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# **MedNET<sup>1</sup>**

# Mediterranean network for co-operation on drugs and addictions

# MedNET 2022 Draft Activity Report

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#### **Foreword** Mrs Leda CRISTODOULOU (Cyprus) President of the MedNET network (year 2022)

MedNET is a unique group, which gives to its members the opportunity to work collectively towards ensuring everyone in the Mediterranean region adopts human rights-based drug policies and encourage the implementation of best practices. The aim is for children, young people, and all citizens in the region to have access to prevention, treatment, harm reduction and social support services, in a safe environment protected from all types of addictions.

In Cyprus, the goal of the National Addictions Authority is to develop actions so that children and young people can adopt a healthy lifestyle, provide them with opportunities to strengthen their skills, strengthen their personality and give them those skills to adopt a quality and productive life, away from addictions. At the same time, people who need support and treatment for addiction issues, to be treated within the sphere of public health, without being stigmatized. We therefore look forward to a Mediterranean Network with policies in the field of addictions which respect human rights and the uniqueness of the individual. Our aim is to make sure that interventions are adapted to the characteristics and needs of vulnerable groups of the population, and the accessibility of all citizens to treatment and smooth reintegration into society are ensured.

The Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe provides great support to all its members in broadening policies to include addictive behaviour related to the use of illegal and legal substances such as alcohol and tobacco, as well as new forms of addictions such as online gambling and gaming.

The time following the covid-19 pandemic, left people feeling even more isolated and dejected, letting the already vulnerable being even more so susceptible to substance misuse. Regained freedom came hand in hand with cross border movement and consequently a marked influx of illicit substances on the market. This abrupt change in availability calls for a new focus, and an interdisciplinary approach is necessary to deal with the emerging trends and the new state of play in the whole of the Mediterranean region.

There is thus a greater need in citizens to feel like they belong in a wider community, beyond country borders. The importance of establishing a community with a public health focus with respect to human rights through its actions is more apparent than ever. The interplay of policy, practice and science is paramount for us to succeed and deal effectively with all the emerging challenges in the field of addictions.

The 18 MedNET countries with the support of the Pompidou Group through the promotion of programmes for the exchange of knowledge and good practices implemented during the pandemic, new technological tools to promote public health, new research and further training opportunities for professionals will allow the effective, safe, and fair reopening of all supportive health services.

So let us imagine the Mediterranean region of tomorrow where everyone has the right to access the support services of the state and, above all, everyone meets the criteria for their right to health.

### Introduction: The MedNET Network

#### Pompidou Group

The Pompidou Group provides a multi-disciplinary forum where policymakers, professionals and researchers from Greater Europe and beyond can share experiences and information on drug use and drug trafficking. Formed at the suggestion of the French President Georges Pompidou in 1971, it became a Council of Europe partial agreement in 1980. Today, in 2022, it encompasses 41 members: 38 out of 46 member states of the Council of Europe, plus Mexico, Morocco and Israel.

In 2021, Pompidou Group adopted a new statute and extended its mandate to include addictive behaviours related to licit substances (such as alcohol and tobacco) and new forms of addiction (such as internet gambling and gaming) and put a strong focus on human rights. The Group changed its official name from the "Cooperation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking" to the "Council of Europe International Cooperation Group on Drugs and Addiction."

#### MedNET

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

In 2017, it adopted a consensus document (P-PG/Med (2017) 24 E) which was approved by the Pompidou Group Permanent Correspondents. MedNET is an integral part of the Pompidou Group's work programme. MedNET promotes co-operation, exchange and mutual transfer of knowledge between countries on both sides of the Mediterranean, while respecting human rights and gender equality.

Set up in 2006 following a feasibility study spearheaded by France and the Netherlands, the group is highly regarded and has steadily expanded, geographically and thematically, contributing to the development of effective and appropriate responses. Its terms of reference are adopted within the framework of the Pompidou Group work programme.

The network consists of eighteen countries: Algeria, Cyprus, Croatia, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Palestine\*, Portugal, Tunisia, Turkey and since 2019 Spain and Switzerland, Slovenia joined in 2022. Of these 18 countries, 11 are also members of the Pompidou Group.

