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# 1. Introduction

This report contains the activities of the second year of the Correlation project and provides an outlook on the work program for the following year. It includes references to a number of documents attached.

The first year was used to form 8 expert groups (1A: Research; 1B: Data Report System; 2: Policy; 3A: Sex Work; 3B: Youth; 3C: Migrants; 4A: Outreach; 4B: Internet; 4C: Empowerment) and to start working on the different issues. Two expert meetings were organised to facilitate this working process.

The second year was used to proceed the work and to organise four seminars on the main topics. In the last year of the project, all the products will be finalised and an international conference will be held, in order to present the outcomes of the past two and half years.

In the general project agenda below, the general results so far as well as the working plan for the forth coming period are presented. In the next chapter of this interim report, each paragraph will refer dedicated to one specific work package. Each work package description includes objectives, activities, working plans and developments are mentioned.

## 1.1. General project agenda

### Results: 1<sup>st</sup> year, 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2005 – 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2006:

<b>activity</b>	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>result</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> expert meeting General project meeting	September 2005, Netherlands	Forming of 8 expert groups Agreement on working plan and time schedule
Preparing information materials: Establishing website Leaflets 1 <sup>st</sup> Newsletter e-mailings	September 2005 September 2005 October 2005 ongoing	9.600 hits in the first year 1000 copies disseminated 500 copies disseminated 400 addresses database
Maintenance network	ongoing	5 Steering committee meetings 20 Bilateral partner visits 5 Conference participations Promoting, networking dissemination
Study	November 2005 February 2006	Agreement on outline and design of the study Design of the questionnaire
Expert groups	Maintenance by e-mail	Preparation 2 <sup>nd</sup> expert meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> expert meeting	February, Krakow	Continuing work in the expert groups Preparation of the seminars Agreements of further work plans and time schedule

**Results: 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2006 – 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2007**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>Results</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> newsletter	June 2006	500 copies disseminated
Internet seminar: New technology and communication	29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> of September 2006, Prague	33 participants Seminar report, evaluation report
1 <sup>st</sup> International Policy seminar “Impacting policy – making voices heard”	26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> of October 2006, Dublin Castle, Dublin	61 participants, development policy paper, linking up with policy makers
Empowerment seminar: Emancipation of service users	16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> of November 2006, Torino	68 participants, Implementation of focal groups, Forming European parent and relative alliance, European drug user alliance
Outreach seminar: Lessons learned – challenges ahead	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> of February 2007, Helsinki	33/120 participants, outreach training, Development outreach manual
Study implementation: RIDS – Budapest Mainline – Netherlands Enghaven – Denmark Initiative for Health Foundation – Bulgaria Institute for Public Health – Slovenia	September 2006 March 2007 Ongoing Ongoing  ongoing	Implementation of the study, national debate, Study reports
Expert groups	Maintenance by e-mail	Proceeding, contribution to seminars
3 <sup>rd</sup> newsletter	End 2006	800 copies disseminated
Maintenance network	Ongoing	Steering committee meetings Bilateral partner visits Conference participations Promoting, networking dissemination

**Planning: 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2007 – 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2008**

<b>activity</b>	<b>Implementation scheduled for</b>	<b>Expected results</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> international policy seminar	10/11 June 2007, Budapest	Skill building evaluation & monitoring, finalising Policy Paper
4 <sup>th</sup> newsletter	September 2007	Dissemination 500 copies
5 <sup>th</sup> newsletter	March 2008	electronically
Final conference on access to health and social services	27 - 29 2007, Sofia	Presenting results of Correlation expert groups, Enlargement of focus
Expert groups finalizing reports	Until June 2007	Reports
Editing and preparing the materials	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2007	Publishing, printing
Dissemination of results	October – April 2008	Dissemination plan, Dissemination
Maintenance network	ongoing	Promoting, networking, dissemination

**Overview products to be delivered in 2008**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Product</b>
Study	Toolkit: questionnaires manual Results 5 countries recommendations	Booklet/website
Data Reporting	Data report system tool manual report	Booklet/website
Policy paper	Elements for influencing policy	Booklet
Guidelines sex work	Good practices Europap guidelines review	Booklet
Migration	'overcoming barriers' Mapping literature	Book Database
Outreach	Snowball report Training report Outreach manual	Booklet
Youth at risk	Drug and drive concept Rave party prevention	Booklet website
Internet	training, instructions & open source software for Internet outreach.	Cd Rom
Empowerment	Focus groups European drug user alliance Mapping European activism Report history of DUU's Parent and Relatives Alliance	Booklet  Website
Final reports	Expert groups Coordination Evaluation report Dissemination report	Copies

## 2. Work Packages

### 2.1. Overview work packages

The working plan of Correlation includes 8 work packages, which form the integral part of the project:

1. Coordination
2. Research a/b
3. Policy
4. Implementations
5. Outreach
6. Youth at risk
7. Internet
8. Dissemination

Although the partners of the project are divided into the different work packages conform to their background and their expertise, we managed to create mutual exchange and cross-over activities by taking into account the different experiences within the seminars and outlines.

