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Foreword

I am most honoured to write this introduction as the Italian Chair of MedNET under Italy's presidency.

My country has fully accepted this challenge because we believe that this network brings a significant added value to the development of drug policies at international level.

Special thanks go to Cons. Maria Contento, Head of the Italian National Department of Drug Policies, for believing in this challenge of working together. I am grateful to all countries participating in this network for contributing to the different activities which in turn, promoted more and more the network itself, and at the same time, ensured prominent visibility for the outcome of our work.

This year has indeed been rich in activities, most of them taking place in the demand reduction area.

In this connection, a number of activities in different countries have been implemented in the field of the prevention, especially targeting adolescents, social rehabilitation and harm reduction programmes.

In order to strengthen the activities of the national observatories which have been progressively set up within the network, besides the MedSPAD surveys and MedSPAD committee we have introduced new activities, such as wastewater monitoring and the development of online platforms for data collection.

The exchange of knowledge and experience has also received increasing support with the organisation of trainings and study visits on both sides of the Mediterranean.

Furthermore, I would like to thank two new countries, Switzerland and Spain, for believing in our objectives and joining our Mediterranean Network.

As rapporteur of gender equality for the Pompidou Group, I would like to emphasise, once again, the relevance of our activities towards the promotion of gender equality.

With regard to international cooperation, I would like to highlight an ever growing partnership with EMCDDA.

As Chair I also thank the Secretariat of MedNET, in particular, Florence Mabileau, for the irreplaceable support provided to our joint activities.

I take this occasion to wish Tunisia a successful year for its upcoming presidency.

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Italy

Introduction: the MedNET network

Pompidou Group

The Pompidou Group provides a multi-disciplinary forum at the wider European level where it is possible for policy-makers, professionals and researchers to exchange experiences and information on drug use and drug trafficking. Formed at the suggestion of the French President Georges Pompidou in 1971, it has become a Council of Europe partial agreement in 1980. In 2019, it gathers 39 countries: 36 of the 47 Member States of the Council of Europe, Mexico, Morocco and Israel, as well as the European Commission.

MedNET

MedNET is the Mediterranean network for co-operation on drugs and addictions of the Pompidou Group.

In 2017, it adopted a consensus document (P-PG/Med (2017) 24 E) which was approved by the Pompidou Group Permanent Correspondents. MedNET is a permanent activity within Pompidou Group work programme.

MedNET is the Mediterranean network for co-operation on drugs and addictions of the Pompidou Group. It promotes cooperation, exchange and mutual transfer of knowledge between countries from both sides of the Mediterranean, respecting human rights and gender equality. It was created in 2006, after a feasibility study carried out at the initiative of France and the Netherlands. The group was assessed positively and has developed ever since, geographically and thematically, to promote effective and appropriate answers. Its terms of reference are adopted within the framework of the Pompidou Group Work Programme.

The network consists of seventeen countries: Algeria, Cyprus, Croatia, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Palestine¹, Portugal, Tunisia, Turkey and since 2019 Spain and Switzerland. 10 countries are PG members, 7 are not PG members.

The European Commission and the European Monitoring Centre for drugs and drugs addictions (EMCDDA) participate as observers to the meetings.

Since 2006, MedNET countries have worked together to initiate and conduct ambitious projects. To ensure their success, they are based on South-South, North-South and South-North cooperation. The MedNET network aims to promote interaction between policy, practice and science, to adapt their implementation to the context of different countries.

The question of addictive behaviours represents a central issue for our societies and calls for a global answer taking into account Human Rights combining prevention, health, fight against drug trafficking, law enforcement, as well as training and research. It is therefore crucial to develop a dynamic cooperation, to include civil society, which reflects the commitment taken by all members of the network.

The consensus document lays out some of the fundamental principles of this cooperation and defines common objectives. It is not intended to create legal rights or obligations for the participating countries and is based on the principle of consensus.

¹This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of Council of Europe member States on this issue.

Main objectives of the cooperation

The long-term objective of MedNET is to promote the elaboration and to implement coherent policies on addictive behaviours, based on scientifically validated knowledge.

Participating countries are committed to submit projects that represent a real added-value for the network. All the projects have to be conceived and implemented with a special focus on human rights, and taking into account gender equality issues.