The European Commission and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) attend meetings as observers.

Since 2006, MedNET countries have worked together to initiate and conduct ambitious projects, drawing on South-South, North-South and South-North co-operation to ensure their success. The MedNET network aims to promote interaction between policy, practice and science, by enabling project implementation to be adapted to conditions in different countries. The issue of addictive behaviours represents a major challenge for our societies and calls for a comprehensive, human-rights-based response that combines prevention, health, action against drug trafficking and law enforcement, as well as training and research. It is therefore crucial to develop dynamic co-operation, including with civil society, which reflects the commitment entered into by all members of the network.

The consensus document sets out the basic principles of this co-operation and defines common objectives. It is not intended to create legal rights or obligations for the participating countries and is based on consensus.

<sup>\*</sup> This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Council of Europe member states on this issue.

*Main objectives of the co-operation* The long-term objective of MedNET is to promote the development and delivery of coherent policies on drugs and addictive behaviours, based on scientifically validated knowledge.

Participating countries undertake to submit projects where the network's involvement will provide genuine added value. All the projects have to be designed and implemented with a special focus on human rights and due regard to 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 of or support to national observatories
- Development of well-balanced national strategies
- Social support and health care for people with addictive behaviours, risk and harm reduction
- Law enforcement and fight against drug trafficking
- Training and research

#### Participation

Accession to MedNET presupposes a voluntary commitment and a mutual interest. Any Mediterranean country and any other country interested in this co-operation can become a member. To join the network, the Minister responsible for drug policy sends a letter of commitment to the Pompidou Group's Executive Secretary and appoints a national representative with the authority to enter into commitments on behalf of his/her government.

#### Chair

The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair are held for a period of one year by a Northern Mediterranean country and a Southern Mediterranean country alternately. In order to ensure continuity in the work, the Vice-Chair is expected to take over the position of Chair the following year. Election is by consensus.

#### Secretariat

The Pompidou Group secretariat is responsible for the implementation of the work programme and the smooth running of the network and seeks to ensure synergy between the work of the Pompidou Group and other Council of Europe 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, to review the implementation of on-going projects and to discuss future activities.

The EMCDDA participates in the steering committee and shares its expertise, in particular as regards data collection and analysis and support for national observatories.

In 2022, the committee met twice :online on 10<sup>th</sup> February and in presence in Cyprus on 18 and 19 October.

#### Working methods

MedNET facilitates the recognition, dissemination and appropriation of good practices and tried-and-tested approaches in partnership with other key national and international actors

working in the region. Thus, participating countries, through their representatives, share their knowledge and know-how, providing the network with scientifically validated data in all relevant fields.

Participating countries undertake to alert their competent national authorities to any activities conducted by MedNET.

The national and regional projects implemented are outlined in the annual activity report. All the work done by the MedNET network is subject to a regular and thorough evaluation.

#### Funding

Participating countries undertake to contribute to the MedNET budget, financially or by making resources available, in order to ensure project implementation.

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

### I. Country-specific activities

Next to the participation of MedNET countries in the MedNET steering committee, and in the MedSPAD committee, countries from the South rim of the Mediterranean undertake country-specific activities following the acceptation of the activity country proposals by the steering committee.

The country-specific activities appear below. .

#### • Algeria

Participates in the MedSPAD Committee

#### • Croatia

Participates in the MedSPAD committee.

### • Cyprus

Chairs the MedNET steering Committee (2022-2023)

Hosted the committee on 18 October and organized the study visit in the Nicosia Prison on 19 October within the framework of the MedNET Criminal Justice and Health in Prison Project. Participates in the MedSPAD committee.

### • Egypt

Participated online in the MedSPAD Committee meeting on 14 June 2022. In 2022, Egypt continued on-going projects and started new ones.

#### 1. MedSPAD national survey

Egypt launched the country's first nationwide MedSPAD survey end of 2020 following a local MedSPAD survey in 2015.

<u>Project objectives:</u> The aim of the proposed 2nd (MedSPAD) project (2020) was to detect the prevalence of Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drugs use and internet gaming addiction in an extended study sample to cover all the 27 Egyptian governorates, and included all types of schools (primary, preparatory and secondary schools: governmental as well as private schools).

