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EUDA - Civil Society Organizations Consultation Meeting October 22/2024

Lisbon

written by Dr. Thomas Legl

The newly established European Drug Agency, EUDA, had its kick off during Lisbon Addictions 2024. One day before a consultation meeting with Civil Society Organizations took place. The EUDA now has a mandate to intensify cooperation and collaboration with Civil Society Organizations. This should involve consultations, information exchange and knowledge sharing. As chairman of EURO-TC Thomas Legl has been invited to participate. The first steps for a road map for further fruitful cooperation was set. Treatment is also represented by EFTC. On this special occasion on a near cooperation of our treatment networks was further strengthened.

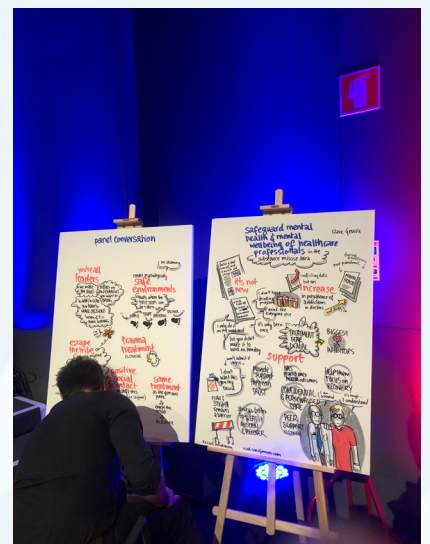


Participation in LX Addiciton Conference 2024

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The Lisbon Addictions Conference is a leading international event on addiction science, bringing together researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and professionals to discuss the latest developments in the field of addiction. It features a wide range of topics, including prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and policy innovations.

This year, the conference introduced a unique visual element with the presence of Tim Hamons, a visual storyteller from Silicon Valley, who creatively illustrated key presentations and discussions, transforming complex ideas into engaging visual narratives.



Practical Implementation of the “INTERLEAVE Toolkit” to Address Women Drug Users Affected by Gender-Based Violence*

The INTERLEAVE Toolkit, spearheaded by Comunità di Venezia, addresses the critical intersection of gender-based violence (GBV) and substance use among women*, highlighting the urgent need for targeted interventions. Comprehensive research conducted by Fundación Salud y Comunidad included literature reviews, surveys, focus groups, and interviews.

About the INTERLEAVE Toolkit

Developed by EuroTC, the toolkit offers practical strategies for addressing GBV and substance use within therapeutic frameworks. Its primary goal is to improve quality standards, policies, and practices while disseminating evidence-based guidelines and tools. The toolkit supports stakeholders, including policymakers, staff, professionals, directors, management, peers, and clients.

You can find more details about the INTERLEAVE project, including studies, results, and the toolkit here:..

Workshop Highlights

The Lisbon Addiction Conference featured a workshop chaired by Thomas Legl, Fernando Mendes, and Iris Neuretter, where workshop members applied the toolkit to various areas such as treatment, prevention, harm reduction, and policymaking. Participants worked in groups, selecting tools that best suited their specific professional contexts. The workshop emphasized practical solutions, comprehensive gender perspectives, and effective interventions, leveraging the toolkit’s resources to better support women with substance use disorders affected by GBV.



Conclusion

The INTERLEAVE Toolkit represents a significant step toward inclusive therapeutic practices. It provides actionable tools and frameworks to improve care for women* and foster gender-sensitive approaches in addiction treatment and beyond.

Comunità di Venezia – 40 Years of Excellence



On December 5, 2024, the Sala San Domenico Ospedale Civile in Venice hosted an extraordinary seminar titled “Addiction Treatment: State of Art and Outlook”. The event marked the 40th anniversary of **Comunità di Venezia**, a moment to celebrate the organization’s legacy while fostering international dialogue on groundbreaking approaches in addiction treatment.

The seminar opened with heartfelt welcome speeches by **Paolo Stocco**, President of Comunità di Venezia, and **Thomas Legl**, President of Euro-TC. The event was honored by the presence of the deputy mayor **Simone Venturini** who explicitly pointed out the value of the comprehensive and effective approach of Comunità di Venezia for centuries and this direction also the value of a stable strategy regarding addiction and mental health. The town of Venice is dedicated to a supporting approach. They were joined by prominent speakers, including **Massimo Zuin**, Director of Social Services, Local Health Unit 3 Veneto Region.

Key topics addressed included:

- **The Integrated Approach and New Models of Addiction Treatment**
- **Innovative Training Paths to Prepare Professionals in the Field of Addiction**
- **An international panel discussion explored the complexity of care and the importance of integrated responses.**



The evening culminated in a celebratory event held in the enchanting setting of the “Serra dei Giardini” winter garden.

Euro-TC expressed heartfelt gratitude for the decades of collaboration and support. Special recognition was given to Paolo Stocco, a former President of Euro-TC, for his exceptional leadership, as well as to his dedicated team, Barbara and Nicoletta, who have played pivotal roles in these accomplishments.



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