Priorities

Priority is given to the following topics:

- Prevention of addictive behaviours
- Promotion of the collection of reliable, objective and comparable data and creation or support to national observatories
- Development of national balanced strategies
- Socio-sanitary health care of addictive behaviours, risk and harm reduction
- Law enforcement and fight against drug trafficking
- Training and research

Participation

Adhesion to MedNET is the result of a voluntary commitment and a mutual interest. Any Mediterranean country and any country interested in this cooperation willing to join the network can become a member. The Minister competent for drug policy shall send a commitment letter to the Pompidou Group's Executive Secretariat and shall appoint a national representative with the authority to commit on the behalf of the government.

Chair

The Chair and the Vice-Chair shall be assumed during a period of one year alternately by a Northern Mediterranean country and a Southern Mediterranean country. In order to ensure the continuity of the work undertaken, the Vice-Chair will assume the Chair the following year. The election is done by consensus.

Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Pompidou Group shall ensure the implementation of the work programme and the network operation, by ensuring synergy between other working groups from Pompidou Group and other Council of Europe's entities.

It manages the MedNET budget, made up of voluntary contributions from Pompidou Group member countries and other sources of funding (Council of Europe, European Commission, etc.).

Meetings

The steering committee made up of the representatives of the participating countries meets at least once a year to adopt the work programme based on projects submitted by each country, review the implementation of on-going projects and discuss future activities

The EMCDDA participates in the steering committee and shares its expertise in particular concerning data collection and analysis and the support to national observatories.

In 2019, the steering committee met twice.

In Roma, on 25 June, the steering committee held its 24th meeting in collaboration with the anti-drug department of the Presidency of Council of Ministers with participation of 12 countries. The committee shared information on the situation of drug policy, reviewed the implementation of the 2019 work programme, reported on activities, discussed one example of environmental prevention and listened to a project by UNICRI (United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute) on the role of family in the prevention of the use of drugs.

In Strasbourg, on 18 and 19 November, the steering committee will hold its 25th meeting with the participation of 15 countries including two new countries: Switzerland and Spain. Activities for 2020 will be presented and adopted to define the new work programme. For the first time, the committee will hold a discussion on human rights of drug users in MedNET countries. The MedNET countries which are not members of PG will be invited to participate in the discussions on the revision of the statutory process with PG Permanent Correspondents.

Working methods

MedNET facilitates the recognition, diffusion and appropriation of good practices and experiences which had proved successful in partnership with other key national and international actors working in the region. Thus, participating countries through their representatives share and exchange their knowledge and their know-how, by providing to the network all the scientifically validated knowledge they have in the identified fields.

They are committed to alert competent national authorities on the actions led by MedNET.

The annual activity report presents national and regional projects implemented.

The entirety of MedNET works is submitted to a regular and thorough assessment.

Funding

Participating countries are committed to contributing to the MedNET budget, financially or by making available their resources, to ensure the projects' implementation.

Each project is funded partly by the requesting country, by a financial or an in-kind contribution.

1. Country-specific activities

1.1. Algeria

MedSPAD

MedSPAD Algeria results are intended to be used in the new drug prevention policy (2019-2024) and in planning prevention actions for young students with the Ministry of Education.

One-day training seminar for psychologists (Alger, 26 June)

The seminar brought together around 60 participants with support from one French trainer.

1.2. Egypt

In 2019, Egypt continued on-going projects and started of new ones.

- 2018- 2019 projects

Parental training project

The objective was to develop evidence based structure parenting program for parents with substance use disorder to take a step to help their children through teaching them harm reduction and coping skills.

- A review of available programs and choice of model
- A Field visit was carried out: 4 psychiatrists visited **Ireland** from 3-7 December 2018.
- A training-manual (Strengthen Family Program) based on an American program implemented in Ireland was chosen.
- A curriculum & training modules were developed and the SPF program was translated it into Arabic language and adapted to the Egyptian culture.
- Training of GSMHAT personnel on the SPF adapted program with an external trainer expert will take place in a later stage.

Nurses project

The objective was to develop evidence based structure program for training of nurses working in addiction treatment through a training course on a specific model of care.

- An analysis of available programs of training of nurses working in addiction treatment and choice of model was made.
- A field visit of a team of 3 psychiatrists and 2 nurses was undertaken in Spain from 21-25 January 2019
- A "Nursing Training Manual for Substance use Treatment" was designed, adapted from Gordon's functional health pattern and different researches and papers based on Madrid visit, was translated into Arabic.
- A curriculum & training modules were developed
- A training of personnel was conducted for the 2 main hospitals in Egypt providing the addiction treatment services.