Some work packages are organised within expert groups (8 expert groups in total) to which a number of experts participate. These expert groups support the coordinators of the work packages by achieving the aims of the working plan.

### 2.2. Work Package 1: Coordination

#### **Coordination:**

Eberhard Schatz, Katrin Schiffer, Regina Hahn (administration), Jenneke van Ditzhuijzen (administration); Amsterdam.

#### **Objectives:**

- administrative and financial management of the project
- organizing the general workflow concerning the coordination, the agenda, the time schedule and the communication
- organizing the meetings, seminars and conference of the project
- contribute relating to content to the expert groups, in order to monitor the process towards the general goals of the project
- present the project on conferences and in the media
- responsible for the preparation and dissemination of materials

#### **Activities achieved 2006/2007:**

##### **Steering Committee Meetings**

Members of the steering committee are the coordinators of the expert groups, the main researcher and experts on particular tasks. Four Steering Committee Meetings were scheduled in different settings by inviting experts to particular issues concerning the maintenance of the network.

Dublin,	October 2006
Torino,	November 2006
Amsterdam,	January 2007
Helsinki,	March 2007

### **Maintenance of the network**

During the report period, consultations with the coordinators of the expert groups took place in order to ensure the progress of the work and the agreed time schedules. Where necessary, modifications and adjustments were agreed on.

Besides the core group of partners and associated partners (55), a number of new partners (+/-30) joined the network, without being financially supported by the network. Their contribution has led to an increase of quality and input in the project activities. Through a small budget by the Open Society Institute, we are able to finance the involvement of agencies from outside the European Union, like Ukraine and Russia. We encounter a continuous interest of organisations in the work of Correlation, asking for membership or other ways to be involved.

High priority is given to the exchange with other networks and players in the field. In the Netherlands, regular meetings took place with the European networks Aids & Mobility (Correlation contributed to their final conference), Aids Action Europe and Tampep. Furthermore, we closely cooperate with the European Network Democracy, Cities and Drugs. Correlation continued to contribute to the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC), facilitated by the Beckley Foundation, UK. With other networks CEEHRN and SEEA exchange takes place on different levels (participating in working groups, exchange of information).

The Pompidou Group agreed to exchange information with us regularly and Correlation Network is asked to join their advisory group on issues of common concern. Contacts with the World Health Organisation Europe have been established and it has been agreed to cooperate in the future more closely on issues as HIV and STI's.

Regarding the dialogue between with civil society and EC authorities, Correlation stimulated the founding of an alliance for drug policy and practice (EADPP) in 2006 and provided a comment on the green paper of the European Commission, DG Justice, Freedom and Security.

### **Work plan 2006 – 2008:**

#### **Seminars organised:**

- Internet seminar, September 2006, in Prague, organised by GG&GD Rotterdam and Sananim
- 1<sup>st</sup> International policy seminar October 2006, in Dublin, organised by Mainline and Gay Men's Health Project
- Empowerment seminar November 2006, Torino, organised by Gruppo Abele
- Outreach seminar, March 2007, Helsinki, organised by A-Clinic.

#### **National policy debates**

A minimum of 5 national policy debates were scheduled for the project period in 2006/2007. The national debates are organised in combination with the Correlation study ('Access to health and social services'), which gives the opportunity to present evidence based data during these meetings. In October 2007, a national debate took place in Budapest, based on the outcomes of the study in that country. In March 2007, a national debate took place in the Netherlands. Three more debates will follow in 2007 after finalising the study in Denmark, Bulgaria and Slovenia.

#### **Conference**

The Correlation Conference is scheduled for 27 – 29 September 2007 in Sofia, Budapest. The preliminary phase was started in May 2006 by searching for an adequate venue and for additional financial support. In the meantime, support and patronage was confirmed by the Bulgarian Vice Prime Minister and the Bulgarian Health Minister as well as from a number of co-funders in order to be able to provide a reasonable number of scholarships. Contributions to the program are confirmed respectively requested from WHO-Europe, the European Commission, EMCDDA, Bulgarian and



international peer groups and other networks.<sup>1</sup> A program leaflet is disseminated on broad scale during other conferences and events.

### **Implementation of the study**

The coordination office is involved in the outline and the implementation of the study on access to health and social services. The study is already implemented in the Netherlands and Hungary (extended version with support of the national Focal Point) , and is currently carried out in Denmark, Slovenia and Bulgaria, where nation wide implementation is considered.

### **Developments 2006/2007:**

The overall process of the project implementation is regarded as very positive by the coordination office. The impact and extent of particular activities is much higher than expected ( e.g. the study, developments in the empowerment sector, feedback from the field).

Correlation submitted an application for future for a Correlation II. The follow-up project can rely on the well functioning structure and experiences of Correlation I, whilst a number of new, innovative activities are added, all of them meeting the priorities of the annual working program 2007. The Correlation partners were actively involved in designing this new project and they contributed with more than 20 ideas and activity proposals.

Because the main applicant of Correlation 1 – AMOC/DHV – has merged on January, the 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 with the Amsterdam based Foundation ‘De Regenboog’ (new name ‘Foundation De Regenboog AMOC Inloophuizen’) and some partners have changed, we forward an amendment of the contract with the modifications to the Commission now. This amendment will have no influence on the overall outline or budget of the project.

