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Welcome to the 4th European Harm Reduction Conference from 21-23 November in Bucharest!

Harm Reduction is an acknowledged part of drug policy in almost all countries in Europe due to overwhelming evidence that it is an effective measure to protect people who use drugs from harm and unintended consequences of drug use. Harm reduction in a broader sense is applied with an holistic approach, taking into account the wellbeing of the individual, the social and health aspects of drug policy such as criminalization and stigmatisation on the one hand and social inclusion on the other hand.

Harm reduction requires sufficient resources, capacities and full integration in the social and health system of a country, as well as the inclusion of civil society and community members and their representatives in the drafting of policies.

Harm Reduction conferences have a long lasting history in Europe, conferences in Marseille 2011, Basel and Amsterdam in 2014.

In 2018, the conference is organised by the Correlation - European Harm Reduction Network in cooperation with Romanian partners and different European Networks and partners, such as Infodrug Switzerland, the European Network of People Who Use Drugs, the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association and the European Joint Action HA-REACT.

The conference will present the latest harm reduction research results, innovative and next best-thing practices and discuss drug policy including the need to scale up harm reduction services.

Last but not least, the conference provides an appropriate platform to create a link between national and European developments in drug policies and harm reduction.

Eberhard Schatz
Katrin Schiffer
Correlation European Harm Reduction Network
List of Poster Presentations

New Vector - New substances in Georgia
Giorgi Gogua, New Vector, Georgia

New substances, drug checking and the role of the internet
Massimo Lorenzani, Lab57 - „Alchemica“ - Associazione di Promozione Sociale, Italy

Chemsex and PrEP: Do individuals engaging in “chemsex” have the intention to take PrEP?
Results from the community-based survey “Flash! PrEP in Europe
Rosemary M Delabre, Coalition PLUS, France

New Vector – C hepatitis testing and caring
Konstantine Rukhadze, New Vector, Georgia

HCV screening experiences in OST and drop-in centers in Paris region
Elisabeth Avril, GAIA, France

Access to health for adolescent drug users in Romania: results and follow up of UNICEF study
Ludmila Verdes, ARAS, Romania

Assessing the impact of the Spring European Testing Week pilot on increasing testing for viral hepatitis and HIV and linking to care
Ben Collins, ReShape / International HIV Partnerships, UK

A comparison between NPS injection in marginalised drug use and sexualised drug use settings: practices, health implications and service utilisation
Florian Scheibein, Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland

The Peer in outreach teams: a specialist among specialists?
Maria João Oliveira, APDES, Portugal

Leadership, in the processes of meaningful participation
Vitali Rabinciuc, Community of people who use drugs, Moldova

Using Social Sciences for New Harm Reduction Approach to GBMSM Population Practicing Chemsex
Stefan Pejić, Serbia

Civil Society involvement and cooperation – perspectives from a cafe and an occupation project for PWUD in a highly gentrified neighbourhood
Martin Skriver Nielsen, Dugnad (part of The Mens Home (Mændenes Hjem)), Denmark

How NGOs can advocate for public funding of harm reduction? Romanian Experience
Ludmila Verdes, ARAS, Romania

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| 15.30 – 16.00 | **Coffee Break** | |
| 16.00 – 17.30 | **Parallel session 2**  
Situation, challenges and needs in Romania  
Room 2 - Mircea Eliade  
Chairs: Maria Georgescu | The session highlights the context and challenges in Romanian harm reduction services. |
| 17.30 – 18.30 | **Marketplace, poster presentations, reception** | |
| 17.30 – 18.30 | **Parallel session 3**  
How to establish a DCR?  
Room 3 - Mircea Vulcanescu  
Chair: Dominique Schori | An overview on the global state of drug consumption rooms. This session addresses the challenges in implementations in different countries. |
| 14.00 – 15.30 | **Parallel session 4**  
HCV from testing to cure  
Room 4 - Simion Mehedinti  
Chair: Astrid Leicht | The session highlights approaches to increase coverage and effectiveness of HCV care for people who use drugs. |
| 16.00 – 17.30 | **Parallel session 5**  
Harm Reduction and aging drug user  
Room 5  
Chair: Eberhard Schatz | This session will discuss the situation and needs of aging drug users including the implications for policies for this target group. |
| 16.00 – 17.30 | **Parallel session 6**  
New substances, drug checking and the role of the internet  
Room 1 - AULA  
Chair: Alexander Buecheli | This session explores developments on drug checking, new substances on the market and the role of the internet |
| 16.00 – 17.30 | **Parallel session 7**  
Bringing treatment to the community (HA REACT)  
Room 2 - Mircea Eliade  
Chair: Alexandra Gurinova | This session addresses gaps in the prevention of HIV and other co-infections among PWID. |
| 17.30 – 18.30 | **Parallel session 8**  
Workshop:  
HR digital, social media, media communication  
Room 3 - Mircea Vulcanescu  
Chairs: José Queiroz and Peter Sarosi | This workshop seeks to understand the receptivity of traditional media in relation to HR interventions. |
| 17.30 – 18.30 | **Parallel session 9**  
Harm reduction and recovery  
Room 4 - Simion Mehedinti  
Chair: Janine Wildschut | This session explores opportunities to create synergy between harm reduction and recovery. |
| 17.30 – 18.30 | **Parallel session 10**  
Migrants and drug use  
Room 5  
Chair: Dirk Schaeffer | The session discusses the harm reduction work with and for drug using migrants. |
# Programme

## Thursday 22.11.2018

### 09.30 – 10.30

**Plenary session:**

**Room 1 - AULA**  
**Chairs:** Katrin Schiffer and René Akeret

- **The link between homelessness, drug use and harm reduction**  
  Freek Spinnewijn, FEANTSA, Belgium

- **Linking sex work and harm reduction**  
  Luca Stevenson, International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe, UK

- **Good practice example: an integrated social support and care approach in Amsterdam**  
  Walter Kamp, City of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- **Lessons learned and new challenges in harm reduction policies:**  
  - People who use drugs get older  
    Joan Colom Ferran, Health Ministry of Catalunya, Spain

### 10.30 – 11.00

**Coffee break**

### 11.00 – 12.30

#### Parallel session 11  
**Peer involvement and HR**

**Room 1 - AULA**  
**Chair:** José Queiroz and Erin O’Mara

- The session presents experiences and good practices of meaningful peer involvement across Europe.

