



European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction

EMCDDA Review of Key Indicator Expert Meetings

Information Note

The EMCDDA has a commitment in its three-year work programme to review the format of the key indicator expert meetings with a view to giving more opportunity for discussion and analysis. It is also considering holding meetings sequentially to allow cross-over sessions so that experts from different disciplines can work together.

A small project has therefore been established to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the current key indicator meetings and to identify ways of gaining the most benefit from them. Alan Lodwick (the former Head of UK Focal Point) has been asked to support this project. He is attending several of the Key Indicator meetings in 2012 as an observer and undertaking in-depth interviews with a small number of participants as well as seeking informal views from others. Where possible, workshops are also being organised to discuss the topic.

It is not, however, feasible for everyone to give their views during the KI meetings, so if you have views or ideas you would like to contribute to this project about the future format of these meetings please do contact Alan directly by e-mail at alan.lodwick@gmail.com. He would also be happy to speak on the telephone if you provide details of how you may be contacted. Any views expressed will not be attributed to specific individuals in any documents arising from this work.

Views would be particularly welcome on:

- the strengths and weaknesses of the meetings as currently organised;
- whether the objectives of the meetings are sufficiently clear, whether they are the correct objectives in your opinion, and if the meetings satisfactorily meet those objectives;
- whether the mix of participants is appropriate and what could be done to encourage the greatest participation from those attending;
- how the meetings could focus more on analysis;
- whether the meetings should be organised to allow more cross-working with other areas (such as other key indicators or responses and interventions) and how that could be achieved; and,
- anything else that would increase the benefit of the meetings both to the EMCDDA and to participants.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.