- 2019-2020 projects:

Development of a community based model of care for substance use

The objective was to formulate a model of care and training curriculum for community based services for substance use. The review of available programs was done.

A study visit in Czech Republic is planned from 28 October to 1 November.

Development of specific model of care for juveniles with substance abuse problems in correctional facilities

The objective is to develop evidence based well-structured model of care and rehabilitation program for juveniles with substance use problems in corrective facilities.

A study visit is planned in Spain from 14 to 18 October 2019.

1.3. Jordan

Training Workshop - Prevention of drug use among children and youth

The training was held on 3 and 4 March supervised by a trainer from Morocco.

The training made it possible to learn and exchange about theoretical and practical aspects of prevention.

Study visit - Prevention of drug use among children and youth in Morocco.

The visit will take place in Morocco from 25 to 29 November

1.4 Lebanon

In Lebanon, two types of projects. Final projects, and new ones.

Mapping of services for substance use disorders: prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, harm reduction, social re-integration, Lebanon 2017 in English and in Arabic

It is the first comprehensive mapping exercise of substance use response services to be conducted on a national level.

It is a snapshot of the existing services: geographical distribution, components, target populations, human resources that provide them

It is an essential tool for building a national referral system and for planning the scale-up of services and improving spending

Two surveys have been developed for data collection: the “substance use disorder treatment facility survey” and the “substance use prevention survey” adapted from UNODC “treatment facility survey of October 2017” that was itself developed in the framework of the UNODC-WHO Program on Drug Dependence Treatment and Care (UNODC, 2009).

Accreditation standards: residential substance use rehabilitation programmes

The substance use residential treatment program standards for Lebanon are designed to provide organizations with the building blocks of quality and provide them with a guide towards excellence. What is assessed is accessibility, appropriateness, continuity of care, effectiveness, Efficiency, safety, continuous improvement of performance

The substance use online platform for data collection with main actors in Lebanon

The Substance Use Yearly Surveys are designed to give a comprehensive overview of Substance Use activities and services occurring in the previous calendar year across Lebanon. The surveys are conducted and designed by the National Mental Health Programme, UNODC International Standards on Drug Use and Prevention and UNODC-WHO Programme on Drug Dependence Treatment and Care.

Drug Addiction Committee

The objective of the project is to support and improve the work of the Lebanese DAC on the technical level and propose the legislative reforms needed to enhance the committee's work, resources and autonomy. This work comes in parallel with adopting a decriminalization policy of substance use

Needs of women with substance use disorder

This project is in line with one of the strategic objectives of the "Inter-Ministerial Substance Use Response Strategy for Lebanon 2016-2021" and in line with international and national concerns on the specific needs of women.

It follows a qualitative approach: focus group discussions and in-depth interviews. The recommendations are to increase funding for women-specific substance use services, expand treatment centres to improve access to reduce stigma and discrimination, working on properly framing substance use disorder as a health condition, encourage self-support groups... Support the development of policies related to child custody of women with substance use disorders receiving any type of service, include a gender-based violence (GBV) sensitive approach when working with women with substance use disorder, increase outreach to vulnerable and stigmatized women and ensure referral to services. include partners and families in the treatment programs.

2019 projects:***Implementation of the drug law in Lebanon***

Increase the understanding and use of articles 193 and 194 of the Drug Law among public prosecutors and law enforcement officers.

Connecting Youth for Drug Awareness in Schools

Introducing peer education in schools as an effective drug education programme. Empowering young people to become leaders in providing accurate and objective drug information to their peers in the school setting. Raising awareness about substance use in schools through peer to peer interventions led by young people. Introducing the concept of awareness on substance use in schools. Skoun implemented the PeerNET program in 5 schools in Lebanon.

1.5 Morocco

Seminar on 10 years of Opiate Agonist Treatment in Morocco, Tangiers, 22-23 February

The seminar held through funding by Switzerland made it possible to bring together 14 Opiate Agonist Treatment Centres in Morocco along with other MedNET country representatives and decided on the setting up of the Remad network (P-PG/MedNET (2019) 2)

A national guide and e-learning module for the reinforcement of capacity of civil societies in prevention interventions of psychoactive substances adapted to the Moroccan context is being elaborated

The “*Réseau Maroc Addicto Remad*”, first network of practitioners working in the addiction field was set up with a first meeting on 17 September 2019.