#### Parallel session 12  
**Transition and sustainable funding of harm reduction (OSF), part 1**

**Room 2 - Mircea Eliade**  
**Chair:** Ekaterina Lukicheva

- This session aims to increase the understanding of progress and key success factors that lead to sustainability of HR programs in countries transitioning from Global Fund’s support of HIV response to national funding including the role civil society and community representatives play in these processes.

#### Parallel session 13  
**Overdose prevention, naloxone**

**Room 3 - Mircea Vulcanescu**  
**Chair:** Dagmar Hedrich

- In this session we present innovative programs in the field of overdose prevention with Naloxone from Germany, Denmark and Italy and discuss open challenges implementing such programs.

#### Parallel session 14  
**Social exclusion and control in the public space - the role of harm reduction services**

**Room 4 - Simion Mehedinti**  
**Chair:** Katrin Schiffer

- The session highlights the negative impact of repressive interventions towards PUD in public space and shares alternative ideas.

#### Parallel session 15  
**Inside DCR’s: challenges and opportunities**

**Room 5**  
**Chair:** Cedric Charvet

- The session will share DCR examples from Denmark and France and discuss ways forward.

### 12.30 – 14.00

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Harm reduction in prison (HA-REACT)   
Room 1 - AULA  
Chair: Heino Stoever |      |                                | This session focuses on activities and strategies that have proven to work in increasing harm reduction services in prisons and in improving continuity of care for PWIP in prison settings.                                    |
|       | **Parallel session 17**  
How to leverage EU membership and accession for increasing sustainability and quality of harm reduction services at country level (OSI part 2)   
Room 2 - Mircea Eliade  
Chair: Raminta Stuikyte |      |                                | This session will discuss the challenges, lessons learnt and possible opportunities for NGOs in those EU member counties which lack of the political will to ensure the sustainability of harm reduction services at the expense of the state budget. |
|       | **Parallel session 18**  
Addressing the diversity of sex workers in the context of harm reduction   
Room 3 - Mircea Vulcanescu  
Chair: Luca Stevenson |      |                                | The session will present on the intersecting needs of sex workers in Europe including female and male, cis and trans, drug using and migrant sex workers.                                                                 |
|       | **Parallel session 19**  
Monitoring harm reduction (Correlation)   
Room 4 - Simion Mehedinti  
Chair: Tuukka Tammi |      |                                | This session informs Correlation Focal Points and interested audience on the purpose and methods of Correlation monitoring in the areas of HCV, OD and New Drug Trends.                                                 |
|       | **Parallel session 20**  
Network session EuroNPUD and ENPUD   
Room 5  
Chair: Erin O’Mara, Matt Southwell |      |                                | The session will consider key aspects of drug user organising from the East and West.                                                                                                                    |
| 15.30 | Coffee break                                                                 |      |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 16.00 | **Parallel session 21**  
International Developments and the role of HR   
Room 1 - AULA  
Chair: John-Peter Kools |      |                                | In this session the global situation on drug trends and policies will be explored. While many challenges exist in European harm reduction policies and services, the global challenges are even bigger. |
|       | **Parallel session 22**  
The lack of answers: increasing ATS consumption   
Room 2 - Mircea Eliade  
Chair: René Akeret |      |                                | In this session we will present an overview of the global trends, explore valuable conclusions, lessons learnt and practical advice to strengthen the harm reduction response towards stimulant use.                  |
|       | **Parallel session 23**  
Safe Use interventions - the EuroSider method   
Room 3 - Mircea Vulcanescu  
Chair: Carine Magen |      |                                | The session will present methods and preliminary outcomes of the EUROSIDER methods and project.                                                                                                           |
|       | **Parallel session 24**  
Workshop: A workshop on problematic chemsex: From signals to harm reduction interventions   
Room 4 - Simion Mehedinti  
Chair: Ben Collins |      |                                | The session will look at interventions that have proven to be effective in reaching this group and also address the ones, which have not.                                                                   |
|       | **Parallel session 25**  
Building expert groups for HCV, OD and New Drug Trends (Correlation)   
Room 5  
Chair: Katrin Schiffer |      |                                | The session will provide information on the work plan and the methodology of Correlation Network expert groups.                                                                                         |
| 17.30 | End of Conference Day 2                                                                 |      |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 20.00 | Conference Party                                                           |      |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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<td>This session aims to provide space for discussion on current drug policy trends in Europe, the impact of international drug policies on European national policies and practice and the ways of transferring European best practices to other regions.</td>
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<td>Mircea Eliade</td>
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<td>This session explores opportunities to overcome the paradigm of drug users as passive victims which need help and present measures, to improve social inclusion through web based tools.</td>
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<td>Mircea Vulcanscu</td>
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<td>In this session we will present an actual overview on new developments in Cannabis policy and will discuss if and how these regulations will affect harm reduction response for Cannabis user.</td>
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<td><strong>Parallel session 29</strong> Gendered consequences of repressive drug policies</td>
<td>Simion Mehedinti</td>
<td>Eliza Kurcevic</td>
<td>The session aims to provide space for women who use drugs and specialists working with this group.</td>
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<td>Juan Fernandez Ochoa</td>
<td>This workshop will provide participants with a solid understanding of the campaign and its aims, encourage mobilisation and provide practical tools to identify barriers and collective think of levers for change to overcome them.</td>
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| 11.00 – 12.30 | **Closing session:**  
What’s ahead: core priorities for HR in 2019 and beyond  
Room: 1 - Aula  
Moderator: Cinthia Menel Lemos and Eberhard Schatz  
How we can achieve the Global Health Sector Strategy (GHSS) on viral hepatitis in Europe?  
• Anton Mozalevski, WHO Europe  
HR and HCV elimination: what’s next?  
• Jeffrey Lazarus, HA REACT  
Drug Policy Reform: Is Norway next to decriminalise drug use?  
• Julianne Ferskaug, Government Party Venstre, Norway  
• Arild Knutsen, Humane Drug Policies, Norway  
Save our children: Time to legalize and regulate the drug market  
• Jane Slater, Anyone’s Child and Transform, UK  
Progress in harm reduction: moving forward despite the politics  
• Jan Stola Yoda, Poland  
Health and Drugs Policy in Europe: Political Leadership to move forward  
• Ricardo Bapista Leite, Member of the Portugese Parliament, Portugal  
Conclusions and next stop: Porto  
• Rui Coimbra Morais, European Network of People Who Use Drugs  
• Naomi Burke Shyne, Harm Reduction International  
• José Queiroz, Apdes, Porto  
Conference wrap up video |
| 12.30      | **End of Conference**                                                |
## Parallel sessions