### **Obstacles**

Returning problems during the proceeding of the project are:

- the financial limitations
- capacity limitations in time and competence of involved partner
- lack of communication between meetings

### **Positive outcomes**

- Four successful seminars
- Concept of ‘correlating’ different streams and target groups works
- Most activities are ‘on time’
- Positive resonance from the field

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<sup>1</sup> See [www.correlation-net.org](http://www.correlation-net.org) for program details

## **2.3. Work Package 2: Research**

The work package is organised in two expert groups: one focusing on the ‘study on access to health and social services’ and the overall evaluation (1A), the other one focusing on the development and implementation of the Data Report System for low-threshold services (1B, this expert group is coordinated by the EMCDDA).

### **2.3.1. Expert Group Research**

#### **Coordination:**

Ferenc Marvanykovi and Jozsef Racz, Research Institute on Drug Studies (RIDS); Budapest.

#### **Participants:**

All partners involved

#### **Objectives:**

- Research project on access to health and social services
- Evaluation of project development and project activities
- Consultation and cooperation with other research-based organisations/ institutions (e.g. EMCDDA); coordination of the expert group Research
- Support partners during methodological issues and research specific questions (consultation role)

#### **Expected outcomes:**

- Research Report regarding the study on access and impact of health & social services
- Evaluation Report of the project and the different project activities

#### **Activities archived 2006/2007:**

- Proceeding of the working plan
- Evaluation Reports of the four seminars 2006 and 2007<sup>2</sup>
- Implementation of the study in Hungary
- Development of the implementation of the study to be carried out in Denmark, the Netherlands, Slovenia and Bulgaria<sup>3</sup>
- Contributing to the development of the data report tool ( WP 1b) and the implementation

#### **Work plan 2007-2008:**

- Contributing to the data report group
- Support of the 3 partners during their implementations
- Producing research reports on all studies
- Producing Evaluation Reports for the different project activities and the progress of the network
- Present the outcomes of the study

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<sup>2</sup> See annex: Evaluation Report seminars

<sup>3</sup> See annex “ Study on access to health and social services and the development of an empowerment toolkit”

### **Developments:**

The work package Research is one of the main work packages of Correlation, as it is responsible for the supervision and evaluation of the project and its activities. RIDS as the main research partner is supervising the coordinators of the other work packages and providing methodological support on research issues.

The main study on access to health and social services is a cross-over study, which is connected to all parts of the network and involves service providers, services users and policy makers. The study is already carried out in 2 countries: Hungary and the Netherlands, Denmark, Bulgaria and Slovenia are currently on their way. The results of the studies in Hungary and the Netherlands are presented during the national debates which were organised in these countries and partly presented on the European Policy Meeting in Dublin, in order to enlarge the impact of the study and to influence national and European policies, which affect marginalised groups and their access to health and social services.

### **Obstacles**

- Differences in local settings and target groups make it more difficult to develop a common basic questionnaire.
- Lack of financial support makes it more complicated to carry out the small scale surveys.
- In two countries it was difficult to organise the work flow accordingly to the agreements

### **Positive outcomes**

- The concept, to develop the study in close cooperation between the research-, the policy- and the empowerment section of the project created fruitful cooperation and correlation.
- The study is considered to be useful by many partners of the project.
- RIDS could find additional financial support by the National Focal Point and extend the study in Hungary.
- In Denmark the national Research Institute supports the development and implementation
- The Bulgarian partners they intend to implement the study on a nation wide scale by finding additional financial support.

## **2.3.2. Expert Group Data Report System**

### **Coordination:**

Dagmar Hedrich, EMCDDA

### **Participants:**

Ferenc Marvanykovi, RIDS Hungary  
Jozsef Racz, RIDS Hungary  
Abdalla Toufik, OFDT, France  
Dagmar Hedrich, EMCDDA, Portugal  
Dusan Nominal, Institute of Public Health, Slovenia  
Jean Long, Health Research Board, Ireland  
Olexander Stetskov, Ukraine  
Randi Ervik, Diakonhjemmet University College, Norway  
Xavier Majo Roca, Department of Health Catalonia, Spain

### **Objectives:**

Development of a draft European data collection protocol for standardised annual reporting about the activities and services delivered by the low-threshold agencies.

### **Expected results:**

European standardised annual reporting protocol for low-threshold agencies (including technical manual and glossary).

### **Activities achieved 2006/2007:**

- Development of a working plan, including agreements and a clear division of tasks
- Development of a draft technical manual and adapting instructions for each mode of data collection

### **Working plan 2007-2008:**

- Conduct try-outs with selected partners
- Evaluation pilot 'Data Report System' for low-threshold services
- Produce Final Technical Manual
- Presentation and dissemination of the tool

### **Developments:**

The group continued to work on the full “data-collection protocol for specialist harm reduction service providers”. There were several rounds for feedback until in February 2007, when a draft final version of the protocol (including framework text, technical manual for the pilot study, agency inventory but still incomplete data reporting sheets) was circulated.<sup>4</sup>

Currently, the working group prepares the pilot-test of the data collection protocol in a number of voluntary agencies. The results of the use of the ‘agency inventory’ and the data-collection sheets’ will both be presented at the Correlation Conference in September. A final revised protocol is expected to be the result of this project.