The university Addictology Diploma for the Medicine Faculty of Rabat, put in place in 2009 with the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Health with support from MedNET diploma made it possible to fund over the years 90 fellowships selected by the Ministry of Health, among psychiatry students, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, general practitioners from health and prison sectors. The 2019-2020 (First year) promotion is the seventh promotion and will allow 15 students to participate.

The university addictology diploma in Casablanca is conducting its Fifth promotion (first year) for 15 students in 2019-2020. It will be located at the Institut Marocain de Thérapie Cognitive et Comportementale.

A new diploma started in the faculty of Medicine of Marrakech with support from MedNET for 18 students in 2019-2020.

1.6 Palestine*

A study visit for a medical team took place in Lebanon from 28 to 30 May 2019. It was hosted by Skoun. The objectives were to visit to a treatment centre with good practices in implementing different treatments program and to conduct a training session.

Participants: 4 persons: psychiatrist, psychotherapist, social worker, nurse visited Skoun and Escale: two outpatient centres located in Beirut that receive patients seeking treatment for substance use disorder and other addictive disorders. Participants got familiar with the following procedures:

- Apply detoxification procedure for drug users as part of treatment.
- Apply evidence-based addiction medicine protocols
- Buprenorphine treatment in opioid dependence
- Harm reduction approaches
- Highlight on new psychoactive substances
- Psychosocial interventions and brief interventions: Motivational Interviewing, Relapse prevention, case management, counselling
- Psychotherapy and psycho-education for group therapy
- Follow-up care planning after discharge
- Team work management

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Participants were also introduced to the following standardized procedures in patients assessment and follow-up:

- Consent form: rules and rights of patients
- Intake form: initial data collection including socio-demographic, substance use and psychological parameters
- Outcome form: used to monitor patients evolution and improvement
- Medical tests: urine toxicology tests, VCT for HIV screening, Hepatitis B and C screening

1.7 Tunisia

Several projects are conducted:

The new centre «Espoir» for the prevention and treatment of adolescents

One aisle of the centre was transformed for the prevention and care of addictions among adolescents, with a residential unit for adolescents.

An international consultant from Belgium is supervising the team and the assessment of the project,

A visit to European treatment centres to take place in October 2019 and a training in November 2019,

Analysis of wasted waters to determinate the consumption of illicit drugs in Tunisia

The objective was to develop a methodology of waste waters to determinate the consumption of illicit drugs. To this end, fellowship trainings will take in France and in Italy.

University Addictology Diploma by the Medicine Faculty in Tunis introduced in 2011 aims at general practitioners, doctors in schools and universities, in prison, at students in psychiatry, psychiatrists in private and public sector, clinical psychologists and, psychologists working within associations.

Training in addictology for trainers and medical staff in the Sfax University

1.8 Spain

Spain already hosted study visits within the framework of MedNET in 2017 and 2018 and will host a study visit for an Egyptian delegation within the framework of the project on the development of a specific model of care for juveniles with substance abuse problems in corrective facilities. (14 to 18 October).

In June 2019, Spain officially joined MedNET and joined the MedSPAD committee.

1.9 Switzerland

Switzerland joined MedNET in 2018 and funded the regional seminar in Morocco in February 2019.

2 MedSPAD Committee

One meeting was held in 2019 at the Paris Council of Europe Office on 10 and 11 April.

14 MedNET countries Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey and Israel are participating in the project coordinated by the Secretariat with the ESPAD coordinator acting as consultant. Very good and intensive discussions were held. The 2019 MedSPAD regional report will include age of first use and availability of substances and socio-economic context along with a section about gender data. It will be presented at the 25th MedNET meeting on 18 and 19 November in Strasbourg.

The MedSPAD Committee work including the regional 2019 report was funded by the South Programme III which is a joint programme funded by the EU and implemented by the Council of Europe with the aim of “Ensuring Sustainable Democratic Governance and Human Rights in the Southern Mediterranean” and which promotes regional activities.

3 Regional activities: participation in Pompidou Group activities

MedNET countries have been invited to participate in the following PG regional activities in order to improve the exchange of knowledge with Pompidou Countries and to acquire new skills.

3.1 In the supply reduction field

34th Annual Meeting of the Drug Control Services at European Airports and in General Aviation, Strasbourg, 19-20 June 2019 :

Morocco and Tunisia participated.

