



Democracy, Cities & Drugs II - (2008-2010)

...to jointly improve local integrated
drug-related responses among EU cities.

The thematic exchange platforms

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The second *Democracy, Cities & Drugs* project (DC&D II) aims at supporting EU cities in developing local partnership-based drug policies involving the relevant stakeholders - local authorities, health services criminal justice services, communities, including visible minority ones, and drug service users - so that a coordinated, participative, targeted, and thus resource effective approach can be developed towards drug-related problems.

This project has received the approval of the European Commission for co-financing; it will start on May 1st 2008 and will end on April 31st 2011.

The DC&D II project is based on 3 pillars:

- 1 EU experimental network of partner cities that we invite you to join;
- 4 national networks (France, Italy, Portugal, Romania);
- 5 thematic working groups based on the findings of the 1st DC&D project.

These European thematic working groups will carry out 5 European thematic exchange platforms open to the partner cities. The exchange platforms will tackle:

- policies addressing the specific needs of women with drug misuse;
- activities for health promotion in nightlife settings;
- integrated responses related to wandering young drugs users;
- outreach activities as regards drugs use and sexual infectious diseases;
- local policies improving access to treatment.

We invite your city to join one or several exchange platforms according to your needs. Each exchange platform will involve about 5 cities and will include sharing workshops, training sessions, refinement meetings and guidelines. You will find below a presentation of each exchange platform which will help you to have a clear view of the local needs addressed during this project.

If you wish to take part in the project, you should sign a **commitment letter** and agree to a **financial contribution** depending on the global activities in which you will want to get involved. This financial contribution will cover your travel and accommodation expenses related to your participation in the various platforms.

In order to better understand the programme of each exchange platform and to participate to its tailoring according to your local contexts, you should attend two seminars gathering all the exchange platforms and partner cities. The first one, the **strategic seminar**, will be held in June 2008 in Paris, the second one, the **implementation seminar**, will be held in November 2008 in Bucharest.

Finally the project will organise a **dissemination conference** in November 2010 in Vienna.

1. OVERVIEW

1.1. Title

Democracy, Cities & Drugs II

1.2. Priority area and action

3. Health determinants (HD 2007)

3.1 Supporting key Community strategies on addictive substances

1.3. Summary (objectives, methods, expected results)

The EU Drugs Strategy aims to create a balanced approach to supply, demand and harm reduction strategies. The project's aim is to help support EU cities develop local, partnership based drug policies involving the relevant stakeholders – local authorities, health services criminal justice services, communities, including visible minority ones, and drug service users – so that a coordinated, participative, targeted, and thus resource effective approach can be developed towards drug-related problems.

In terms of supporting key community strategies on drugs and alcohol, the project supports good practice sharing; promotes integrative approaches across health determinants (alcohol and lifestyle) and urban safety; contributes to the reduction of health inequalities; addresses a gender perspective; targets specific settings such as nightlife; develops best practices to improve access to services for drug users; develops training for professionals.

The DC&D II project is based on 3 pillars: 1 EU wide experimental network of more than 16 partner cities; 4 national networks (FR, IT, PT, RO); 5 thematic work packages based on the findings of the 1st DC&D project.

To support the development of an integrated drug policy among the partner cities and countries 5 European thematic exchange platforms open to the EU experimental network of cities and the 4 national networks of cities will be organised.

The exchange platforms will tackle: policies addressing the specific needs of women with drug misuse; - activities for health promotion in nightlife settings; integrated responses related to wandering young drugs users; outreach activities as regards drugs use and sexual infectious diseases; local policies improving access to treatment. The exchange platforms will include sharing seminars, training sessions, refinement meetings and guidelines. Finally the project will develop the DC&D website and organise a dissemination conference.

Steering Committee, May 23rd 2008, Paris

Agenda

10.00 – 10.15

Welcome / Introduction

Elizabeth JOHNSTON, EFUS Deputy Director

Round table

All partners

10.15 – 12.00

Overall presentation of the project and updates

Leaders of each WP, external experts

12.00 – 13.00

Contract with the Executive Agency: responsibilities of each partner

Annex 1

Budgetary and administrative issues

Rocana CALFA, WP Coordination *Annex 2*

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Partnership agreement, partnership guide:

- discussion and validation of content and form

All partners

16.00 – 18.00

Preparation of the Strategic Seminar:

Annex 3

- Agenda to be modified / confirmed

- Logistics : in terms of PWP projector, laptops

- Common framework of presentation PWP to validate

All partners