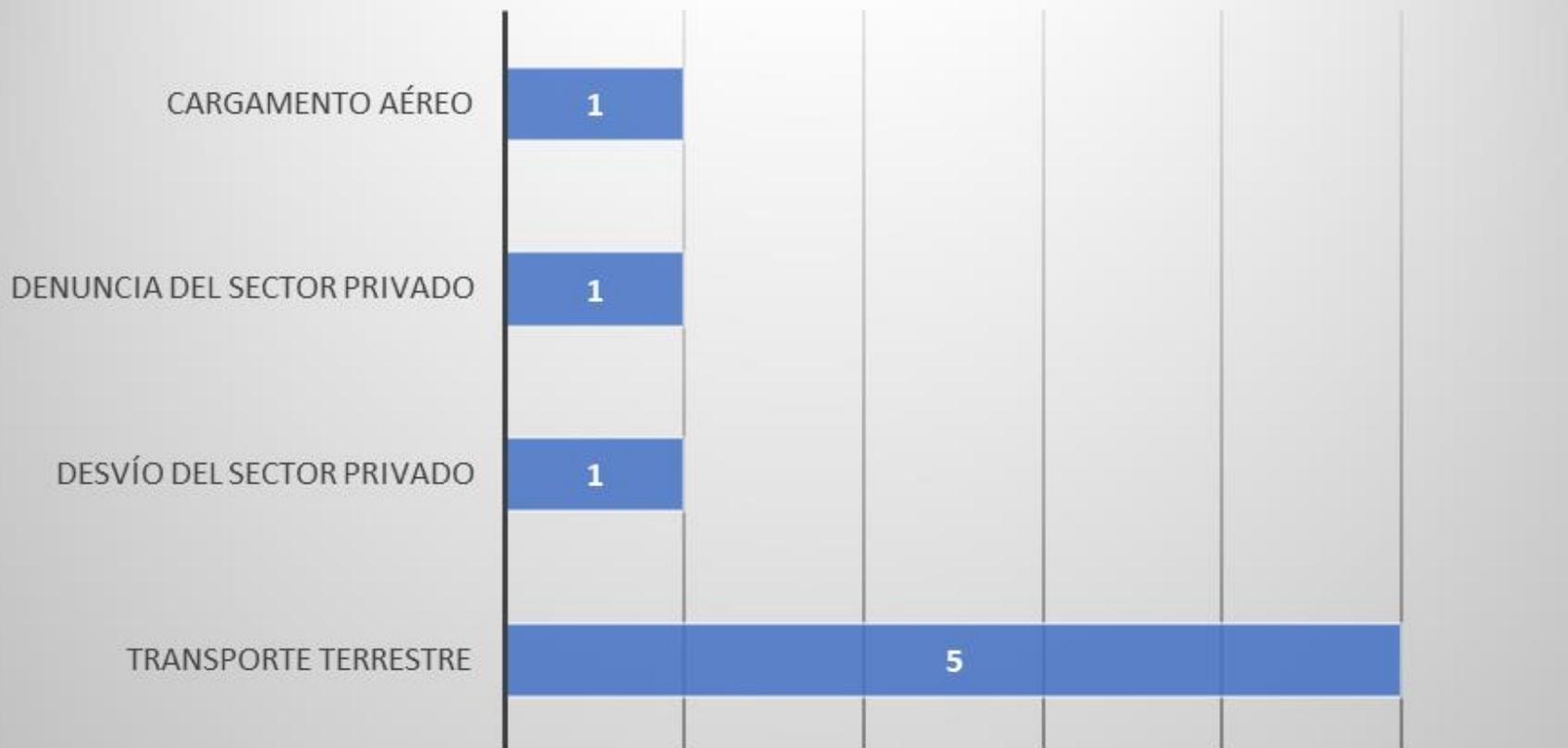
Trafficking Modalities

- **Ethyl acetate:** Ground transportation
- **Acetone:** Suspicious operation reported by operator
- **Sulphuric acid:** Ground transportation with false vehicular documentation
- **Pseudoephedrine:** Pharmaceutical laboratory diversion operations
- **Methylamine:** Ground transportation
- **Tablets with pseudoephedrine hydrochloride:** Air cargo from India triangulating to reach Honduras by land.
- **Formic acid and calcium hydroxide:** Ground transportation
- **Calcium chloride:** Ground transportation
- **Scopolamine:** aerial carrier like Vanillin
- **Fentanyl:** Simulating “LSD” dies
- **25I NBOME:** Entry of one person by port from the Netherlands

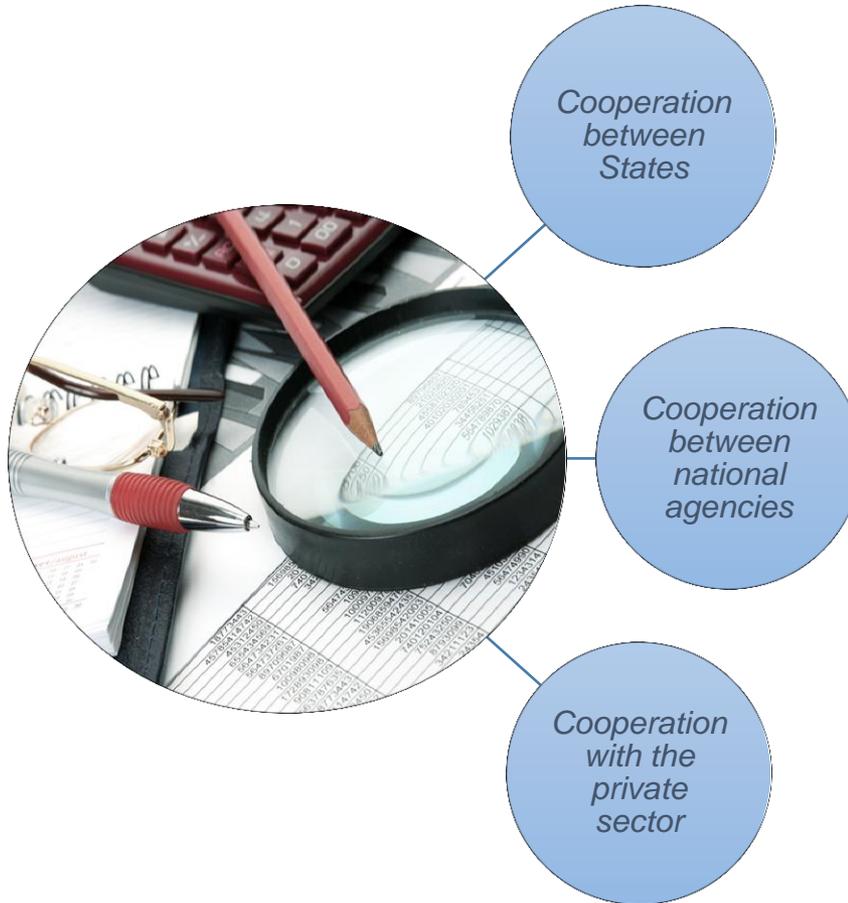


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Casos de sustancias químicas



Guiding Themes



The Final Product

- Purpose: **lessons learned and good practices.**
- It is expected that the enforcement authorities will take the lessons into account and that good practices will be collected and considered when designing, updating and developing evidence-based policies.