### Parallel session 1

**WED 14.00 – 15.30**  
**Scaling Up Harm Reduction (HA REACT)**  
**Room: 1 - AULA**  
**Chair: Luis Sordo**

This session is co-organised by the European Joint Action on HIV and Co-infection Prevention and Harm Reduction (HA-REACT). HA-REACT addresses existing gaps in the prevention of HIV and other co-infections, especially tuberculosis and viral hepatitis, among people who inject drugs (PWID). It is a joint effort of 23 organisations in 18 EU Member States, and focuses on those countries where there are obvious gaps in effective and evidence-informed harm reduction interventions, or where such interventions are not being implemented at a sufficient level. The session focuses on activities & strategies that have proved to work in scaling up harm reduction – and on barriers to that.

- **Scaling up harm reduction: what works, what doesn’t, and why?**  
  • Luis Sordo, Universidad Complutense, Spain

- **HA-REACT impact on harm reduction service development in Lithuania**  
  • Dovila Maliaulyte, Centre for Addictive Disorders, Lithuania

- **Estimating the number of PWID and harm reduction service coverage:**  
  **Case study on Lithuania**  
  • Danica Thanki, ResAd, Czech Republic

- **Mobile unit service for PWID in Latvia**  
  • Agnese Freimane, Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Latvia

- **Overcoming reluctance to Harm Reduction**  
  • Débora Álvarez, CIBER, Spain

### Parallel session 2

**WED 14.00 – 15.30**  
**Situation, challenges, needs in Romania**  
**Room: 2 – MIRCEA ELIADE**  
**Chair: Maria Georgescu**

This session aims to highlight the existing situation and challenges in Romania in regard to funding and the implementation of harm reduction (NSP and OST) services. Participants of the session will share experiences and discuss the way forward to overcome existing barriers in the access to services and to ensure appropriate coverage.

- **20 years of harm reduction in Romania**  
  • Monica Dan, ARAS

- **Public-private partnership in harm reduction**  
  • Cristiana Oprea, Clinical Hospital for Infectious Tropical Diseases “Dr. Victor Babeș”  
  • Ioan Petre, GORE – Social Services Center, Carusel

- **The Global Fund exit plan and harm reduction sustainability in Romania**  
  • Fidelie Kalambayi, Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation

- **10 years of opioid maintenance treatment by ARENA**  
  • Adrian Abagiu, National Institute for Infectious Diseases, Romania
### Parallel session 3

**WED 14.00 – 15.30**  
**How to establish a DCR?**  
Room: 3 – MIRCEA VULCANESCU  
Chair: Dominique Schori

The session will give an overview about the global state of art in regard to drug consumption rooms and address the challenges for implementation in different countries.

- **Global and European trends in the use of DCRs as a harm reduction measure**  
  - Katie Stone, Harm Reduction International, United Kingdom

- **Drug consumption rooms: issues of social acceptability in French public debate**  
  - Marie Jauffret-Roustide, Inserm, France

- **Drug Consumption Rooms save lifes – outcomes of a German research**  
  - Dirk Schäffer, Deutsche Aids Hilfe, Germany

- **Implementation Drug Consumption Rooms in Lisbon**  
  - Adriana Curado, GAT, Portugal

### Parallel session 4

**WED 14.00 – 15.30**  
**HCV from testing to cure**  
Room: 4 – SIMION MEHEDINTI  
Chair: Astrid Leicht

Testing and treatment in harm reduction and community settings is the future when it comes to the elimination of HCV. The session will highlight different approaches to increase coverage and effectiveness of the cascade of HCV care for people who use drugs.

