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NACC AND SCFM MOVE TOWARD FORMALIZING COOPERATION ON CANNABIS LABORATORY TESTING

The National Cannabis Control Agency (NACC) is taking a significant step toward establishing a sustainable framework for the laboratory testing of cannabis samples, reinforcing its regulatory oversight and quality control capacities.

As part of this process, on 16 July 2026, representatives of the Agency conducted a technical visit to the Military Chemical Pharmaceutical Plant (SCFM) in Florence. The visit aimed to assess the institution's laboratory capabilities and establish the operational framework for cooperation in the laboratory analysis of cannabis samples.

The cooperation between the two institutions aims to cover the entire sample analysis process, from the submission of samples through to the issuance of the Certificate of Analysis.

The analytical panel envisaged for dried cannabis flowers was also presented, based on the requirements of the European Pharmacopoeia.

The representatives of NACC also visited the laboratory facilities, where they were introduced to the equipment, the organization of analytical processes, and the quality control and quality assurance system implemented by SCFM in accordance with GMP requirements.



“ This cooperation represents a significant step toward establishing a reliable, transparent national system for cannabis control, fully aligned with European standards and best institutional practices.

THE DECISION ON THE MARKING AND TRACEABILITY OF CANNABIS IS APPROVED

The Council of Ministers on 22 July 2026 approved a decision supplementing the secondary legislation framework on the marking and traceability of cannabis plants, their by-products, and final products intended for medical and industrial purposes, in implementation of Law No. 61/2023.



The Decision 593

“On determining the requirements for the traceability of the cannabis plant, its by-products and final products for medical and industrial purposes, the rules on marking elements and labels, the procedures and methods for marking and traceability and the authorized authority responsible for implementing the marking and traceability system.”

Defines in detail the technical requirements for the marking and traceability system, the elements of the marking label, as well as the procedures followed to carry out marking and tracing at each stage of the activity.

TARIFFS FOR CANNABIS TRACK-AND-TRACE



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Under the new decision of the Council of Ministers dated July 22, 2026, the categories of fees related to the use of the system and the implementation of the marking and traceability process are established.

The Decision 594

“On determining the fees and payment procedures for the marking and traceability of the cannabis plant and its by-products and products for medical and industrial purposes.”

This decision sets out the rules for ordering labels, declaring the relevant quantities and activating them after payment obligations have been met. These procedures aim to ensure a clear, regular and controllable process for the use of the System and the administration of marking labels.

A NEW MILESTONE FOR CANNABIS REGULATION: COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVES THE NATIONAL REGISTER

The Register will be administered by the National Agency for Cannabis Control in cooperation with the National Agency for the Information Society, and will contain information on licensing, permitting and authorization processes, as well as data on cultivation, processing, transport, export, traceability, controls, inspections and administrative measures.

Administration of the National Registry

In order to facilitate application procedures and data verification, the Register will interact with the marking and traceability system, as well as state databases, including the civil status register, the commercial register, the tax system and the customs system.

Data Exchange

This interoperability will enable the exchange and synchronization of information among the responsible institutions, strengthening inter-institutional coordination and creating the conditions for faster, more accurate and up-to-date verifications.

Security and Confidentiality

The decision also defines the levels of user access, the responsibilities of institutions and licensed and permitted entities, the recording of actions in auditable logs, as well as measures for the protection of personal data and the preservation of confidentiality.

Monitoring and Control

The establishment of the National Register represents an important step towards strengthening the control and supervision of licensed and permitted cannabis plant activity. It aims to increase transparency, traceability and accountability at every stage of the activity, as well as to support the fulfillment of high standards of security, control and data management.

Through the integrated information management, the National Register will assist the Agency and the institutions involved in timely identification of issues, monitoring the activities of entities, and taking the necessary administrative measures.

AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE THE MONITORING OF CANNABIS CONTROL

The General Director of the National Cannabis Control Agency, Ms. Anila Alliu, and the General Director of Customs, Mr. Besmir Beja, signed a Cooperation Agreement aimed at strengthening inter-institutional coordination in the control and monitoring of import and export procedures for cannabis for medical and industrial purposes.



Under this Agreement, the National Cannabis Control Agency and the Customs Administration will cooperate in the verification of relevant documentation, the exchange of data, the identification and prevention of legal violations, as well as the development of joint inspections and activities. The cooperation also provides for the use of secure channels for information exchange, the development of joint risk management mechanisms, the organization of joint training activities, and the strengthening of institutional capacities.

The signing of this Agreement represents an important step toward strengthening inter-institutional cooperation, contributing to more effective controls, ensuring compliance with applicable legislation, and establishing a secure, transparent, and traceable system for monitoring cannabis import and export procedures for medical and industrial purposes.

TOWARDS COOPERATION WITH EU4LAWENFORCEMENT TO STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES

Institutional dialogue and the exchange of information concerning the Agency's areas of activity and the objectives of the EU4LawEnforcement project served to underline the importance of strengthened inter-institutional cooperation and the potential for developing joint initiatives in areas of shared interest. Key areas identified included professional capacity-building, the exchange of expertise and best practices, and further alignment with European Union standards concerning the control, monitoring, and oversight of cannabis for medical and industrial purposes.



The National Cannabis Control Agency, represented by its Director General, Ms. Anila Alliu, held an institutional meeting with representatives of the EU4LawEnforcement project, led by the Project's International Coordinator, Mr. Giovanni Pasqua, accompanied by the Prosecutorial Expert, Mr. Carmine Pirozzoli.

The meeting reflected a strong commitment to constructive cooperation and marked an important step towards establishing a sustainable institutional dialogue, supporting efforts to reinforce the rule of law, enhancing institutional capacities and further align cannabis control and supervision practices with European standards.

NATIONAL CANNABIS REGISTER: FROM DECISION TO DIGITAL IMPLEMENTATION

Representatives of the National Cannabis Control Agency met with representatives of the National Agency for Information Society (AKSHI) regarding the establishment and operationalization of the Registry, including AKSHI's technical support for its development, hosting, and operation.



The National Register will serve as an important mechanism for managing and updating of information on licensed and authorized activities in the field of Cannabis. Its implementation will support the digitalization of administrative processes, strengthen control and traceability mechanisms, and ensure high standards of data security and information management.



Following the meeting, the Agency and AKSHI will continue their cooperation to define and further develop the Register's functional and technical requirements, including the categories of data to be managed, the processes to be supported electronically, and the functionalities required for its operation. As part of this process, a joint inter-institutional working group will be established to coordinate and monitor the different stages of the Register's development and implementation.



Cooperation with AKSHI on the establishment of the National Register marks an important step towards strengthening the Agency's digital infrastructure and ensuring the effective administration, control, and monitoring of licensed and authorized activities in the field of Cannabis.

MEET THE AGENCY STAFF



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“Institutions are built every day through the way we think, communicate, and act.”



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