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Introduction of the new Euro-TC Board

The board of directors elected in Nov. 2022 at the Euro-TC General Assembly in Lisbon are now:

President: Dr. Thomas Legl, Austria
Dr. Dirk Kratz, Germany
Bernardica Juretic, Croatia
Fernando Mendes, Portugal
Modesto Salgado, Spain

Honorary President: Prof. Dr. Paolo Stocco, Italy
Honorary Vice President: Horst Broemer, Germany
Christian Heise, Germany
Honorary Members: Ákos Topolánsky, Hungary
Gabriel Roldan, Spain



Project Updates

Iran – Rebirth

As part of the project “Strengthening social support for homeless drug users in the Islamic Republic of Iran”, Working group I (WGI) was established for the purpose of Monitoring and Evaluation. Euro-TC and WFAD are both registered organisations in the European Union (Austria and Sweden) yet both work within an international network. The WGI is led by Euro-TC and WFAD and entails two objectives:

- Adapting existing quality standards as elaborated in the EU Strategy and by UNODC to the local circumstances in Iran
- Implementation of these quality standards into all actions of the project (treatment, harm, reduction, counselling, case management) to the benefit of the target group, aiming for a high retention rate of clients within the different options.

Euro-TC and WFAD met several times and additionally had meetings with the Rebirth project team. The Work Group began the work through researching relevant and existing standards in Europe and internationally. These were retrieved and analysed based on relevance and importance for the project. Based on which three main documents were chosen. The following European and International standards were used in the evaluation:

- The Minimum Quality standards in Drug Demand Reduction in the EU (EMCDDA 2015)
- EU Agenda and Action plan on Drugs 2021-2025 (European Commission)
- International Standards for the Treatment of Drug Use Disorders (WHO and UNODC 2020)

With July 2022 the project completed. Based on the results of the project work Rebirth Charity Society published following paper „Challenges and Prescriptions for Homeless Drug Users’ Social Reintegration; An Experience of Partnerships Between Iran and Europe NGOs“ in the Journal of Drug Issues (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00220426231151372#tab-contributors>)



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Information on the implementation of QS in the area of prevention comes from 91 surveys for the area of prevention, treatment and harm reduction as well as from 23 follow-up interviews. The fact that is consistently repeated in the results from all areas is that QS, although not formally adopted in many countries, are informally widely used in practice. These data highlight the need to advocate at the EU level for the implementation of QS and to facilitate the adaptation of QS to the contexts of different countries in preparation for QS implementation in real life settings.



Events Quality Champions 4th-6th May, 2022

The Quality Champions event, held in Palma de Mallorca, gathered a total of 68 participants (in person and online) that shared experiences in prevention, treatment and social reintegration, and harm reduction initiatives. It was focused to discuss transferability of national and local experiences to other countries, regions, institutions.



Presentations made along the meeting are now accessible at the project website:
https://feniqs-eu.net/project-quality-champions-events/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=QualityChampionsEvent



INTERLEAVE

The project ended with the development of the toolkit to implant the findings into practice. Euro TC member Therapiesalon im Wald was responsible and guiding the work on this important document. The toolkit addresses policy makers, facility manager, professional staff and peers/ clients in different formats. It aims to implant the topic on all different levels into practice as highlighted due the European drug strategy. The toolkit also presented during the meeting of the CSF and warmly welcomed by the horizontal drug group of the (at this time) Czech EU presidency. The final meeting was held in Brussels hosted in the European parliament. The toolkit has to be seen as work in progress and hopefully will be sharpened after used in practice. You can download the toolkit in our webpage. We highly recommend to use the tools to increase the professionals Qualities within your facilities.