<u>Status of the project:</u> The field work that carried out in 2020 included 1000 schools covering all the 28 governorates of Egypt. The data collection and the data entry are finished and the report was drafted and sent to the coordinators of the 4<sup>th</sup> MedSPAD regional report.

# 2. Development of Addiction treatment and Crisis Management Strategic plan 2021-2025

#### Project Objectives :

- ✓ To develop a work plan of the governmental prevention, treatment and rehabilitation for drug users.
- ✓ To introduce a chapter for dealing with emergency situations and adversities

The project was launched in September 2021 and is expected to finish on 31 August 2022. Estimated cost: 13 645  $\in$ .

#### 3. Development of a model of care for patients with dual diagnosis

#### Project Objectives:

- ✓ To develop a specific model of care for the management of patients with dual diagnosis.
- ✓ To build the capacity of service providers.

The project was launched in April 2021 and was finished 31 March 2022. Estimated cost : 5870 €

#### 4. Development of addiction emergency and intermediate care services program

#### Project Objective:

- Developing a national model of care for intermediate care services in GSMHAT hospitals.
- ✓ Building capacity in emergency addiction treatment services.
- Community awareness about how to recognize and deal with an addiction patient in an emergency situation.

#### Status of the project:

- The manual was created and printed. It is divided into seven chapters, each section discussed an emergency situation and how to deal with it.
- An awareness campaign was conducted in 3 governorates with distribution of Flyers in Arabic. The awareness campaign was designed to target three main categories and it was launched under the title: "How to save a human life".
- 2 training runs of 3 days each: 1st run was on the designed model of care; the target audience were psychiatrists. The 2nd run targeted general and specialized health care providers on the designed model of care for emergency situation in SUD. Each run was done in thee hospitals through in person training and online training lectures.

The project was launched in January 2021 and was finished technically on 31 January 2022. Estimated cost:  $16000 \in$ .

#### • France

Participates in the MedSPAD committee, is a regular donor to MedNET.

In 2022 a series of training on motivational interview was attended by a group of 12 Tunisian psychiatrists and was provided by a French training agency.

#### • Greece

Participates in the MedSPAD committee.

### • Italy

Participates in the MedSPAD committee, with the MedSPAD scientific consultants being from the CNR Institute in Pisa. Italy is a regular donor to MedNET.

#### • Jordan

Participates in the MedNET steering committee.

The workshop on prevention and care of adolescents and youth who use drugs istook place from 18 to 19 July 2022 in Amman. Two high level experts, nominated by the General Secretariat from Egypt acted as trainers. They were nominated by the General Secretariat of Mental Health.

This training helped all the participants of the Anti Drug Department, of the Ministry of Health, of the Ministry of Social welfare to acquire an expertise needed for their current and future needs in the field of care and treatment of adolescents and youth, of the awareness and prevention of relapse along with the involvement of families in care involving psychology of adolescence and parenting effect and Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach and follow up.

#### Estimated cost: 3625 €

A study visit for a delegation from 5 participants on the same topic will be held in Cairo in the autumn.

Estimated cost: 10 000 €

#### • Lebanon

Participates in the MedSPAD committee.

#### 1. Implementation of the drug law

The objective of the project was to increase the understanding of articles 193 and 194 of the Lebanese Drug law among public prosecutors and law enforcement officials.

The outcome was the agreement to place posters informing people arrested for substance use of their "Right to Treatment as an Alternative to Prosecution", and the insistence by the International Security Forces to have their logo on the poster, the Ministry of Interior and Municipality recognized one of the main gaps in the implementation of the law, mainly the non-implementation of articles 193 and 194 which allow public prosecutors to refer people to treatment from the onset of arrest instead of prosecuting them and the lack of knowledge of people under arrest of their right. The implementation of article 194 is key in diverting people who use drugs away from the criminal justice system and into a system that offers them the support they might require.

Furthermore, the inclusion of posters in detention centers highlights the role of law enforcement in respecting and promoting the rights of people under arrest especially in situations where they need them most. These posters thus make law enforcement a main actor and a partner in the protection and the promotion of the rights of people who use drugs in Lebanon in empowering people who use drugs to know their rights and demand them; it also makes each officer personally responsible for the implementation of the law.