Pompidou Group annual meeting of the international network on precursor control, 1-3 October 2019, Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) Lisbon,

Algeria participated

Pompidou Group 3rd International General Aviation Conference 26-28th November 2019, Malta

Tunisia participated

3.2 In other fields

Drug Prevention Approaches that Make a Difference”, 25 – 26 September 2019, Reykjavik, Iceland.

This International capacity building seminar organized by the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe jointly with the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) of the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the Iceland Directorate of Health was held from, 25 – 26 September 2019, Reykjavik, Iceland.

Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Tunisia participated in this seminar.

International Seminar on “Refugees and Drugs: estimating needs, support practice, preventing risks”, 7-8 October 2019, Athens, Greece

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine* participated.

Conference: International cooperation in aligning drug policies with sustainable development goals, 30-31 October 2019, Mexico.

Morocco participated in this conference.

4 Participation in international conferences

Lisbon Addiction Conference, 23-25 October 2019.

The third European Conference on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies – Lisbon Addictions 2019 took place from 23 to 25 October 2019, in Lisbon under the overarching theme “the future of addictions : new frontiers for policy, practice and science”. The conference showcased cutting-edge research to help characterise, understand and respond to addiction and addictive behaviours. The event also provided a unique networking opportunity for researchers, practitioners and policy experts across countries and disciplines.

SICAD offered the registration fees for 14 MedNET country representatives.

5 MedNET and the gender dimension in drug policies

At the initiative of Italy, MedNET was involved in the following activities promoting the integration of a gender dimension in drug policies:

- Nine MedNET countries contributed in the 2015 publication on the Gender dimension of non-medical use of prescription drugs (Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco and Tunisia).
- MedNET countries participated in a seminar on drugs, women and violence held in Rome in December 2015, and in 2016 in a survey on date-rape drugs.
- On June 2017, MedNET countries participated on a Rome seminar on “Women and Drugs: from policy to good practice.”

In 2018 and 2019, MedNET countries continued to include a gender dimension in their activities in particular with the below projects:

- Project by Lebanon on identification of needs of women with substance use disorders
- Project by Tunisia on prevention and care of adolescents
- Project in Egypt on a model of care for patients with dual diagnosis
- Project in Egypt for juveniles in correctional facilities

Within the framework of the addictology diplomas, the curricula in Tunis, Rabat, Casablanca and the new diploma in Marrakech will from now on include a module which will be devoted to the prevention, treatment and care of women who use drugs.

All these activities reply to the mandate of MedNET and Pompidou Group to take into account the gender dimension in all activities.

6 MedNET and the Council of Europe's neighbourhood policy

The **Council of Europe's neighbourhood policy** was adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the 47 member states in Istanbul on 11 May 2011. It is aimed at promoting dialogue and co-operation with countries and regions in the vicinity of Europe which request Council of Europe assistance, based on the common values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The South Programme was launched in 2012 as a joint strategic initiative between the European Union and the Council of Europe to support democratic reforms in the Southern Mediterranean and meet the needs of countries in the region. MedNET benefited from the South programmes I and II and continues in 2018 and 2019 to get funding from PS III which objective is to ensuring sustainable democratic governance and Human Rights in the Southern Mediterranean.

Under the South Programme I (2012-2014), MedNET received funding of €161.939, representing 4 % of the South Programme I budget (€4.048.660).

Under the South Programme II (2015-2017), MedNET is receiving funding of € 268.319, representing 4 % of the South Programme II budget (€6.886.828).

Under the South Programme III (2018-2019), MedNET is receiving funding of € 50.000, representing 1.4% of the South Programme III budget (€3.334.000).

MedNET has also received for the second time, funding from the Norway Grant for Morocco and Tunisia within the neighbourhood policy for the Council of Europe: 193 000 € (2019-2021).

MedNET Secretariat has also started the discussions for benefiting from the South Programme IV to start in 2020.

7 MedNET and other international organisations

7.1 Co-operation with EMCDDA

MedNET has co-operated with the EMCDDA since the MedNET high-level conference in 2009. Since then, the EMCDDA has taken part in all MedNET activities involving the establishment of national monitoring/resource centres on drugs and drug addiction and participates as an observer in MedNET' steering committee meetings.

