European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction

Ministry of Security of
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Reitox Academy seminar

Implementation of European standards in developing strategic guidelines in the field of drugs

19-20 May

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Venue:

Hotel Bristol Sarajevo
Fra Filipa Lastrica 2
71000 Sarajevo

Background

This Reitox Academy is organised by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) in close cooperation with the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of its project 'Preparation of IPA Beneficiaries for their participation in the EMCDDA' (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. Over the last decade, the EMCDDA has gradually increased cooperation with Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries and is helping them to establish comprehensive and comparable drug monitoring systems at national levels.

Objectives of the seminar

- To discuss European best practice in defining national drug strategies in field of drugs;

- To agree on main principles for strategic guidelines in the field of drugs.

Day 1

09.00-09.30 ***Arrival***

09.30-10.30 ***Opening***

Chair: Vjekoslav Vuković, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Security of BiH and Cécile Martel, Head of Sector on International Cooperation, EMCDDA

Welcome by the Ministry of Security of BiH: objectives and expectations, Vjekoslav Vuković

Welcome by the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and drug Addiction, Cecile Martel

Tour de table: facilitated by Franz Trautmann, Head of the National Focal Point, Trimbos Institute, The Netherlands

Each participant will be asked to name two strongest and two weakest points of the former strategy; two major achievements and two most important lessons to be learned from the making and implementation of the former strategy

Drug policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina: main updates

Evaluation results of the National Strategy on Supervision over Narcotic Drugs, Prevention and Suppression of the Abuse of Narcotic Drugs in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period 2009–13. Joze Hren, Ministry of Health, Slovenia

Discussion on the results of evaluation

11.15–11.30 Coffee/tea break

11.30–13.00 ***Drug strategy: from the EU to national level – synergies and continuity***

Chair: Ognjen Zekić, Head of Department for the Suppression of the Abuse of Narcotic Drugs, Ministry of Security BiH and Cécile Martel

Translating the EU drug strategy into national drug policies. Danilo Ballotta, Principal policy officer — Coordinator institutional relations, EMCDDA

Discussants:

Interpretation of the EU drug strategy principles into national drug strategy and action plans of the Netherlands. Franz Trautmann

The Czech Republic: development of a national drug strategy and action plan in close cooperation with regions. Lucia Kissova, Head of coordination and financing unit, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, Secretariat of the Government Council for Drug Policy

Croatia: creating links between a national drug strategy and actions at local level. Lidija Vugrinec, Head of the National Focal Point, Croatia

Questions and answers from audience

13.00–14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 –15.00 **Towards the national strategic guidelines in field of the suppression of the abuse of narcotic drugs – monitoring and evaluation**

Chair: Ognjen Zekić

Planning and evaluation of strategy: how to set measurable objectives? Franz Trautmann

Discussants:

Impact of the national drug strategy evaluation outcomes on new drug policy developments in Croatia. Lidija Vugrinec

What can one learn from evaluation of the previous national drugs strategy of BiH? Joze Hren

Questions and answers

15.00–15.30 *Coffee/tea break*

15.30–17.00 ***Towards the national strategic guidelines in field of the suppression of the abuse of narcotic drugs***

Chair: Ognjen Zekić

Introduction on expectations by the Ministry of Security BiH

Facilitator: Franz Trautmann

Work in groups – Aims, roles and responsibilities of partners/constituents

Discussion and agreement on aims, roles and responsibilities

Feedback from groups (30 min)

17.00 Closure of the Day

Day 2

09.00–10.30	***Towards the national strategic guidelines – formulating principles and objectives***
	Chair: Ognjen Zekić and Cécile Martel
	Facilitator: Franz Trautmann
	Roundtable among participants: each participant name priority issues which should be addressed by the national strategic guidelines (reflecting on the experiences with the earlier strategy and current developments of the drug problem (demand, supply, regional differences, etc.)
	Work in groups - defining objectives/components
10.30–11.00	*Coffee/tea break*
11.00–12.30	***Defining objectives of the national strategic guidelines***
	Chair: Ognjen Zekić
	Groups present their discussion results back
	Discussion and agreement on the main strategic objectives
12.30–13.30	*Lunch*
13.30–15.00	***Prioritising needs for realisation of the set objective***
	Chair: Ognjen Zekić
	Facilitator: Franz Trautmann
	-Inventory of priority needs to be able to realise the set objectives (of opportunities/threats exercise)
15.00-15.30	***Closing session***
	Chair: Ognjen Zekić and Cécile Martel
	Reflection on work done (by experts)
	Reflection from the Ministry of Security and responsible actors from other entities
	Agreeing on next steps
	Closing statements by the EMCDDA
15.30	*End of seminar*