At the request of the Head of the Central Drug Bureau who was adamant on providing the most information to his officers and to people under arrest, posters will be supplemented by a

brochure which further details how to reach the Drug Addiction Committee, and which centers are habilitated to receive cases referred by the judiciary

Implementation period: from 1/11/2018 to 30/11/2019 with extension of implementation up to 31/12/2021. Estimated cost 14 500 €.

The multiple obstacles faced by this project forced the implementing team to restructure or cancel activities. As a result, 7888 euros were left unspent from the budget. After convening with the MedNET-Pompidou Group Secretariat, it was agreed that Skoun will submit a new concept note to build on the milestones reached during this project in order to support drug policy reform efforts.

#### 2. Paving the way for evidence Informed Policies

The project started in March 2021. The first step was to communicate with the Head of the Drug Addiction Committee to inform on the steps of implementation of the project and secure her agreement. The project was very positively received and assessed as important for the functioning of the DAC. She asked that we request official permission from the Ministry of Justice.

A meeting was held with the Director General of the MOJ who expressed interest in the project but due to the nature of the support offered to the Ministry through this project, an official approval from the part of the Minister was required. The team is currently working on securing a meeting with the new Minister of Justice appointed in September.

The first version of the literature review and indicators has been finalized, and the project team is currently collecting input from the National Mental Health Program and the Head of the Drug Addiction Committee.

In parallel, technicians are being consulted to build a data collection program specifically for the Addiction Committee.

Implementation period: from 1/03/2021 to 31/10/2021 with extension of implementation up to 30/09/2022. Estimated cost 14 000 €.

#### 5. MedSPAD survey

After a first survey conducted in 2008, Lebanon decided to conduct a second national MedSPAD survey, based on the new methodology and the revised 2020 questionnaire. The survey design and questionnaire based on the new methodology and the 2020 questionnaire are ready for the launch of the survey in autumn 2022. The person responsible for the MedSPAD survey in Lebanon participated in the meetings of the MedSPAD Committee.

Implementation period: from 1/05/2020 to 28/02/2021 with an extension of implementation up to 30/04/2023 due to the very difficult circumstances in the country. Estimated cost: 30 160 €.

#### 6. Addictology Diploma course in Beirut

This training in addictology covers two academic years. It covers the biological, psychological and social aspects of substance use disorders and behavioural addictions. It also covers methods of prevention in addictology as well as the different national legislations and the protection of human rights.

This training introduces a gender dimension in its curriculum and will pay particular attention to the specificities and needs of women, which has never been included in any specific addictology training in Lebanon, as well as to vulnerable populations, including the LGBT population, adolescents and the prison population.

This is the only solid training in addictology available in Lebanon that is provided free of charge. It is delivered by the Association Francophone pour les Maladies Mentales (AFMM), by the heads of the psychiatry department of the University of Lebanon and the University of St Joseph, whose reputation and seriousness are unanimously recognised in Lebanon.

Implementation period: from October 2021 to June 2023 Estimated cost: 36 000 €

#### • Morocco

# 1. National guide and e-learning module for the reinforcement of capacity of civil societies in psychoactive substance use prevention interventions adapted to the Moroccan context

Publication of the guide was done in early 2021. The e-learning module is currently being prepared.

Implementation period: from 1/09/2019 to 31/03/2020 with an extension of implementation up to 31/03/2021.

*Estimated cost 20 200* €. The multiple obstacles faced by this project forced the implementing team to restructure or cancel some activities. For this reason, the Secretariat recuperated 9407.52 €.

The handbook has been translated into Arabic. Estimated cost: 2126.45 €

# 2. Réseau Maroc Addicto Remad, the first network of practitioners working in the addiction field

Set up at an initial meeting on 17 September 2019, the network met online in 2020 and in 2021.

Implementation period: from 1/05/2019 to30/04/2020 with an extension of implementation up to 15/06/2021.

*Estimated cost: 104 860 MAD (10 000 €).* The multiple obstacles faced by this project forced the implementing team to restructure or cancel some activities and reimburse 42 809 MAD.