MedNET Secretariat participates as observer in the advisory committee meeting of the **EU4 Monitoring Drugs** which is funded by the EU and which is implemented by EMCDDA. The objective of this project is to make the link between drug-related problems and security and health threats in the European Union and neighbourhood countries. The project covers 15 potential countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) with a budget of 3 millions € over 3 years (2019-2021). Among the potential countries, half of them are also MedNET South countries:

7.2. Co-operation with the European Commission through the Council of Europe

Co-operation under the South III programme: Council of Europe/European Commission co-operation

Under the Council of Europe's neighbourhood policy, MedNET benefits from the joint South Programme III funded by the EU and implemented by the Council of Europe, entitled "(see paragraph above).

7.3 Co-operation with UNICRI (United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute)

MedNET participates on the ***UNICRI project on the role of families in drug use prevention and in building pathways for resilience and rehabilitation among young people***. The project aims at understanding of how policies and practices address the needs of families for preventing drug use among adolescents and children in Italy, Lebanon and Tunisia and at identifying the essential policy elements in supporting and consolidating the role of families in drug use prevention and recovery, to develop and test a methodology in Italy for replication in other contexts, in particular Lebanon and Tunisia.

8 The role of the MedNET Secretariat in administration and co-ordination of the Network

In 2019, The MedNET team was made up of three staff members. However, it is worth noting that the total working time is the equivalent to **two persons working full time**.

Two permanent staff agent: 85 %

- The Head of Unit who devoted 70% of time to MedNET.
- The person in charge of finances within PG who devoted 15% of her time to MedNET

Two temporary staff members: 100 %

- A project officer, who devoted 70% to MedNET
- An assistant, who devoted 30 % to MedNET

The team (2 persons representing 2 full staff members) ensured the smooth functioning of the network and the implementation of the work program, ensuring synergy with the other activities of the Pompidou Group and the other entities of the Council of Europe.

In 2019, the MedNET' team, managed a budget of 436.043 €. The team performed the following tasks:

- Co-ordination with the 17 MedNET correspondents, the different experts appointed to MedNET activities and the observers;
- Management of MedNET budget consisting of voluntary contributions and other sources of funding, in particular from the Council of Europe and the EU;
- Management of staff
- Drafting of 25 contracts for all the projects which are carried out per country.
- Preparation of an annual activity report including the financial report;
- Implementation of the work program, revision of the work program in accordance with political developments; and other unpredictable hazards;
- Coordination of the MedSPAD committee

- Participation at the meetings of the Permanent Correspondents and the Bureau of the Pompidou Group and reporting on MedNET activities;
- Ensuring the participation of MedNET in PG activities
- Fundraising from regular MedNET donors and also from other potential donors;
- Preparation of reports and participation in South III Programme meetings;
- Cooperation with other international organizations, in particular with EMCDDA
- Participation in consultative meetings of projects of EMCDDA and UNICRI
- Concerning communication, regular updating of the MedNET and MedSPAD page on the Pompidou Group website, the publication of articles for each MedNET seminar, communication on social networks, and the publication of *newsletters* during 2019;
- Publication of MedNET country project reports

9 MedNET Summary of Expenditure (on 10 October 2019)

This report serves as a single reference document for all contributors. Only those countries which have made a specific contribution to one or more activities of the network receive a specific report on those activities.

The MedNET budget has a multi-source funding:

- Voluntary contributions;
- South Programme I, II& III: Programme funded by the European Union, Implemented by the Council of Europe;
- Direct payment of activities by countries;
- Neighbourhood Policy Programme within the Council of Europe Action Plan for Morocco and Tunisia (2019-2021);
- Pompidou Group Ordinary Budget.

The budget administered and coordinated by the Secretariat in 2019, including staff (60 000 euros), amounts to 436,043 euros.

Appendix I

MedNET 2019 implemented programme of activities

Funding sources:

MedNET: Voluntary contributions 2018-2019
 South Programme III (2019-2020)
 Council of Europe Action Plans for Morocco and Tunisia (2019-2021)
 Direct Payment by SICAD of Lisbon Addiction Registration fees
 Pompidou Group Ordinary Budget (2019)

Co-ordination and implementation of work programme:

MedNET Secretariat of the Pompidou Group

1. Country-specific activities

Algeria: National Office against Drugs and Drug Addiction (ONLCDT)

MedNET funding/National Office against Drugs and Drug Addiction	Implementation
Training seminar on prevention of addictions, Algiers	26 June
Training seminar on therapy management of women using substances	Postponed

