



European Monitoring Centre
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PROGRAMME

Reitox Academy for IPA4 beneficiaries

**Prevention of infectious
diseases among people
who inject drugs**

29–30 October 2013

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Objectives of the Reitox Academy

- Discuss policies and measures in place to prevent and control infectious diseases and other health consequences related to injecting drug use in the Western Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia); explore achievements and gaps in implementation, opportunities for scaling-up services and potential obstacles.
- Explore the availability of epidemiological data relevant for planning and scaling-up health and social responses for the prevention and control of infectious diseases and other health-related consequences among people who inject drugs (PWID); identify new trends in drug use and emerging risk behaviours with implications for planning responses at national level, along with information gaps.
- Map, collect and compile data on the provision and cover of measures to control and prevent infections among PWID.
- Discuss core values, principles and key measures for prevention and service provision and present the EMCDDA and ECDC guidance 'Prevention and control of infectious diseases among people who inject drugs'.
- Exchange experiences on scaling-up comprehensive responses to prevent and control infectious diseases and other health-related consequences of injecting drug use.

Venue

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09.00	Opening — Chairs: Sabina Sahman-Salihbegovic, Senior Officer for Health information systems, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Alessandro Pirona, Scientific analyst, Health and social responses, Interventions, best practice and scientific partners unit, EMCDDA
	Welcome by Drazenka Malicbegovic, Assistant Minister of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina Welcome by the Ministry of Security (to be confirmed) Welcome by Ilze Jekabsone, Capacity development officer, Reitox and international cooperation unit, EMCDDA Welcome by Dragana Gluhovic, Adviser, Home Affairs and Public Security Section, EUSR Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina Participants briefly introduce themselves
09.30	Epidemiological situation and health and social responses in Europe
	Drug-related infectious diseases among PWID in Europe — Lucas Wiessing, Principal scientist, Infectious diseases and modelling, Prevalence, consequences and data management unit, EMCDDA Health and social responses for PWID in Europe — Dagmar Hedrich, Head of Sector, Health and social responses, Interventions, best practice and scientific partners unit, EMCDDA
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	Understanding the region: epidemiological situation and health responses Chair: Dagmar Hedrich, EMCDDA
	Core values of prevention and principles of service provision — Mika Salminen, THL Finland Country presentations: Albania Bosnia and Herzegovina: Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Srpska Questions and answers
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Understanding the region: epidemiological situation and health responses (continued) Chair: Alessandro Pirona, EMCDDA
	ECDC/EMCDDA Joint guidance on prevention of infectious diseases among people who inject drugs — Dagmar Hedrich, EMCDDA Country presentations: Montenegro — Ivana Djukovich, Clinic of infectious diseases, Clinical center of Montenegro Kosovo* Serbia Questions and answers
15.40	Coffee break
16.10	Workshops in two parallel groups: Prevention and control of infectious diseases among people who inject drugs — strategies and policies
	Introduction Discussion on achievements, opportunities, obstacles for implementation and sustainability of services Preparation of group presentations Facilitators: Mika Salminen and Dagmar Hedrich; Alessandro Pirona and Ilze Jekabsone
17.30	End of the first day

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09.15	Welcome and feedback from workshops — Chair: Mika Salminen, THL Finland and Ilze Jekabsone, Capacity development officer, Reitox and international cooperation unit, EMCDDA
	Presentations by representatives of the two groups Questions and clarifications
10.00	Monitoring responses: tools and added value for reporting — Chair: Dagmar Hedrich, EMCDDA
	Treatment system approach. Access to treatment: generic map — Alessandro Pirona, EMCDDA Prevention and reduction of health-related harms. Coverage of services — Dagmar Hedrich, EMCDDA Questions and clarifications
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	Moderated discussion: Scaling-up services for people who inject drugs Moderator: Dagmar Hedrich, EMCDDA
	European best practice examples in scaling up on treatment of opiate addiction — Alessandro Pirona, EMCDDA Discussion on the situation in the participating countries
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Building consensus on the way forward Two workshops on recommendations for further actions to ensure monitoring, scaling-up and sustainability of services aimed to prevent and control infectious diseases among injecting drug users
	Workshop 1: Recommendations for monitoring the epidemiological situation Moderators: Mika Salminen, Finland and Ilze Jekabsone, EMCDDA
	Workshop 2: Recommendations for scaling-up and monitoring services Moderators: Dagmar Hedrich and Alessandro Pirona, EMCDDA
16.00	Coffee break
16.30	Way forward — Chair: Ilze Jekabsone, EMCDDA
	Reports from the workshops to plenary by moderators Discussion Closure of the seminar Evaluation