### **Obstacles**

A quite ambitious working plan created high workload for all research partners involved. There was a fluctuation in group members and there was some variety in the level of input of the different partners.

### **Positive outcomes**

The draft protocol is more detailed and better developed than initially foreseen or planned. There has been very good cooperation between the group members.

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<sup>4</sup> See annex draft ‘data collection protocol’

## 2.4. Work Package 3: Political based activities

### Coordination:

Jutta Engelhardt, Mainline Amsterdam

### Participants:

Atanas Rusev, Initiative for Health Foundation, Bulgaria

Daan van der Gouwe, Trimbos Instituut, Netherlands

Evita Leskovsek, Institute of Public Health, Slovenia

Istvan Takacs, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, Hungary

Jenneke van Ditzhuijzen, Correlation Network, Netherlands

Jirí Richter, SANANIM, Czech Rep.

John Campbell, Scottish Drugs Forum, Great Britain

John Peter Kools, Mainline, Netherlands

Joep Oomen, ENCOD, Netherlands

Josefien Ensdorff, Mainline, NL

Lars Steinov, Enghaven, Denmark

Maria Giannopoulou, Hellenic Centre for Infectious Disease Control, Greece

Mick Quinlan, Gay Men's Health Project, Ireland

Päivi Päivi, A-Clinic Foundation, Finland

Thierry Charloi, DCD, France

### Objectives:

- Organise national and European political debates between policy makers, service providers and service users in order to influence policies, which affect marginalised groups
- Contribute and participate to the study on access to health and social services
- Development of an empowerment toolkit for service providers and service users in order to influence policies, which affect marginalised groups

### Expected outcomes:

- 5 national policy meetings
- 2 European international meetings
- Policy paper /Activity Report

### Activities achieved 2006/2007:

#### 1. **International Policy Seminar “Impacting policy – making voices heard”**

*Exchange between service users, experts from the field and policy makers in order to foster understanding what “successful impacting on policy-making” means.*

Local organisation: Gay Men's Health Project/Mainline

Location: Dublin, Dublin Castle

(With support of the Minister of State for Health and Children)

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2006

Number of participants:61

Feedback of participants was positive, discussions animated and productive and results innovative. A good representation of the three marginalized groups in focus (LGBT's, sex workers and drug users) was accomplished and an adequate balance between the four groups of representatives (service users, service providers, policymakers, researchers) was reached. Building on real-life examples of impacting local/national policy, the conference attempted to stress the methodological aspects of policy-making allowing for a thorough discussion of transferability and scaling-up of best practice implementation in impacting policy.

2. The planning, coordination and implementation of the **study on access of marginalized groups to health services and the consecutive National Debates** were implemented in

Hungary, the Netherlands, and is still going to be implemented in Slovenia. The Hungarian research institute RIDS supported the implementing organizations in methodological planning and evaluation of the results. Denmark, Bulgaria and Slovenia are on their way. Countries implementing the study successfully ran National Debates inviting local professionals and policy-makers in order to discuss outcomes and to ameliorate the existing system.

3. The participation of the policy group coordinator in the **annual meeting of the Beckley Foundation and the International Drug Policy Consortium** on December 4-5, 2006 in London, Great Britain, which links the network to high profile organizations that define their core activities by wanting to impact national and international drug policies and to further evidence-based research on effective methods to reduce drug-related harm.
4. The participation of Correlation coordination team and the policy group coordinator at the **International Harm Reduction Conference in Warsaw, Poland on May 13-17, 2007** in order to chair a working session on 'Impacting Policy – making voices heard' and presenting on further Correlation activities in workshops and poster sessions. The topic of the conference of 'Harm Reduction Coming of Age' lend itself perfectly to stress that impacting policies on the bases of evidenced based research is crucial in order to fundamentally ameliorate the position of marginalized populations.
5. The planning, coordination and implementation of a **policy group meeting in Budapest on June 11-12, 2007**. The purpose of this meeting is the provision of a skill-building seminar on monitoring and evaluation (M&E) for members of the network.
6. The Correlation coordination team asks a substantial programmatic contribution from the policy group for the **European conference in September 2007 in Sofia** focusing on the evaluation of the national studies on access to health and social services and the national debates, which are attached consequently to the studies.

#### **Working plan 2007-2008:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> European Policy Seminar, to be organized in Budapest 10/11 June 2007
- 3 National Policy Seminars, in which the results of the local studies will be presented
- Development Policy Paper / Activity Report (to be published at the end of the project).

#### **Developments:**

##### **Obstacles**

The study investigating the accessibility of health services for marginalized groups of people is time-consuming. Although the research group has taken over the responsibility of developing the outline of the study, the design of the questionnaire, the supervision of the participating local partners and parts of the analysis and evaluation of the study, the implementing partners are stretching limited resources to a maximum to implement such innovative research.

##### **Modification**

So far three out of five network partners have implemented the grass root research on accessibility of health services to the national/local health care system. As a result of the first Policy Meeting in Dublin, it was agreed to organise the second meeting on the issue of 'monitoring & evaluation'.

