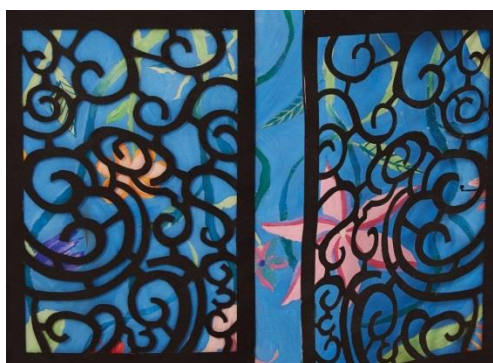


## *MedNET Newsletter: January – June 2018*

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### **CYPRUS :**

The Cyprus National Addictions Authority will hold a regional study visit of prevention centers and treatment programmes and a brief training on European Drug Prevention Quality Standards from 14 to 18 May 2018.

It will be partly funded by MedNET for the Moroccan, Lebanese and Tunisian delegations and by TAIEX, EU funding instrument for Algerian and Palestinian delegations.

### **EGYPT**

GSMHAT (General Secretariat on Mental Health and Addiction Treatment) started in February and March the following projects:

- “training and capacity building for nurses working in the treatment of addictions”
- “development of parental training model for parents with substance use disorders”

### **FRANCE**

MILDECA (Interministerial Mission for Combating Drugs and Addictive Behaviours) paid in March a 2018 a voluntary contribution to MedNET. France continues to be the highest donor to the network.

### **GREECE**

An international Pompidou Group seminar on refugees and drugs: estimating needs, support practice and preventing risks will be held from 24 – 25 April 2018 – Athens, Greece. The main objectives are:

1. To see the examples of good practice in different countries on:
  - i. how the identification of needs of refugees with already existing drug problems or those at risk is put in practice;
  - ii. preventive measures put in place to protect migrants from the contact with criminal networks;
  - iii. specific interventions targeting Unaccompanied Children and Young People (UCYP) as well as for women.
2. To draw conclusions from the best available practices, identify which measures are transferable, which are missing and make a proposal to the Permanent Correspondents of the Pompidou Group for possible next steps to develop appropriate guidelines for professionals and policy makers during the next Pompidou Group Work Programme.

Participants of Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia participate in this seminar along with PG participants

## **LEBANON**

l'Association Francophone pour les Malades mentaux a démarré deux projets en février et mars:

- “technical re-enforcement of the referral policies and procedures of the National Drug Addiction Committee”
- “identifying needs of women with substance use disorders in Lebanon”

## **PALESTINE<sup>1</sup>**

The evaluation of Opioid Substitution Therapy programme in Palestine will be done by a Greek consultant accompanied by a Secretary Staff member. It will take place from 29 to 31 May 2018 and will be organised by the Ministry of Health.

## **TUNISIA**

The « Société Tunisienne d'Addictologie” will hold a seminar on agonist treatment and dependencies which will take place in Tunis on 26 June 2018.

## **MEDSPAD**

The 9<sup>th</sup> MedSPAD committee will take place in Lisbon at the SICAD on 8 June.

MedSPAD committee in 2018 and 2019 will be supported by the South Programme III, funded by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe on “ensuring Sustainable Democratic Governance and Human Rights in the Southern Mediterranean”.

## **Fourth International Multidisciplinary Symposium on Preventing Gambling Addiction,**

It will take place in Freiburg, 27- 29 June 2018 with participation of representatives from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia.

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<sup>1</sup> The 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.