- **Harm Reduction Challenge: public nuisance vs public health. o treat or not to treat ...HCV in IDUs**  
  - Adrian Abagiu, National Institute for Infectious Diseases, Romania

- **Peer Support Intervention for increasing effectiveness of Georgian HCV Elimination Program**  
  - Konstantine Labartkava, New Vector, Georgia

- **HCV care cascade for drug users support in a OST program in Paris, France**  
  - Elisabeth Avril, Gaia, France

- **Difficulties in taking HCV treatment by drug users**  
  - Judyta Put, Monar, Poland
### Parallel session 5

**WED 14.00 – 15.30**  
**Harm reduction and aging drug user**  
**Room: 5**  
**Chair: Eberhard Schatz**

The changing demographic structure has implications for many policy fields in European countries, e.g. education, housing, medical sector and nursing. The need for medical treatment, health - and outpatient care, specialised housing, and mobility will be major financial burdens for European countries and municipalities in the future. The alternative social reintegration policies and options to be developed for older drug users is a necessity as well. This session discusses the situation and needs of aging drug users including the implications for policies for this target group.

**Older intravenous drug users in methadone treatment:**  
**Numbers, stories and lessons learned for harm reduction**  
- Felicia Heidebrecht, London Southbank University, UK

**BETRAD (Better treatment for ageing drug users)**  
- Elena Adan, Agencia de Salut Pública de Catalunya, Spain

**Older People with Drug Problems in Scotland: Addressing the Needs of an aging population**  
- David Liddell, Scottish Drug Forum, UK

**Surviving a lifetime of prohibition – Perspectives from the older drug using community**  
- Erin O Mara, EuroNPUD, UK

### Parallel session 6

**WED 16.00 – 17.30**  
**New substances, drug checking and the role of the internet**  
**Room: 1 - AULA**  
**Chair: Alexander Bucheli**

Exploration of the actual developments of harm reduction measures in the field of drug checking, new substances on the market and the role of internet. The session begins with an overview of the actual situation in Europe followed by detailed presentations of long established drug checking programs with a description of the latest trends and new markets.

**Drug checking, a tool to explore and describe the latest trends on the drug market**  
- Xoan Carbon, Energy Control-ABD, Spain

**TestDrugs: drug checking in Poland**  
- Wiktor Borzecki, Social Policy Initiative, Poland

**25+ years drug checking in NL: identifying new drugs (NPS) and new markets (Clearnet/Darknet)**  
- Daan van der Gouwe, Trimbos Institute, The Netherlands

**Crowd-data-gathering in New Psychoactive Substance harm reduction and monitoring**  
- Jan Stola, Youth Organisations for Drug Action, Poland
## Parallel session 7

**WED 16.00 – 17.30**  
**Bringing treatment to the community (HA REACT)**  
Room: 2 – MIRCEA ELIADE  
Chair: Alexandra Gurinova

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**Gender approach in testing and other harm reduction interventions**  
- Alexandra Gurinova, Deutsche Aids Hilfe, Germany  
- Olga Belyayeva, Eurasian Harem Reduction Association, Lithuania

**Integrated care for people who use drugs – challenges and recommendations**  
- Kristel Kivimets, National Institute for Health Development, Estonia

**Responding to HIV and overdose epidemics in Estonia**  
- Aljona Kurbatova, National Institute for Health Development, Estonia

**Drug policy change through the lens of OST treatment implementation in Lithuania**  
- Morgana Daniele, Youth Rise, UK

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## Parallel session 8

**WED 16.00 – 17.30**  
**Workshop: HR digital, social media, media communication**  
Room: 3 – MIRCEA VULCANESCU  
Chair: José Queiroz and Peter Sarosi

Harm Reduction is striving for general public recognition of society through media. How have community-based organizations used the media as a tool to communicate the effectiveness and necessity of their intervention? This workshop, by involving activists and a traditional newspaper publisher, questions the receptivity of traditional media (newspapers, radio, TV) in relation to HR interventions, as well as the strategies to be developed to include HR in the “news agenda”. What are the new forms of social media activism (FB, Blogs, Video-Activism) that promote the political dimension of HR and give voice to the community of users across Europe?

Could the stories told by the activists replace the articles produced by the journalists? What would Harm Reduction gain from that? Can social media be a powerful tool to fight stigma? Are the messages generated by the community more convincing and closer to reality than those produced by traditional media? This workshop opens up new set of discussions between the traditional and more contemporary approaches to news production.

- Peter Sarosi, Rights Reporter Foundation, Hungary  
- Igor Kuzmenko and Aleksey Kurmanayevskiy, Ukraine  
- Amilcar Correia, Publico Newspaper Edito, Portugal  
- Juha Sedergren, Finland
Parallel session 9

WED 16.00 – 17.30
Harm reduction and recovery
Room: 4 – SIMION MEHEDINTI
Chair: Janine Wildschut

The worlds of Harm Reduction and Recovery/Rehabilitation often appears to be 2 separate hemispheres, which in fact should not be true. Harm Reduction and Recovery/Rehabilitation (RnHR) are part of the same continuum of care for people who use drugs and Harm Reduction mindsets often appears to lead to more successful rehabilitation (with or without abstinence as a result). In this session we like to discuss different experiences, different types of country realities, models to successfully integrate harm reduction into rehabilitation and recovery services. Through vivid discussion with the audience we will try to sharpen our minds in the discussions this requires with state institutes.

The situation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and the development of standards of rehabilitation in Ukraine
• Anastasiya Shebardina, AFEW, Ukraine

The national drug strategy in Bosnia and Herzegovina where RnHR are seen as compatible
• Samir Ibisevic, PROI, Bosnia and Herzegovina

You Can’t Recover if You’re Dead
• Daniel Ahmed, Foundations, UK

Summary and reflections
• Janine Wildschut, AFEW, Ukraine

Parallel session 10

WED 16.00 – 17.30
Migrants & Drug Use
Room: 5
Chair: Dirk Schäffer

The session will inform about methods and challenges in the work with and for drug using migrants, by focusing on the specific needs of the community in regard of harm reduction and health services.

