Question for written answer E-002282/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Joanna Kopcińska (ECR)

Subject: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

On 9 June 2022, the Council adopted a negotiating mandate on a proposal regarding the EU Drugs Agency, which is meant to turn the existing European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction into a fully fledged agency and strengthen its role to step up the fight against illegal drugs. The mandate relates to the Commission's proposal of 12 January 2022 for a European Parliament and Council regulation on the EU Drugs Agency. In the proposal, the Commission refers, amongst other things, to Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006, that places a strong emphasis on public-health issues.

Which specific legal and implementing instruments will be the basis for Article 12's provisions stipulating that the agency should develop strategic and evidence-based assessments of potential threats to health and safety, thereby allowing negative trends in the EU to be identified earlier?