#### 3. Addictology Diploma awarded by the Rabat Faculty of Medicine

Under this scheme set up in 2009 with the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Health with support from MedNET, 105 grants have been awarded over the years to recipients selected by the Ministry of Health from among psychiatry students, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, general practitioners working in the health and prison sectors.

#### The 2021 2022 session

The number of students: 15 Implementation period of 2021 2022 Addictology diploma: October 2021 to June 2022 Estimated cost: 18 000 €

#### The 2022 2023 session

The number of students: 15 Implementation period of 2022 2023 Addictology diploma: October 2022 to June 2023 Estimated cost: 18 000 €

#### 4. Addictology diploma awarded by the Casablanca Faculty of Medicine

The **2020-2021** intake (first year) marks the 5<sup>th</sup> year of this diploma, with 15 students funded by MedNET. The classes now take place at the *Institut marocain de thérapie cognitive et comportementale*.

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The number of students: 15 Implementation period of 2021-2022: October 2022 to June 2023 Estimated cost: 18 000 €

#### 5. Addictology diploma awarded by the Marrakech Faculty of Medicine

A new diploma was launched at the Marrakech Faculty of Medicine for 18 students in 2019-2020. In 2020-2021, the course was held online.

#### 2021 2022

Implementation period 2021-2022: October 2021 to December 2022 Estimated cost: 18 000 €

#### 2022 2023

Implementation period 2022-2023: Janvier 2023 to June 2023 Estimated cost: 18 000 €

#### 6. Addictology diploma awarded by the Tangier Faculty of Medicine

A new diploma was launched at the Tangier Faculty of Medicine for 15 students.

#### 2022 2023

Implementation period 2022-2023: October 2022 to June 2023 Estimated cost: 15 000 €

#### 7. Training in addictology for nursing staff.

This is a new activity for Morocco:

A training session of 5 days in the field of addictions will be offered to 20 nurses:10 from Rabat et 10 from other regions.

The objective would be to reply to the lack of training for this category of medical staff.

The expected output would be to get a group of nurses trained in addictology, build motivation and set up a national network of nurses.

Implementation Period: from 01/10/2022 to 31/03/2023Estimated cost: 10 628  $\in$ 

#### 8. MedSPAD IV

Morocco launched the fourth MedSPAD survey at national level in December 2021. The data has been collected and analysed. The final report has been submitted to the MedSPAD 4<sup>th</sup> Regional report coordinators (CNR team). The person in charge of the MedSPAD committee presented the main findings of the survey at the MedSPAD Committee meeting of 14 June 2022, Paris.

Implementation period: from 30/06/2020 to 30/06/2021 with an extension of implementation up to 30/04/2022 due to the very difficult circumstances in the country. Estimated cost: 17 000 €

#### • Malta

Participates in the MedSPAD committee.

#### • Palestine\*

Participated for the second time in 2022 in the MedSPAD committee.

#### 1. Capacity building training on addictology and prevention

The Capacity building training on addictology and prevention took place in Bethlehem from 27 to 30 June 2022, after two years of postponement. The training was attended by 30 Palestinian participants – mainly doctors and social workers in the addictology field. The training has been moderated by two international trainers (from Greece and Cyprus). A visit to the Palestinian National Rehabilitation Centre in Bethlehem has been organised for the experts and MedNET/Pompidou Group Secretariat.

Estimated cost: 16 034 €

#### 2. Provide the substance use disorders facilities with Automated Liquid Methadone Dispenser Machines

The project aimed at responding to the needs of people who use drugs in Palestine<sup>\*</sup> in terms of addiction care and treatment and thus to improve the mental health and well-being of the population. This project wanted reply to an urgent need in Palestine<sup>\*</sup> to provide these machines to give support to the persons who suffer from an opioid dependence and are using methadone as opiate agonist treatment.

Date of implementation: 1/04/2021 to 31/12/2021 was extended and then contract stopped. Estimated cost:  $13\ 000 \in$ . Due to an increase in price, this project unfortunately had to be cancelled and the advance money had to be reimbursed.

