

Regional Harm Reduction Conference 2017
Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia

HARM REDUCTION IN THE NEW ENVIRONMENT

4-6 April 2017, Vilnius, Lithuania, Radisson Blu Hotel, Konstitucijos pr. 20

Regional HR Conference 2017 goal

To build productive regional dialogue of the drug user community, governmental, social and healthcare professionals, donors and technical partners in order to

- come to a common understanding of the public health and social importance of harm reduction programs,
- possible consequences of transition processes,
- and to reach a consensus between all stakeholders on their key roles in increasing the quality and ensuring the sustainability of harm reduction programs in the context of transition, new drug policy challenges and public health needs.

Regional HR Conference 2017 objectives

- (1) To present the current status of harm reduction programs in the new environment in the CEECA region;
- (2) To explore the challenges, opportunities and lessons learnt on regional/national advocacy to ensure the sustainability of harm reduction programs;
- (3) To explore harm reduction response and needed adaptation to the context of new epidemiological, social and political challenges, and new public health opportunities.



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EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The conference participants representing civil society organizations, state bodies, expert and donor organizations, are aware of:

- the status and the role of harm reduction in public health and social care systems,
- challenges and problems faced at different stages of harm reduction programs' integration into health and social care systems,
- and the key instruments and mechanisms to address these challenges for the benefit of the communities and society at large.



REGIONAL HR CONFERENCE 2017 FRAMEWORK

April 4, 2017

Topic of the day – Funding of HR in the new environment

April 5, 2017

Topic of the day – Role of HR in social and health care systems for PWUD in the new environment

April 6, 2017

Topic of the day – HR as health and human rights-based drug policy

Meeting of EHRN members



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PARTICIPANTS

- The expected number of participants is 200, including representatives of CEECA state bodies, experts, donors, technical agencies, civil society and communities.
- EHRN has announced the call for 80 scholarships for representatives NGOs, initiative groups, actively working in the field of harm reduction from one of the 29 CEECA countries, and PWUD community representatives.



REGIONAL HR CONFERENCE 2017 ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

International Organizational Committee:

- Implies representatives of GF, UNAIDS, WHO, UNODC, OSF, AFEW, HRI, ENPUD, EHRN's SC, UN Secretary-General Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in EECA, Lithuanian Gov-t;
- Meets once a month to discuss the program development, identify speakers and secure partners and sponsors. Format – skype call, working language – English.



REGIONAL HR CONFERENCE 2017 ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

Lithuanian Organizational Committee:

- Implies representatives of Ministry of Health, Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Control Department under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Criminal Police of Vilnius, Vilnius Center for Addictive Disorders, Logistic Company 'West Express' to provide logistic and technical support to the preparation and smooth conduction of the Conference.
- Established on Nov 8, meets per EHRN's request.

Thank you!

