

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 Honorary President: Prof. Dr. Paolo Stocco, Italy

Pr. Dirk Kratz, Germany 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)



FENIQS

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 addressees 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.





Lisbon Addictions 23th-25th Nov., 2022

A structured session on the FENIQS-EU project was held on the 23rd of November:

"Implementation of quality standards in drug demand reduction — where we are and where we are going?" The overall aim of the session was to provide an overview of the implementation of quality standards in drug demand reduction, present an example of a successful implementation and discuss implementation needs and challenges.

The Conference was an Event where several Euro-TC members, friends and project partners met. For those of you who could not attend the session, FENQIS offers links to the presentations: https://feniqs-eu.net/2022/12/05/lisbon-addictions-2022-23-25-november-2022 -session-presentations/



Dirk and Thomas with the Handle it! poster at the Lisbon Conference



Implementation Toolkit

The aim of this field tested toolkit is to support and improve professional practice in day-to-day activities with a step-by-step guidance. The toolkit will comprise a collection of flexible and adaptable educational resources targeting a specific topic, such as QS implementation or QS evaluation, or a specific audience.

The toolkit will be launched in March 2023 along with a video tutorial to facilitate dissemination and adoption of the tool.



Dijana Jerkovic, Project Manager



Announcement

Next Euro-TC Board Meeting in Madrid. The date will be 9th / 10th of May 2023.

The board meeting will feature a meeting on future international cooperation with the board of EFTC to strengthen the values of addiction treatment in Europe.

It will take place on the occasion of the 24th Annual conference of Project Hombre. If you are interested to participate please find the program below and click here for Registration.

Members who are interest to participate as guests in the board meeting are very welcome!

The 66th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) will be held from 13 to 17 March 2023 https://vngoc.org/cnd/cnd-2023/

Euro-TC is co-organising a side event of our Iranian project Partner rebirth society on the protection of women from disadvantaged target groups on March 17th. There is also participation in the side event organized by Projecto Hombre, Spain with the topic: "The impact of drugs on Children and Youth: Effective Responses" on March 15th, 8:00.

Adolescents in treatment from Euro-TC member Therapiesalon im Wald will be present and read a declaration. Please find here the Program.