Drug prevention and harm reduction services for and with migrants in Germany (PaSuMi):
A Community based participatory health project
• Diana Craciun, Deutsche Aids Hilfe, Germany

Refugees & migrants in Slovenia
• Janko Belin, Areal, Slovenia

Peer involvement of migrants and refugees to accelerate access to HCV/HIV/HBV information and testing combined with HBV vaccination in high risk settings
• Moro Yapha, Fixpunkt, Germany
• Christine Dueringer, Fixpunkt, Germany

Refugees, migrants and the drug issue in Greece
• Marinela Kloka, Praksis, Greece
### Parallel session 11

**THU 11.00 – 12.30**  
**Peer involvement and HR**  
Room: 1 - AULA  
Chair: José Queiroz and Erin O’Mara

It is not new at all, but becomes increasingly important all over Europe. We talk about Peer Involvement in Harm Reduction. Active drug users start to raise their voice and to reclaim a more active inclusion in drug policy and practice. Outreach professionals working in the field of HR understand as well, that the involvement of active users is valuable and can amplify HR strategies and reach a larger group of people. This trend poses different challenges: the integration of peers in professionals teams (in relation to stigma and acceptance), the professionalisation of peers (from voluntary-based to regular paid job), new ways and methods of working (the so-called “organic” approach). Finally, we must not forget the importance of services, which are delivered by peers. Are they effective? Do they make any sense? Is society prepared to deal with and accept this new frontier of community intervention? The session presents different experiences across Europe and shares good practice examples for meaningful peer involvement.

#### The Role of community organization in delivering complex services of Harm reduction  
- Konstantine Labartkava, New Vector, Georgia

#### INPUD and meaningful involvement  
- Valentin Simionov, INPUD, UK

#### The Serbian Raving behaving – importance of peer involvement in advocating and implementation of nightlife outreach/harm reduction programs  
- Irena Molnar, NGO Re Generation, Serbia

#### Users Academy and HCV community testing  
- Anja Plesner Bloch, User Academy, Denmark

#### Supporting the Supporters!  
- Griet Maertens, Free Clinic, Belgium

### Parallel session 12

**THU 11.00 – 12.30**  
**Transision and sustainable funding of harmreduction (OSF), part 1**  
Room: 2 – MIRCEA ELIADE  
Chair: Ekaterina Lukicheva

This session aims to increase the understanding of progress and key success factors that lead to sustainability of HR programs in countries transitioning from Global Fund’s support of HIV response to national funding including the role civil society and community representatives plays in these processes.

Participants will:

1. Learn about the harm reduction financing changes and donor transition related processes taking place in SEE countries
2. Better understand key facilitators and factors that lead to their programmatic and financial sustainability
3. Learn from the experience of civil society and community representatives advocating for sustainability of HIV prevention services among key affected populations in their countries.
The risks for overdoses for people who use opiates are still very high. In this session we present innovative programs in the field of overdose prevention with Naloxone from Germany, Denmark, and Italy and discuss open challenges implementing such programs.

**Take Home Naloxone in Italy**
- Susanna Ronconi, Forum Droghe, Italy

**The Naloxone-Take-Home Program Munich and the Bavarian Naloxone-pilot project**
- Olaf Ostermann, Condrobs, Germany

**From ampoules to readymade spray. Take-home nasal naloxone development in Denmark 2010-18**
- Henrik Thiesen, SAVE LIFE naloxone project, Denmark

**Naloxone saves lives – a hands-on toolkit for policy makers and practitioners on how to set up and run naloxone programmes for overdose prevention upon release from prison and other custodial settings**
- Heino Stöver, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
### Parallel session 14

**THU 11.00 – 12.30**  
**Social exclusion and control in the public space - the role of harm reduction services**  
Room: 4 – SIMION MEHEDINTI  
Chair: Katrin Schiffer

This session will address the topic of marginalisation and social exclusion in the public space. The gentrification of neighbourhoods and the commercialisation of the public space has resulted in increasing protection, control and regulation of the public space. Many of these (repressive) interventions target marginalised groups, such as drug users and homeless people. Their presence in the public space is unwanted and perceived as threatening and disturbing. The different presentations in this session will highlight the negative impact of repressive interventions in this field, share alternative ideas for intervention and plead for a more balanced and inclusive approach.

- **The impact of harm reduction on social space**  
  • Carlo Fabian, University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Northwestern Switzerland

- **Brave New World: the creation of clean cities by excluding the unwanted ones**  
  • Roberto Perez Gayo, Correlation – European Harm Reduction Network, the Netherlands

- **Gentrification versus social inclusion – a social intervention at Görlitzer Park in Berlin**  
  • Astrid Leicht, Fixpunkt, Germany

### Parallel session 15

**THU 11.00 – 12.30**  
**Inside DCR’s: challenges and opportunities**  
Room: 5  
Chair: Cedric Chavet

Drug Consumption Rooms reduce harm and provide a safe environment for users. Innovative approaches can increase the impact and effectiveness of DCR’s in the broader setting and provide additional support for users. The session will share examples from Denmark and France and discuss ways forward.