##### **Positive outcomes**

The Dublin Policy Meeting was very successful in reaching the goal to involve high level policy makers, researchers, service providers and service users in order to discuss and to identify key elements for 'impacting policies'.

## **2.5. Work Package 4: Implementations / Interventions**

Due to the broad character and the diversity of the network, we agreed to divide work package 4 into 3 different Expert groups:

- Expert Group 3A: Sex Work
- Expert Group 3C: Migrants
- Expert Group 4C: Empowerment

Each expert group is coordinated by a sub-coordinator.

### **2.5.1. Expert Group Sex Work**

#### **Coordinator:**

Jan Visser (Rode Draad, Netherlands)

#### **Participants:**

Arne Randers-Pherson, Pro Sentret, Norway

Joakim Hauge, Pro Sentret, Norway

Carmen Kronshagen, Drop In Croix-Rouge, Luxembourg

Guzel Nasyrova, Stellit, Russia

Aleksej Prytkov, Stellit, Russia

Ivana Kuklova, Department of Dermatovenerology, Charles University Prague, Czech Rep.

Frank ten Horn, SOA Aids, Netherlands

Jury Kalikov, AIDS Information & Support Centre, Estonia

Laura Luigi, Parsec Coop. Soc., Italy

Martine Claeysens, Pasop, Belgium

Natalja Turcan, Atalantas, Netherlands

Ruud Mak, PASOP, Belgium

Martine Claeysens, Pasop, Belgium

Stefanie Grabatsch, Basis Projekt, Germany

Michail Okoliyski, National Centre of Public Health Protection, Bulgaria

Marian Ursan, ARAS, Romania

#### **Objectives:**

- Gather existing ‘best practices’ of rendering information, support on medical and social issues for empowerment, safety and social inclusion, and improving them
- Collect and evaluate case study descriptions
- Technical update of Europap guidelines for delivering services to sex workers (predominantly medical), including the development of additional chapters.
- Training and promotion of guidelines

#### **Expected outcomes:**

- Manual on best practice examples and case study descriptions
- Update Europap guidelines on implementing different methodologies for sex workers, including new chapters
- Activity Report

#### **Activities achieved 2006/2007:**

- Draft technical update of the Europap Guidelines
- Draft development of additional chapters within the Europap guidelines
- Composing list of best practice examples in specific areas
- Contribution to seminars

### **Working plan 2007-2008:**

- Final technical update Europap Guidelines, including additional chapters
- Printing and publishing new guidelines
- Printing and publishing manual on best practices
- Training and promotion of guidelines (during the Correlation conference)

### **Developments:**

#### **Obstacles**

One major contributor to the expert group (Pasop), had to be changed. Work was taken over by two other members of the group (Charles University Prague, Czech Rep. and Soho Boyz, London). The working plan faced some relevant delay. The coordination office is involved in actively steering the process now to guarantee agreed results.

#### **Positive outcomes**

A small expert and editing group is currently preparing the final version of the guidelines, which will be presented and promoted in a specific workshop and training session during the Correlation conference. The new document will include a number of additional chapters and all relevant updates in regard to HIV and STI related issues (symptoms, testing, screening, strategies for maintaining safer sex, other health issues) and sex work.

### **2.5.2. Expert Group Migrants**

#### **Coordinator:**

Eberhard Schatz (Correlation/AMOC)

#### **Participants:**

Annemarie de Bruijn, Jellinek, Netherlands

Catharina Mathei, Free Clinic, Belgium

Joost den Otter, Pharos, Netherlands

Georg Bröring, AIDS & Mobility Europe, INT

Jane Fountain, University of Lancashire

Marco De Giorgi, L'ago nel pagliaio, Italy

Fabio Patruno, Villa Maraini Foundation, Italy

Rosa Suárez Vázquez, Centro de Estudios sobre Promoción de la Salud, Spain

Vincenzo Crolle, Amoc, Netherlands

Dagmar Domenig, Swiss Red Cross, Switzerland

Ancella Voets, Mainline, Netherlands

#### **Objectives:**

- Map and collect data and information on existing best practices and studies in the field of migrants and drug use.
- To prepare a reader on different aspects around problematic drug use and migrants

#### **Expected outcomes:**

- Reader on problematic migrant drug users
- Recommendations towards improvement of services
- Contributing to Correlation seminars and conference

#### **Activities achieved 2006/2007:**

- Preparing a draft of the reader with 8 articles ( 100 pages)
- Mapping existing literature on migration and social inclusion ( +/- 330 hits)



### **Working plan 2007 – 2008:**

- Final editing and preparing of the reader ‘overcoming barriers’<sup>5</sup>
- Final formatting of the database
- Contribution to the conference

### **Developments:**

The group worked very concentrated on the development of the book, two editing sessions in Amsterdam were scheduled.

### **Obstacles**

The quality of some contributions didn’t reach the requirements ( e.g., focus to local data was weak) and two contributions had to be skipped. The first version of the provided data collection (mapping) didn’t fulfil the expectations and had to be reviewed.

