

EMCDDA activities Update for HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum

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1. EDR – European Drug Report;
2. Joint ECDC-EMCDDA Guidance;
3. HIV risk assessment in EU/EEA countries;
4. Prison monitoring;
5. Other updates:
 - Cooperation with non-EU countries
 - 2nd follow-up to the Council Recommendation of 18 June 2003 on the prevention and reduction of health-related harm associated with drug dependence (EC funded project)
 - European Summer School 2013

1. EDR – European Drug Report

- According to new EMCDDA 3-year work programme:
- 28 May: Presentation of annual overview of the European drug situation in a **new information package** designed to be more timely, interactive and interlinked;

EDR package of products:

- Report on trends and developments;
- Statistical Bulletin;
- Country overviews;
- Thematic analyses e.g. Hepatitis C treatment; Overdose prevention; Trends in heroin use; Control of new psychoactive substances and many more

2. Joint ECDC-EMCDDA Guidance

- Promotion and dissemination of the Joint ECDC and EMCDDA guidance on the prevention and control of infections among people who inject drugs (2011)

Translations:

- Summary in all EU languages, Icelandic and Norwegian
- Full version in 12 languages: cs, et, en, hu, pl, tr, bs, hr, mk, ru, sq, sr;
- Policy maker's brief version in six languages: cs, el, en, hu, fi, ru;

Distribution to visiting delegations, at expert meetings



European guidance on prevention of infections among people who inject drugs

- Comprehensive Guidance document
 - Based on evidence and fully referenced (50 pages)
- Guidance "in brief"
 - Condensed recommendations
 - (8 pages)
- Two part evidence assessment
 - Needle and syringe programmes and other interventions for preventing hepatitis C, HIV and injecting risk behaviour (144 pages)
 - Drug treatment for preventing hepatitis C, HIV and injecting risk behaviour (62 pages)



3. HIV Risk Assessment in EU/EEA countries

- Joint EMCDDA and ECDC risk assessment (November 2011)
- Expert meetings March and October 2012
- **2013 update** of HIV risk assessment currently underway in EU/EEA countries;
- Report in Autumn



3. HIV Risk Assessment in EU/EEA countries

- Detecting and responding to outbreaks of HIV among PWIDs - 12 October 2012 in Lisbon: report
- Indicators incl.: HIV notifications, bio-behavioural studies, prevalence studies among PWID populations; trends in hepatitis C infections; coverage of effective interventions; changes in prevention funding.



4. Prison monitoring

Contribution to a framework for monitoring the drug situation, health consequences and drug-related health services in prison (HDG Jan 2013);

Ongoing work with international partners incl. WHO, UNODC and Council of Europe on methods and indicators

- 30-31 May: Model prisoner survey, based on analysis of existing surveys in the Member States;
- 23-25 June: Model treatment/health facility survey - but adaptation to prison setting only as next step.



5. Other updates

Cooperation with non-EU countries

- IPA-4 Programme candidate and potential candidate countries as part of their accession process to the EU;
- Range: technical assistance; ad-hoc training; consultancy.
- Objective: to share the EMCDDA monitoring practices, guidelines, data collection tools, and to support the countries in setting-up their national drug information systems.



5. Other Updates

Council Recommendation follow-up

- 2nd follow-up Council Recommendation of 18 June 2003 (CT, with EAHC, DG-Sanco, DG-Just)
- Final draft report under review
- Stakeholder and policy maker perspectives on harm reduction in the EU; impact of the CR on drug-related harm.



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