



newsletter spring 2022

Dear friends,

dedicated to help persons overcome self destructive, addictive behaviour we are all shocked about the level of destruction and killing by the war in Ukraine, with no perspective of a realistic end within the near future.

For us this is the time to much stronger reconnect with our colleagues and partner organisations in the Ukraine.

They are absolutely successful in keeping the therapeutic services alive and offering human assistance on an even much wider level. We managed to support our friends by financial means as well as assisting refugees, providing housing and integrative services. Especially the *Comunita' di Venezia* and *Projecto Hombre Castilla la Mancha* offered living space, *BWLV Germany*, *Zajednica Susret Croatia*, and *Therapiesalon im Wald Austria* financial donations in addition.

Especially our Honorary presidents Paolo Stocco and Horst Brömer are keeping close contact and our treasurer Christian Heise started a very valuable information campaign within BWLV to raise further donations.

While essential human conflicts capture us and reflect the essence of war trauma in Europe for any therapeutic process everyday tasks continue. There was an interesting working meeting of the Feniqs project on the implementation of quality standards in Palma de Mallorca. Defined „quality champions“ from several European countries took part and enriched an intense exchange to define main indicators for successful implementation of QS.

The Iran project on integration of homeless drug users has also progressed successfully with practical assistance to a large number of marginalised persons in need. I could give a presentation on this topic during the side event of the *CND* of the UN in Vienna, which was very well received as example of very practical use of funds to practically assist a most vulnerable group of drug users on an evaluated professional level.

For the INTERLEAVE project with several working groups the last Staff Exchange is planned for September in Venice.

This will also be the place of our next General Assembly. We hope to see as many as possible of you at this meeting.

The exact date will be communicated ASAP.

May our valuable cooperation and mutual understanding be a positive example for constructive, peaceful networking!

See you in Venice

Thomas Legl, president

Report from Ukraine, Yuriy Brozhyna

„Military equipment for our ex-patients, who are currently defending the country.

Evacuation of a family of refugees from Nikolaev to Lviv and to Poland.

Humanitarian cargoes: Kyiv, Irpin, Kharkiv, Pervomaisk, Sumy.

Humanitarian cargo from Poland to our office in Lviv: 7 cargoes from 1.5 to 3 tons each (baby food, diapers, hygiene products, clothes, strollers, sleeping mats, etc., and food, wheelchairs, crutches, medicines, bandages etc. for a military hospital.

The main part of the funds is fuel for buses. One trip to Poland costs about 50 € for fuel + food for drivers. Transports to the East and South of Ukraine: 400-700€ each. „

<https://www.facebook.com/100012484146616/posts/1384344955324963/?d=n>

Director of the State Regional Social Service of Lviv Region Yaroslav Bordiyan

(Horst is familiar with him) delivered this cargo in person

<https://www.facebook.com/100064574296960/posts/343500807812393/?d=n>

Department of Children’s and Youth Clubs of the Lviv City Council



... next transport to the east. sleeping bags, mats, baby food



Our TC from the Kniaze with a blessing



INTERLEAVE

Staff Exchange, Vienna took part from 16th to 17th of March with 15 participants from 6 countries.

Due to the COVID-19 situation the Staff Exchange in Vienna was the first meeting where the project partners met in person since project start in November 2020. In the staff exchange staff from all of the partners have been actively involved. There was an intense exchange of knowledge with fruitful output.

At the moment the project focuses on understanding gender based violence against women and on mapping good and bad intervention practices based on the research carried out by Fundacion Salud y Comunidad from Barcelona. The full results of the research, the women's and staff questionnaire, will be available on the projects and as well on the Euro-TC website and will be presented at the final event of the project scheduled for September/October 2022 in Venice.

Next Step: INTERLEAVE Workshop in Lisbon, 29th June 2022

The Aim of this workshop is exchange of best practices, capacity building and working on the development of an intervention Toolkit.

Thanks to IREFREA, a Portuguese NGO with specific experience in research, primary applied prevention, theoretical and scientific study of risk factors and evaluation in the field of drug prevention and drug reduction a seminar will be organised in Lisbon.

You are welcome to participate at the event, supported by the European Observatory on Drugs (EMCDDA), where there will be specific trainings for professionals and exchange of best practices.

Read the Interleave newsletter here: https://www.eurotc.org/_files/ugd/2e5212_9111f2fb1648421e8dc1057346549039.pdf



Handle it

The Erasmus+ project "Handle it!" was successfully completed at the end of March with a final learning-teaching-training-activity (LTTA) in Venice. For more than 2 years the project dealt with the effects of consumption of new psychoactive substances (NPS) on the professional's action concepts of addiction support.

"I'm really proud of all the participants and the partner organizations from the Euro TC for the creative and committed involvement in Handle it!. All together and every single one made the project a success. Now it is time to disseminate the results."

The results will be presented at various congresses in the upcoming months and gradually published online at handle-it.info. More information on that will be shared in the next newsletter.

Personal Quotes

Participating in Handle-it was a challenging experience of strategic partnership! I found that the topic of New Psychoactive Substances is so current among young people who use drugs but is so unknown by health professionals working in the field. So this project was a great opportunity to share knowledge and practices related with NPS inpatient and outpatient treatment and care among professionals from various countries and cultures. The atmosphere of the meetings was excellent. – Irma Brito, IREFREA

I can Handle it, again! – Mario Plazibat, Zajednica Susret
The projekt was very precious for us because we had a look over the borders and learned how other professionals handle the work with NPS consumers. The situation differs from country to country, but the work is always the same... to get an understanding for the clients and to help individually. – Therapieverbund Ludwigsmühle
The project was a unique possibility for us to exchange experiences in the daily work and check and compare our practise to become better. – bwlv Fachklinik Tübingen

First official German project for integrated substance analysis

In order to realise drug checking as a prevention service for harm reduction at raves, events and festivals in Thuringia in 2021, a cooperation between "LeadiX GmbH" and "SiT - Suchthilfe in Thüringen gGmbH" was concluded.

SiT is a provider of addiction aid in Thuringia and thus part of the network system consisting of the Foundation for Prevention and Rehabilitation Baden-Württemberg and the Drogenhilfe Tübingen e. V.. The purpose of the society is to promote public health care, youth care and youth welfare; in particular to support young people, adolescents and adults who are addicted to or at risk of addiction by means of scientifically based measures and to counteract the development of addiction by means of suitable, targeted measures within the framework of a network system in Thuringia.

The drug checking project combines a chemical-toxicological analysis with a low-threshold counselling concept and interdisciplinary cooperation with addiction support actors. The aim is to detect dangerous concentrations, to catalogue substances and to protect people who intend to consume them from abuse and possible damage to their health. The Thuringian Drug Checking offer is directly linked to the work of the Safer Nightlife Project "Drogerie" of the SiT, which takes part at raves, open airs and festivals to educate people on site about psychotropic substances and to accompany them in critical situations.

Related links SiT

www.sit-online.org

www.drogerie-projekt.de

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