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Reitox Regional Academy

EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMMES

28–29 April 2014

The CITY HOTEL Ljubljana
Dalmatinova 15
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Slovenia

Background

This Reitox Academy is organised by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) jointly with the National Institute of Public Health of Slovenia in the framework of the project 'Preparation of IPA beneficiaries for their participation in the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)' (hereinafter in the text 'IPA4'). The EMCDDA provides the European Union (EU) and its Member States with a factual overview of European drug problems and a solid evidence base to support the drugs debate. Promoting evidence and sharing best practices on prevention is one of the EMCDDA's key areas of work and each year the Centre's *European Drug Report* provides a European overview of what countries are doing in the area of prevention. In addition, the agency produces various guidelines and reference materials on the topic. Over the last decade, the EMCDDA has gradually increased cooperation with Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries to consolidate their drug monitoring systems and share best practices on how to respond to drugs. This Academy is designed to facilitate the discussion between experts and practitioners from the EU Member States and Candidate and Potential Candidate countries about the evidence available for prevention programmes and what steps could be taken at a national level to ensure implementation of high-quality prevention activities.

Objectives

- Discuss contemporary concepts for drug prevention in Europe and in participating countries, with particular focus on scope, objectives and evidence for universal prevention activities;
- Share best practice in how to improve the quality of prevention programmes through the evaluation and certification of programmes;
- Present the *European drug prevention quality standards: a quick guide* (see <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/adhoc/prevention-standard>, available in English, Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, French, Macedonian, Serbian, Slovenian, Turkish) and discuss how they could be applied further in participating countries.

Participants

The Academy is designed for professionals and practitioners involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of drug prevention activities at national level in IPA4 beneficiaries and Slovenia. Representatives from non-governmental and governmental institutions, involved in the implementation of drug prevention programmes and activities, targeted mainly at drug use prevention among young people will attend the meeting.

The working language will be English.

Monday 28 April 2014

- 8:30 9:00 **Registration**
- 9:00 9:30 **Opening**
Chairs: Jože Hren, Ministry of Health and Sandrine Sleiman, Reitox and international cooperation unit, EMCDDA
- Welcome on behalf of the Ministry of Health by Jože Hren
- Welcome on behalf of the EMCDDA by Sandrine Sleiman
- Welcome and objectives for the meeting on behalf of the National Institute of Public Health by Ada Hočevar Grom
- 9:30 10:00 Prevention activities in the European Union. Gregor Burkhart, Expert
- 10:00 10:20 Prevention programmes and terminology. Andreja Hočevar, Faculty of Arts of the University of Ljubljana.
- 10:20 10:30 Questions and answers
- 10:30 11:00 Coffee/tea break
- 11:00 12:00 **Prevention of drug use: scope, objectives and evidence**
Chair: Gregor Burkhart
- Introduction by Gregor Burkhart
- Case studies
- 12:30 13:00 Presentations from the groups and discussion
- 13:00 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 15:30 **Prevention programmes in the region**
Chairs: Arian Boci, NGO Stop AIDS Association Albania and Sabina Sahman, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Albania: Together in the fight against drugs. Rudina Kopo, NGO Aksion Plus
- Bosnia and Herzegovina: The network of schools to combat drug abuse in Canton Sarajevo. Emira Tanović- Mikulec, Public Health Institute Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Prevention of risky behavior among Roma's population in Republica Srpska. Jelena Niskanovic, Public Health Institute
- The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Establishing School-Based Drug Prevention Program in the secondary schools. Anica Dimovska, NGO HOPS
- Montenegro: Adaptation of 'Strengthening families' programme in Montenegro. Nada Milošević, Municipality of Nikšić Office for drugs addiction prevention

Serbia: Creative work with children on prevention of substance abuse.
Biljana Kilibarda, Institute of Public Health

Slovenia: 'Early intervention' for teen drug users and their parents. Vanja
Žmak, Expert, National Institute of Public Health.

Questions and answers

15:30 16:00 Coffee/tea break

16:00 17:30 **Information on best practices in prevention**
Chairs: Samir Ibisevic, President of Association PROI, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Biljana Kilibarda, Serbia

Role of the Pompidou group in drug demand reduction. Thomas Kattau,
Pompidou Group

Presentation of the EMCDDA Best practice portal. Sandrine Sleiman

Presentation of the Croatian database of drug demand reduction projects.
Dijana Jerković, Office for combating drug abuse of the Government of the
Republic of Croatia

Discussion and conclusion

17.30 End of the day

Tuesday 29 April 2014

8:30 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 10:15 **Towards effective drug abuse prevention programmes**
Chair: Gregor Burkhart

Introduction to *European drug prevention quality standards: A quick guide*.
Angelina Brotherhood, Expert

Evaluation of universal prevention activities: from theory to practice.
Valentina Kranzelic, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences,
University of Zagreb

10:15 10:30 Coffee/tea break

10:30 12:00 Parallel workshops

**Workshop A: Application of
the European drug prevention
quality standards: a quick
guide**

**Facilitators: Angelina
Brotherhood and Matej Košir,
Institute for Research and
Development 'Utrip'**

**Workshop B: How to develop
effective drug use prevention
programmes**

**Facilitators: Valentina Kranželić
and Gregor Burkhart**

12:00 12:30 **Reporting back from the workshops**
Facilitator: Gregor Burkhart

Two short reports in the plenary

Questions and answers

12:30 13:30 Lunch

13:30 15:00 **Accreditation of prevention providers and programmes**

Chair: Sandrine Sleiman

Standardisation of prevention activities in the Czech Republic. Helena
Pacnerová, National Institute for Education

Discussion

15:00 15:45 **Conclusion and closure**
Chairs: Sandrine Sleiman and Ada Hočevar Grom

Conclusions

Feedback/evaluation

15:45 End of the Reitox Academy