### **Positive outcomes**

A number of additional experts with a broad range of experiences could be convinced to contribute to the reader. Finally, the quality of the material is regarded as excellent.

## **2.5.3. Expert Group Empowerment**

### **Coordination:**

Lorenzo Camoletto, Gruppo Abele

### **Participants:**

Anne Ovaska, A-Clinic Foundation, Finland

Arne Schanche Andresen, City of Oslo Alcohol and Drug Addiction Service Competence Centre, Norway

Runa Frydenlund, City of Oslo Alcohol and Drug Addiction Service Competence Centre, Norway

Gitte Huus, City of Oslo Alcohol and Drug Addiction Service Competence Centre, Norway

Jana Jenssen, City of Oslo Alcohol and Drug Addiction Service Competence Centre, Norway

Berne Stålenkrantz, SBF Svenska Brukarföreningen, Sweden

Caroline Chatwin, Middlesex University, United Kingdom

Maria Cerrutti, AMOC, Netherlands

Katarina Jiresova, Odyseus, Slovakia

Peter Lazovy, Odyseus, Slovakia

Lenneke Keijzer, Espoir Goutte d'Or, France

Leopoldo Grosso, Gruppo Abele, Italy

Stijn Goossens, Breakline, Belgium

Steen Nielssen, Brugerforeningen, Denmark

Winnie Joergensen, Brugerforeningen, Denmark

Theo van Dam, LSD, Netherlands

Willemijn Los, MDHG, Netherlands

Dirce Blöchliger, parent organisation, Switzerland

Heidrun Behle, Bundesverband der Eltern, Germany

Anne Soimula, Finnish Drug User Union, Finland

Marco Jesse, YES, Germany

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<sup>5</sup> See annex ‘table of content’ of the reader

### **Objectives:**

- Identify ways to start self organisation and focal groups
- Describe the role of “umbrella” organisations in offering concrete support to the formation of groups
- Exchange regarding self organisation on transnational and European level
- Description of the different activities/aims/scope of the groups (self-mutual help - interest group)
- Skill building and training of users and social workers

### **Expected outcomes:**

- European seminar on empowerment and self organisation
- Dissemination of information, knowledge and models of best practice about empowerment and self organisation of marginalized people
- International guidelines on empowerment and self organisation

### **Activities achieved 2006/2007:**

- Ten **focus groups** have been carried out in six different countries. The outcomes are available within a grid of “first” comparison.
- Facilitating the organisation of an **European drug user organisation**
- Facilitating the organisation of an **European parent and relatives group (EFDU)**<sup>6</sup>
- Implementation of a **training on ‘self regulation and cocaine use’**
- Organisation **Empowerment Seminar ‘Emancipation of service users’**

*User group networking, parents organisations collaboration, impact on policy and services, local and international experiences*

Local organisation: Gruppo Abele, Location: Torino, conference venue of Gruppo Abele, Date: 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2006

18<sup>th</sup> November: Training on self regulation of cocaine use

Number of participants: 68

The Empowerment Seminar was a milestone regarding the further development of the related issues within Correlation. Representatives of drug users, parent/relative groups, sex workers and migrants presented and exchanged experiences and discussed ways to organize themselves. The parents and relatives group and the group of drug users made substantial progress in their efforts to build up European collaboration structures.

### **Working plan 2007 – 2008:**

- Mapping of drug user organisations in Europe
- Preparation recommendations for self organisation and peer support
- Establishing parent and relative organisation, European drug user group

### **Developments:**

#### **Obstacles**

Regarding focal points: it is difficult to have influence on the sustainability of the installed focal points. There were no resources to facilitate additional meetings of the focal point organisations in order to proceed and to deepen the implementations.

Regarding parent and relative groups: Main barrier for these groups to collaborate across borders are language barriers and weak organisational structures.

#### **Positive outcomes**

Regarding focal groups: more focal groups (10) than expected were established.

Regarding parents and relatives group: the group funded a common alliance, EFDU and agreed on common goals and principles, more members joined

Regarding drug user groups: relevant progress were made to establish a European user group.

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<sup>6</sup> See <http://www.correlation-net.org/efdu/index.html>

## 2.6. Work Package 5: Implementation Outreach

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### Objectives:

- Map and collect data and information on different outreach methods and accompanying theoretical materials
- Determine relevant indicators, which determine success or failure of the different outreach methods
- Compare different outreach methods and the effectiveness and usability for special target groups
- Develop a manual with useful information on outreach methods and the possibilities of implementation
- Supervision and evaluation of the Snowball Operation in Finland, targeting Russian speaking drug users

### Expected outcomes:

- Manual with information on outreach methods and the possibilities of implementation including the description of a model of good practice
- Outreach seminar
- Snowball operation in Helsinki

### Activities achieved 2006/2007:

- Organisation of the snowball operation
- Draft report on results of the snowball operation
- **Outreach Seminar: Lessons learned – challenges ahead**  
*How to improve outreach methodologies in the face of policy changes? Impact of research, data collection, outreach and peer involvement*  
Local organisation: A Klinikka  
Location: Helsinki  
Partly on the ferry boat between Helsinki and Tallinn  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2007  
Number of participants: 33 international, 120 locals