- **Drug Consumption Rooms in Copenhagen**  
  • Rasmus Koberg Christiansen, Maendenes Hjem, Denmark

- **Drug tests in drug consumption room ‘SKYEN’ in Copenhagen**  
  • Ivan Christensen, Maendenes Hjem, Denmark

- **Management of drug users with psychiatric disorders in a drug consumption room: the perpetual question**  
  • Céline Debaulieu, Gaia, France

- **Sharing drugs – restrictions and the way forward**  
  • Elisabeth Avril, Gaia, France

- **Towards a “test and cure” strategy for drug users (DU) in a French drug consumption room (DCR)**  
  • Florant Di Nino and Flavie Oster, ITHAQUE, France
Parallel session 16

THU 14.00 – 15.30
Harm Reduction in prison (HA-REACT)
Room: 1 AULA
Chair: Heino Stöver

This session is co-organised by the European Joint Action on HIV and Co-infection Prevention and Harm Reduction (HA-REACT). HA-REACT addresses existing gaps in the prevention of HIV and other co-infections, especially tuberculosis and viral hepatitis, among people who inject drugs (PWID). It is a joint effort of 23 organisations in 18 EU Member States, and focuses on those countries where there are obvious gaps in effective and evidence-informed harm reduction interventions, or where such interventions are not being implemented at a sufficient level. The session focuses on activities & strategies that have proved to work in increasing harm reduction services in prisons and in improving continuity of care for PWID in prison settings.

The state of harm reduction in European prisons
- Heino Stöver, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Best practice model in Luxembourg prisons
- Patrick Hoffmann, Health Directorate Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Best Practice Model of Condom Distribution in the Czech Prison
- Viktor Mravčík, National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction, Czech Republic

Scaling up harm reduction in Polish prisons
- Piotr Wysocki, National AIDS Centre, Poland

HIV prevention and harm reduction expansion in French prison settings:
- Marie Jauffret-Roustide, Inserm, France

Parallel session 17

THU 14.00 – 15.30
How to leverage EU membership and accession for increasing sustainability and quality of harm reduction services at country level (OSI part 2).
Room 2 – MIRCEA ELIADE
Chair: Raminta Stuikyte

This session will discuss the challenges, lessons learnt and possible opportunities for NGOs in those EU member counties which lack of the political will to ensure the sustainability of harm reduction services at the expense of the state budget.

Participants will:
- Learn more about the political, technical, funding opportunities and instruments available for NGO in EU member and accession countries which could help to improve the sustainability of HR services they provide
- Get an opportunity to discuss their situations, share their concerns and learn from each other’s experiences of advocating for the increase of the governmental funding for HR services

Championing the response: Financing harm reduction within Europe and beyond
- Naomi Burke-Shyne, Harm Reduction International, UK
Sustainability of harm reduction services in Bulgaria: current situation and future perspectives
• Yuliya Georgieva, Center for Humane Policy, Bulgaria

How to ensure the sustainability of harm reduction services in the challenging political and financial environment
• Nicoleta Dascalu, ARAS, Romania

Working with the government to ensure the sustainability of funding for HR services
• Jiri Richter, SANANIM, Czech Republic

How can the European Union contribute to responsible transition from donor support to domestic financing in EU accession countries?
• Henning Mikkelsen, Independent Consultant

Parallel session 18
THU 14.00 – 15.30
Addressing the diversity of sex workers in the context of harm reduction
Room: 3 - MIRCEA VULCANESCU
Chair: Luca Stevenson

The session will present on the intersecting needs of sex workers in Europe including female and male, cis and trans, drug using and migrant sex workers. Furthermore we will explore the issues faced by sex workers at local and European level and discuss the benefits and sometimes limitations of a harm reduction approach. The session will include presentations from different speakers but is above all interactive and aims to stimulate questions and discussion.

Supporting sex workers in their diversity and beyond ‘sexual health’: meaningful involvement and advocacy for legal reform
• Luca Stevenson, ICRSE, the Netherlands

Harm reduction works also among migrant sex workers
• Jaana Kauppinen, Pro Tukipiste, Finland

The connection between sex work and the use of drugs
• Nebojša Đurasović, Prevent, Serbia

Female sex workers. Social networks and access to public services – exploratory research, 2017
• Ana Mohr, RHRN, Romania

Male and transgender sex workers in Antwerp, Belgium: a harm reduction approach
• Jasper Kerremans, Boysproject, Belgium
Parallel session 19

THU 14.00 – 15.30

Monitoring Harm Reduction (Correlation)
Room: 4 – SIMION MEHEDINTI
Chair: Tuukka Tammi

Monitoring in the field of harm reduction is important and should include the knowledge, experience and perspective of civil society organisations, NGO’s and frontline service providers as well. They can indicate new trends, provide information from the field and the development of policy and practice. Correlation – European Harm Reduction Network will set up a monitoring tool in all European countries, with a focus on HCV, Overdose Prevention and new drug trends. This session will present a more detailed overview of this monitoring tool, explain the set up and scope of the tool and discuss with Correlation Focal Points and other interested participants the further development and implementation of the tool.