Egypt: General Secretariat of Mental Health/Ministry of Health

MedNET funding	Implementation
Development of a community based model of care for substance use	April 2019-Dec. 31/12/2019
Study visit Egypt in Czech Republic	28 oct-1 Nov 2019
Development of specific model of care for juveniles with substance abuse problems in correctional facilities	April 2019-Dec. 31/12/2019
Study visit in Spain	14 to 18 Oct 2019
Development of a model of care for patients with dual diagnosis	April 2019-Dec. 31/12/2019
Study visit	Not started
Training seminar "parental training" in Cairo	Not started

Jordan: Anti Narcotics Department

Training workshop on Prevention	03-04 March 2019
Study visit in Morocco	25-29 November 2019

Lebanon: SKOUN Lebanese Addiction Centre

MedNET funding	Implementation
Implementation of the Drug Law in Lebanon: A Step Forward	Nov. 2018-Oct.2019
Connecting Youth for Drug Awareness in Schools	Nov.2018-Dec.2019

Morocco: National Centre on Drugs, Moroccan Observatory on Drugs and Addictions

MedNET funding	Implementation
Development of a national guide and implementation of a module in e-learning, for the capacity building of CSOs specific to interventions of prevention of psychoactive substances adapted to the Moroccan context	1/09-30/12 2019
Development of the “Addiction Network of Morocco” (REMAD)	May 2019-April 2020
Norway Grant for Action Plans Morocco and Tunisia	Implementation
University Diploma in Addictology - Marrakech	September 2019-June 2020
University Diploma in Addictology- Rabat	September 2019-June 2020
University Diploma in Addictology- Casablanca	September 2019-June 2020

Palestine*: Ministry of Health

MedNET funding	Implementation
Study visit/Treatment - Medical Team of 4 participants in Beirut, Lebanon	28-30 May 2019

Tunisia: Ministry of Public Health

MedNET funding	Implementation
New treatment center “ESPOIR” for adolescents	April 2019- Nov. 2019
Estimate community consumption of illicit drugs via wastewater analysis : 1 contract and 3 traineeships	1 st 31 Oct – France 1st-30 Nov : France 1 Oct- 30 March, Italy
Wastewater Analysis	June 2019-March 2020
University Diploma in Addictology I – Tunis	Nov. 2018-June 2019
Norway Grant for Action Plans Morocco and Tunisia	Implementation
University Diploma in Addictology II – Tunis	Sept 2019-June 2020
Training of trainers at the university of SFAX in addictology	Oct-Dec 2019

2. Regional activities**MedSPAD Committee**

South Programme III funding	Implementation
10 th MedSPAD Committee meeting,	10-11 April 2019
2019 MedSPAD Regional Report including age of first use and availability of substances and socio-economic context.	In progress

3. Participation in Pompidou Group activities

Law enforcement activities

One participant per country invited (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia)

No funding	Implementation
34 th PG Annual Meeting of the Drug Control Services at European Airports and in General Aviation, Strasbourg, (participants from Morocco, Tunisia)	19-20 June 2019
PG Annual meeting of the international network on precursor control, Lisbon (participant from Algeria)	1 -3 October 2019
PG 3 rd International Meeting of the International General Aviation Conference, Malta (participant from Tunisia)	26-28 November 2019,

Other activities

Funding from PG Ordinary Budget	
Drug prevention approaches that make a difference, Reykavik, Iceland (participants from Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Tunisia)	25-26 September 2019
International seminar on “refugees and drugs: estimating needs, support practice, preventing risks, (participants from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine*)	7-8 October 2019
International cooperation in aligning drug policies with Sustainable Development Goals, Mexico, (participant from Morocco)	30-31 October 2019

4. Participation in international conferences

Funding by SICAD (Portugal) and MedNET	Implementation
Lisbon Addiction Conference Registration fees of 14 MedNET participants	23-25 October 2019

5. Participation in MedNET steering committees

Funded by MedNET and PG Ordinary budget	Implementation
24 th MedNET meeting, Rome	25 June 2019
25 th MedNET meeting, Strasbourg	18- 19 November 2019

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2	Rapport du séminaire, OAT, 22-23 février 2019, Tanger
3	Jordan report – prevention workshop, 3-4 Mars 2019
4	Mise en oeuvre du programme de travail au premier semestre 2019
5	Rapport de réunion du 10ème comité MedSPAD
6	Form to identify Needs
7	Report on Pregnant Women Project (Egypt)
8	Report on 24 TH MedNET meeting
9	2019 Activity Report
10	MedSPAD proposal 2020 2021
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