### **Working plan 2007 – 2008:**

- Finalising the outreach manual
- Finalising report on transnational cooperation with Estonia
- Contribution to the conference

### **Local implementation:**

A Russian speaking snowball operation was arranged in May – July 2005. The operation focused on the questions of deportation and the situation and rights of immigrants in Finland. 900 drug users were reached, 40 % of them from East Europe. 104 questionnaires were returned. The continuation of the snowball operation in 2006 was focusing on training of persons who participated in the operation in order to make them able to participate in the health care work in health care centres in Finland. The outcomes are analyzed by a researcher and were presented at the Correlation outreach seminar.<sup>7</sup>

### **Activities achieved 2006/2007**

#### *Multicultural Snowball Educational Programme*

The Multicultural Snowball Educational Programme (MSEP) included drugusers from different nationalities (Russian, Finnish and Roma) took part in it. Ten clients in total completed the MSEP,, five of them Finnish, the others had foreign nationalities. The purpose of the training was to inform drug users about infectious diseases related to drug and sexual contact, as well as overdose, first aid, the Finnish substance use services and legislation.

After a training of two weeks, trainees moved on to the outreach sessions. During the outreach sessions, the trainees and peers were able to give advice and health information to other drug users. Along with information, trainees also interviewed drug users and filled in a questionnaire. The purpose of the interview as well as the questionnaire was to collect information on how much drug users really know about infectious diseases. Each trainee interviewed ten different drug users during the outreach period.

Overall, 11 people were recruited for the training of whom one had to leave for personal reasons after two training sessions.

#### *Customised peer training*

There was a demand for customised peer training from the client's point of view. Customised peer trainings wanted to try new methods in training of often problematic and hard to reach drug users, using a low threshold principle according to the trainees' own needs. Ten trainings were provided as individual education.

The basis of the training was to prevent the exclusion of drug users, direct them towards substance abuse-related services and support their empowerment by developing and executing the models of individual and peer work activities. The starting point was also to lower the trainees' threshold in seeking support from the social support and public health service systems.

A border network with Estonian agencies is established and currently under development in order to reach drug users who travel from Finland to Tallinn will get information of substitute treatment and guiding to treatment in Tallinn.

### **Developments:**

#### **Obstacles**

The snowball operation on the Helsinki – Tallinn ferry route turned out to be impossible to accomplish because of the different legislation in Estonia and Finland. Also authorities in harbours were against the operation.

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<sup>7</sup> See attached report 'peer training in a multicultural environment'

The planning and realisation of the multicultural Snowball Educational Programme succeeded fairly well overall. Organising the training was, however, a difficult process and required a lot of time and resources from its employees.

Different levels of involvement of participants regarding the preparation of the outreach manual continue to be a problem for the coordinator.

**Positive outcomes**

Successful seminar with nation wide impact (120 visitors on the main day), successful snowball implementation and training courses for peers.

## **2.7. Work Package 6: Rave – Youth At Risk**

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### **Objectives:**

- Collect the basic parameters and needs of the subculture in order to set up a specific campaign, conform to their needs and the perception of their environment.
- Development of a website in Hungary with clear and obvious information for users: how to use drugs, how to prevent short and long term effects of drug consumption. For parents we will have a specific section, providing honest and clear information about the party scene and drug use in particular. The website will contain online questionnaires, descriptions and user groups. The website will promote mutual support and will define risk behaviour, in order to create risk awareness among young drug users.
- Produce a manual with the complete know-how of the Party Service in Hungary, also provided as pdf-file on the website.
- All materials will be published for offline promotion of the campaign.

### **Expected outcomes:**

- Access to harm reduction messages and health services for the mainstream rave-party scene
- User friendly, objective website and leaflets with information on drugs and drug problems within the party scene
- Development and description of a model for harm reduction “drug and drive” within the rave-party scene.

### **Activities achieved 2006/2007:**

- The first objective, nationwide, massive campaign on the safer use of drugs is developed. In the middle of the campaign stands the website with nice design and informative content, which exists also in leaflet format. Since this perspective of drug usage is newly in Hungary, the content generates big echo in the media. An important part of the campaign is the cooperation with the actors of the scene.
- Media training with 12 journalists
- Collection of existing information materials (flyers, brochures, websites etc.) for the target group “recreational drug use/party setting” .
- Collection of all relevant information and presentation of the actual local situation
- Working paper ‘drugs and drive’, model of good practice

### **Working plan 2007 – 2008:**

- Now almost every part of the campaign is ready, so it will be started at the 1st of July with a strong media attendance, and offline promoting on festivals, events. Depending on additional funds the offline promoting will consist of leaflets, booklets, flyers, posters.
- Preparing a report with conclusions and recommendations
- Gathering existing prevention material regarding the “drink and drive” issue and comment the outcome and experiences with these campaigns.
- Implementation of specific drug and drive interventions: develop a model of good practice

### **Developments:**

In Hungary, concrete measures took place to develop the campaign and to implement and to promote the website devoted to harm reduction in the party scene.

### **Obstacles**

The group is relatively small and has no extra financial budget, therefore ‘drug and drive’ tool has to be developed with relative few man hours. The implementation in Hungary still faces some problems regarding financial resources from third parties in order to produce sufficient materials.