Monitoring harm reduction on European level
• Dagmar Hedrich, EMCDDA, Lisbon

Monitoring harm reduction from the viewpoint of civil society
• Tuukka Tammi, THL, Finland

Implementation of monitoring trends in harm reduction
• Katrin Schiffer, Eberhard Schatz, Correlation Network, The Netherlands

Parallel session 20

THU 14.00 – 15.30

Network session EuroNPUD and ENPUD
Room: 5
Chair: Matt Southwell

The European Network of People who Use Drugs (EuroNPUD) and the Eurasian Network of People who Use Drugs (ENPUD) will share their parallel experiences of mobilising people who use drugs at the country and regional level in response to the health and rights challenges faced by PWUD across Europe. The speakers will consider key aspects of drug user organising - advocacy and partnership working, campaigning and communications, and drug user group development and network strengthening from the East and West. This will provide different perspectives on the role of drug user organising in different country and regional contexts. The session will include time for professional and peer participants to share their experiences of community mobilisation and the meaningful participation of PWUD.
Parallel session 21

THU 16.00 – 17.30
International Developments and the role of HR
Room: 1- Aula
Chair: John Peter Kools

In this session the global situation on drug trends and policies will be explored. While many challenges exist in European harm reduction policies and services, the global challenges are even bigger. From the record harvest in Afghanistan and Columbia, ongoing development of new synthetic drugs to the Fentanyl and overdose crises in North America, many regions in the world face increasing increased substance use and, in many cases, its related risks and harms. At the same time many countries are struggling with their responses and drug control policies, with brave examples of decriminalisation measures and opening of drug consumption rooms on the one hand, and harsh penalties and extrajudicial executions on the other side of the spectrum. In the session various presenters will present on various aspects of the global situation and will discuss the implications of the current developments for governments, agencies and communities in European countries.

- The Civil Society Task Force on Drugs (CSTF): Getting Our Voices Heard Within the United Nation
  - Jamie Bridge, International Drug Policy Consortium, UK

- Findings from the Global State of Harm Reduction 2018: A Focus on Western Europ
  - Sam Shirley-Beavan, Harm Reduction International, UK

- WHO/UNODC International Standards of Treatment of Drug Use Disorders and its implementation in Central Asia on the basis of the Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP)
  - Ingo Michels, Frankfurt University of Applied Science, Germany

- Civil Society Involvement in Drug Policy in Europe
  - Peter Sarosi, Drugreporter

Parallel session 22

THU 16.00 – 17.30
The lack of answers: increasing ATS consumption
Room: 2 – MIRCEA ELIADE
Chair: René Akeret

In recent years and in different parts of the world, the use of stimulants has been on the increase. However, people who use stimulants – and especially those who do not inject – have limited access to harm reduction and other services. In this session we will present an overview of the global trends, explore valuable conclusions, lessons learnt and practical advice to strengthen the harm reduction response towards stimulant use.

- Emerging stimulant use: a summary of global trends and the harm reduction response
  - Katie Stone, Harm Reduction International, UK

- Lessons from a global literature review and seven good practice case studies of Harm Reduction for People Who Use Stimulants
  - Sara Woods, Mainline, The Netherlands

- From opiates to methamphetamine: good practices and challenges of building new harm reduction responses
  - Rafaela Rigoni, Correlation - European Harm Reduction Network, The Netherlands

- Slow down, you move too fast
  - Shaun Shelly, University of Pretoria, Department of Family Medicine TBHIV Care NPO, South Africa
Parallel session 23

THU 16.00 – 17.30
Safe Use interventions - the Eurosider method
Room: 3 – MIRCEA VULCANESCU
Chair: Carine Magen

Access to needle syringe programs (NSP) and to opioid substitution treatment (OST) is an effective intervention to reduce unsafe HIV/HCV transmission practices and seroconversion in people who inject drugs (PWID). However, in certain contexts, this access is limited or inadequate, leading to many drug injection-related complications (e.g. HIV and HCV infections, abscesses, cellulitis and other skin infections). The individually-tailored support and education for safer injection (ITSESI) intervention consists in offering educational supervision of the different injection phases, from pre- to post-injection and in providing tailored education for each risky act, prevention messages related to HIV/HCV transmission and information about access to screening and care for HIV and HCV. The session will present methods and preliminary outcomes of the method, implemented in France and currently in Bulgaria, Romania, Greece and Portugal in the framework of the EU funded EUROSIDER project.

EUROSIDER – experiences from Bulgaria, Greece, Portugal and Romania
• Carine Magen, Inserm, France
• Mihai Lixandru, Aras, Romania
• Adriana Curado, GAT, Portugal
• Tania Tsiakou, Praksis, Greece

Parallel session 24

THU 16.00 – 17.30
Workshop: From signals to harm reduction interventions - a workshop on problematic chemsex
Room: 4 – Simion Mehedinti
Chair: Ben Collins

This workshop will focus on the added value of harm reduction interventions, by focusing in particular on problematic drug use. The session will look at interventions that have proven to be effective in reaching this group and also address the ones, which have not. This will increase the knowledge and expertise of the participants. The workshop will start with an analysis of complex factors that are linked to chemsex and will then explore and evaluate harm reduction strategies and interventions that have worked for this specific target group. This includes for example chemsex meetings, accessible information material, topic-specific websites, online interventions etc.

Workshop participants will be challenged to think about what kind of support and (integrated) treatment (ex)users need and how to approach them without being prejudiced. At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to understand/explain the difference between problematic and non-problematic chemsex and understand the need for integrated care and its practical application.

Presenters:
• Ben Collins
• Fred Bladou
• Leon Knoops
• Sjef Pelsser
## Parallel session 25

**THU 16.00 – 17.30**  
**Building expert groups for HCV, OD and New Drug Trends**  
Room: 5  
Chair: Katrin Schiffer

Correlation Network currently establishes expert groups focusing on HCV, Overdose Prevention and New Drug Trends. These expert groups will support the activities of the network in regard to monitoring (see session 18), capacity building and advocacy. The session will provide information on the work plan and the methodology of the expert groups. If you are interested to join one of the three expert groups, you should attend this session.

