The Gender Dimension of Non-Medical-Use of Prescription Drugs

The role of the Pompidou Group in integrating a gender dimension of drug policies

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The Pompidou Group started activities in the field of gender and drug abuse many years ago.
An International Network to promote:

1. Specific interventions targeted to the female gender for prevention of the risks related to alcohol and drugs consumption and related pathologies.

2. The re-orientation of social and health services towards gender-oriented prevention, treatment and rehabilitation strategies to better meet the specific needs of drug addicted women.
Young women at risk of drug use

Women who use drugs occasionally

Women with drug dependence problems and/or related pathologies

Training to health service professionals, to mainstream gender issues

Primary Target

Secondary Target
DAD.NET Plenary Conferences:

→ FAO Headquarters, 2-4 March 2011
→ FAO Headquarters, 20-21 June 2012
DAD.NET Project for Mednet

Drugs, Alcohol and Women

Creating a network of Southern Mediterranean countries

Project Objectives: Training of trainers & situational analysis
Resolution 7/2012/L.8
Supported by the Pompidou Group

“Promoting strategies and measures addressing specific needs of women in the context of comprehensive and integrated drug demand reduction programmes and strategies”

Approved during the 55th Session of the CND
Vienna, 12-16 March 2012

Content:
→ Correct the lack of gender-oriented programmes, particularly on prevention, treatment and rehabilitation aimed to meet the specific needs of women, as well as programmes addressing the issues of addiction and drug-related diseases as they affect women
The “Gender dimension of drug policies” project

Athens, November 2013, welcome Italy’s initiative of a gender-specific project, funded by an Italian voluntary contribution.

The Pompidou Group decided to launch a gender-specific project covering Europe and the Mediterranean Region.
The “Gender dimension of drug policies” project

Focus on

Gender Dimension of Non-Medical-Use of Prescription Drugs
Prescription drugs abuse means

**NIH/NIDA**
Prescription drug abuse is the use of a medication without a prescription, or in a way other than as prescribed.

**Lithuanian Presidency**
Use of prescription drug, whether obtain by prescription or otherwise, other than in the manner of for the time period prescribed, or by a person for whom the drug was not prescribed
Study Objectives

• Explore gender differences in the field of **Non-Medical-Use of Prescription Drugs** in Europe and the Mediterranean region.

• Identify gaps in the data available in Europe and the Mediterranean.

• Make recommendations for further research.

• Make recommendations for policy development and practice
# 17 Participating countries

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Study development

- Nomination of experts
Study development

- The experts replied to the survey
Study development

- The coordinator researcher Prof. Marilyn Clark, presented the draft report on the survey results in Rome in September 2014.
- The conference was attended by researchers from participating countries as well as UNICRI and EMCDDA.
- Press conference during the 16th Pompidou Group Ministerial Conference held in Strasbourg in November 2014
Study publication in 2015

The Gender Dimension of Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs (NMUPD) in Europe and the Mediterranean Region
“...In order to reach their full potential of effectiveness, coherent policies need to appropriately address gender dimensions...”
... and will go ahead!

The Pompidou Group will present the review of literature on violence and traumas on female drug users among the countries which participated in the Gender Dimension of NMUPD study.
The way is still very long

BUT.....
“.....even Snow White knew that work well-organized can provide great results.....”
Thank you for your attention!