### **Positive outcomes**

The website and first campaign measures show reasonable impact. Experiences are expected to be valuable for other players in this field in Europe.

## **2.8. Work Package 7: Internet**

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### **Objectives:**

- Create an Internet expert group with service providers work or intent to work on the internet
- Develop new initiatives on the Internet. Online grassroots organisations will be more than welcome in the Internet working group
- Collect and map information and data regarding Internet based outreach activities.
- Collect new open source software for Internet outreach ( e.g. phone chat, video mail, video log, video album, MMS, MSN helpdesk)
- Develop and implement different online intervention models.
- Increase access and effectiveness of harm reduction services for vulnerable groups, using the Internet (e.g. male sex workers, female sex workers, young people at risk)
- Decrease risk behaviour among vulnerable groups using the Internet
- Measure and evaluate effectiveness of internet based outreach.
- Support and skill building for service providers, which intent to start internet based outreach activities by using the training & software on the CD-ROM.
- Remark: The Internet group will not produce the project website, this is the task of the coordination office (see Work Package 8).

### **Expected outcomes:**

- Report: Describe appealing evidence based intervention models to get into contact with hard to reach vulnerable groups, using the Internet.
- CD ROM: Produce a multilingual training CD-ROM with training, instructions & open source software for Internet outreach.
- Organisation of a seminar on Internet based outreach activities.



### **Activities achieved 2006/2007:**

- **Internet Seminar: “New technology and communication”**  
The role of internet, chat rooms and online counselling, models of good practice, methodologies  
Location: Prague, Czech Republic  
Date: 29th-30th of September 2006  
Number of participants: 33  
Experimental and innovative online initiatives from almost ten different countries and backgrounds (sex work, homeless, drug use) were presented and we had a great opportunity to learn from unexpected failures on the one hand and successful new initiatives on the other hand.
- **Virtual Internet Expert group conferences**  
After the Seminar a platform / forum for internet experts was created to share expertise and experience, regarding the new online developments regarding Web 2.0, new methodologies, software, scientific input and guidelines for service providers. With this group of experts we are working on the content for the CD-ROM. Because of a limited budget it is not possible to organise a real life meeting but through different online channels as Skype, MSN, e-mail en phone-conferences we are working on the CD-ROM, to be finalised in August 2007.
- **Collect and map information and data regarding Internet based outreach activities**  
During the development and production process of the CD-ROM information and data regarding Internet based outreach activities are collected. Existing literature and reports turned out to be very limited.

### **Working plan 2007 – 2008**

- **Produce a training CD-ROM with training, instructions & open source software for Internet outreach.**  
With the inspiration of the seminar it was a good start to produce and finalise a training CD-ROM in 2007. Guidelines-, new methodologies-, data-collection, training instructions and open source software for internet outreach and e-counselling will be collected. We will try to translate our expertise on the Internet to other groups like homeless people, drug users and marginalized youngsters. Hopefully this will enable lots of service providers to start virtual outreach and e-counselling with hard-to-reach groups in an appropriate way.

### **Developments:**

#### **Obstacles**

The group had a great flow-out of participants and had to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> Expert Meeting with nearly a totally new group. Even now old members leave because of job change, changes in their job description or personal circumstances, but they are often replaced by new experts with new innovative ideas. Very limited existing literature and data on the issue of internet outreach.

#### **Positive outcomes**

The strategies, interventions and approaches which have been presented during the seminar and which will be documented on the Cd Rom are highly innovative and full of potential. More and more service providers ask for support in this specific area.

The commitment and the expertise of the individual group members is high.

## **2.9. Work Package 8: Dissemination**

### **Coordination:**

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### **Participants:**

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### **Objectives:**

Presentation and dissemination of the results and products of the project

### **Expected outcomes:**

- newsletter
- leaflets
- website
- mailings
- conference presentations

### **Activities achieved 2006/2007:**

2006/2007 was the opportunity to promote the project through mailings regarding the seminars and to network with other transnational agencies.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter 500 copies
- 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter 850 copies
- Seminar leaflet 1000 copies
- Correlation e- mail alerts 4 x a year
- Conference leaflet 2500 copies
- Maintenance website: [www.correlation-net.org](http://www.correlation-net.org)
- Developing website parents and relatives EFDU
- Development address database
- Development e-mail database
- Presentation during 5 international conferences and national debates

### **Working plan 2007 – 2008:**

- 2 newsletters
- Conference booklet
- Maintenance of the website
- Correlation e- mail alerts 4 x a year
- Preparing of a dissemination plan
- Dissemination of printed materials
- Presentations on conferences and national debates

Webtraffic:

Summary by Month										
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### Annex:

This annex contains drafts of particular expert group reports, which will be finalised in 2007 and produced leaflets 2006/07

- 1a. Program leaflet seminars
- 1b. Program leaflet conference
- 1c. Parent and relative group leaflet
2. Newsletter 2
3. Newsletter 3
4. Evaluation report seminars
5. Study report
6. Data collection protocol report
7. Table of content reader 'overcoming barriers'
8. Outreach peer training report

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