**What’s on in Overdose Prevention – actual trends and patterns**  
- Dirk Schäffer, Deutsche Aids Hilfe, Germany

**What’s on in New Drug Trends?**  
- Daan van der Gouwe, Trimbos Institute, The Netherlands

**What’s on in HCV testing and treatment in harm reduction settings**  
- Eberhard Schatz, Correlation - European Harm Reduction Network, The Netherlands

## Parallel session 26

**FRI 09.00 – 10.30**  
**Drug policy trends: alternative to coercive sanctions**  
Room: 1 - AULA  
Chair: Ganna Dovbakh

This session aims to provide space for discussion on current drug policy trends in Europe, the impact of international drug policies on European national policies and practice and the ways of transferring European best practices to other regions.

Participants will:

1. Increase their understanding of the perspective of young people on the international and national drug policies;
2. Learn about the current state of advocacy for decriminalization, legalization and alternatives to coercive sanctions (ACS) in Europe;
3. Learn about pilot diversion from arrest programs in EU and barriers to their integration;
4. Share perspectives of EU best practices in drug policy that could be promoted outside of the EU.

**Shrinking space for harm reduction and human rights in EU based on Hungarian situation**  
- Peter Sarosi, Drugreporter, Hungary

**Promotion of Alternatives to Coercive Sanctions (ACS) Programs in EECA**  
- Darya Matyushina, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, Russia

**CRIMINALIZATION COSTS IN THE BALTIC COUNTRIES: what it costs for the society?**  
- Eliza Kurcevic, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, Lithuania

**Guidelines for law enforcement to improve public health outcomes for YPUD**  
- Morgana Daniele, Youth Rise, Lithuania
Parallel session 27

FRI - 09.00 – 10.30
Mixed approaches - self regulation, data protection and the internet
Room: 2 – MIRCEA ELIADE
Chair: Jean Paul Grund

This session explores opportunities to overcome the paradigm of drug users as passive victims which need help and present measures, to improve social inclusion through web based tools and it shows how laws requiring mandatory collection of personal data forces NGO’s to compromise on human rights and collection of anonymized data in order to provide harm reduction services.

- The challenge of drug use self-regulation in a Harm Reduction perspective
  • Susanna Ronconi, Forum Droghe, Italy

- Mandatory collection of drug user personal data for harm reduction services: Negative impact on the provision of harm reduction services and potential barrier for drug users
  • Mihaela Blejan, Aras, Romania

- Outreach work and counseling in TOR-web Finland
  • Juha Sedergren and Juho Sarvanko, A-clinic foundation, Finland

- Digital Humanities and harm reduction: how to decrease the digital divide and to allow a better access to healthcare for people who use drugs? Results from a feasibility study to develop a community-based surveillance web tool dedicated to PWUD.
  • Laelie Briand Madrid, Inserm, France

Parallel session 28

FRI - 09.00 – 10.30
HR, cannabis, legal substances and drug checking in France
Room: 3 – MIRCEA VULCANESCU
Chair: René Akeret

Significant cannabis policy reforms are taking place. In this session we will present an actual overview on new developments in Cannabis policy and will discuss if and how these regulations will affect harm reduction response for Cannabis user. Furthermore a presentation will look at the transfer of harm reduction services to legal substances as for example the Swiss government is planning to do and will discuss the remaining challenges followed by an innovative new project addressing the need of addressing tobacco use within people you use drugs.

- New developments in Cannabis policy
  • Ingo Ilja Michels, Frankfurt University of Applied Science, Germany

- Transfer of harm reduction strategies to legal substances
  • Heino Stöver, Frankfurt University of Applied Science, Germany

- The Switch
  • Helen Redmond, Nicotine Harm Reduction Consultants, USA

- Médecins du Monde and drug-checking services in France
  • Gregory Pfau, Médecins du Monde, France
**Parallel session 29**

**FRI - 09.00 – 10.30**

**Gendered consequences of repressive drug policies**  
Room: 4 - SIMION MEHEDINTI  
Chair: Eliza Kurcevic

The session aims to provide space for women who use drugs and specialists working with this group to share and discuss gender specific consequences of repressive drug policies and the availability and quality of existing services inclusion of the community in the global women’s movement.

Participants will:

1. Learn about recent studies of human rights violations of women who use drugs and the process of submitting complaints to UN bodies
2. Increase their knowledge of intersectional feminism and the inclusion of the community of women who use drugs in the global feminist movement
3. Learn about gender differences in substance use and the prevalence of HIV and HCV, and gender-sensitive services including services for women who use drugs who suffered from violence
4. Discuss how to protect and minimize risks among activists and human rights defenders

**Gender differences among people who inject drugs (PWID) in Estonia**  
• Maris Salekesin, National Institute for Health Development, Estonia

**Human Rights of Women Who Use Drugs: Institutional Violence and Human Rights Abuse by OST Clinics’ Staff**  
• Maria Plotko, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, Lithuania

**Harm Reduction Challenge: public nuisance vs public health**  
• Aura Ruig, Metzineres, Spain

**Protection of Harm Reduction and Community Activists from Pressure, Arbitrary Arrest and other Forms of Abuse by Authorities**  
• Daria Matyushina-Ocheret and Svitlana Moroz, EHRA, Russia

**Harm reduction from perspective of feminism and history of the feminist movement**  
• Fenya Fisher, Association for Women’s Right Development, UK

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**Parallel session 30**

**FRI - 09.00 – 10.30**

**Workshop: Support Don’t Punish**  
Room: 5  
Chair: Juan Fernandez

Support. Don’t Punish is a global grassroots-centred campaign in support of harm reduction and drug policy reform. This workshop will provide participants with a solid understanding of the campaign and its aims, encourage mobilisation and provide practical tools to identify barriers and collective think of levers for change to overcome them.

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