# 5. Harm Reduction Programme for people with substance use disorder and prevention intervention for gender-based violence focusing on substance use in Palestine\*

Since 2021 the MedNET Secretariat support the implementation of Harm Reduction interventions in Palestine\*. Harm reduction is a set of policies, programmes, services and actions that aim to reduce the harm to individuals, communities and society related to drugs, including HIV infection. Harm reduction is key in the prevention of HIV infection among people who inject drugs (PWIDs) and their sexual partners according to the World Health Organisation. Harm reduction is focusing on the health aspects related to drug use and drug related harms and risks. This project aims to reduce harm for patients who use drugs, reduce number of overdoses, develop practices for new treatment protocols and strategies. In addition, the Palestinian National Authorities\* will develop some activities and strategies to increase accessibility to treatment and care for women with substance use disorder, including in prison settings, to increase awareness and to reduce stigma, as well as to develop mechanisms to prevent gender-based violence against women who use drugs and against women that have family members with substance use disorder.

Implementation period: from 01/05/2022 to 31/12/2022. Estimated cost: 50 000  $\in$ 

#### • Portugal

Portugal held the presidency of the Pompidou Group between 2019 and 2022.

Participates in the MedSPAD committee.

SICAD from Portugal is the co-organizer of Lisbon Addictions. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic context and for the safety of all, the Fourth Lisbon Addiction Conference was rescheduled to 23-25 November 2022. Conference fees were offered by Portugal to 18 MedNET participants.

#### • Spain

Spain hosted study visits within the framework of MedNET in 2017, 2018 and 2019. In June 2019, Spain officially acceded to MedNET and joined the MedSPAD committee and has been attending meetings of the MedNET steering committee ever since.

In December 2020, Spain gave a Voluntary Contribution of 200 000 € to the MedSPAD activities.

From 26 to 30 September 2022, Spain will host a study visit on Opiate Agonist Treatment for a delegation of 6 Algerian Medical staff.

#### • Switzerland

Switzerland joined MedNET in 2018 and gave a voluntary contribution in 2021 and in 2022.

#### • Tunisia

Participates in the MedSPAD committee and has been chairing the MedNET steering committee in 2020 and 2021.

An important step forward, resulting from the dynamics induced by the MedNET network, is the adoption of "the national strategy for prevention, harm reduction and management of illicit psychoactive substance use disorders in the community and in prisons for the period 2021 - 2025" as well as the setting up of the steering committee for the action plan of this strategy (decree of the Minister of Health of 28 June 2021).

Several projects are being conducted over the period 2019-2022:

# 1. Addictology diploma awarded by the Faculties of Medicine of Tunis, Monastir, and Sfax

Introduced in 2011, the course in the faculty of Medecine of Tunis is intended for general practitioners, doctors working in schools, universities and prisons, psychiatry students, psychiatrists working in the private and public sectors, clinical psychologists and psychologists working in NGOs.

The courses in Tunis, were suspended during the 2020-202 academic year due to COVID 19.

The courses resumed in November 2021 in Tunis and, in order to meet the needs, were followed by two additional courses organized by the faculties of Monastir and Sfax.

*Implementation period* of addictology courses in Tunis (October 2021-July 2022): Estimated cost: 6,000 €

*Implementation period* of addictology courses in Monastir (October 2021-July 2022): Estimated cost: 6 000 €

*Implementation period* of addictology courses in Sfax (October 2021-July 2022): Estimated cost: 6 000 €

#### 2. Training on motivational interview.

MedNET/Pompidou Group implemented a Project on Advanced Training in Motivational Interviewing for 12 health professionals from Tunisia who have already received training in motivational interviewing. In this context a call of tender has been launch and the final contract has been awarded to AFDEM (Association Francophone de Diffusion de l'Entretien Motivationnel).

The objective of this online training is to consolidate and deepen the bases in motivational interviewing acquired in the framework of previous trainings.

Implementation period: from 10/05/2022 to 31/12/2022 Estimated cost: 17 000 €

#### 3. Prevention of addiction among adolescents involved in sport activities

The Tunisian Society of Addictology, STADD, is responsible for the development of three training cycles for coaches and sports educators (particularly in football clubs) in order to raise awareness of addiction among young people and to help them guide young people with addictive problems or those who are in the process of breaking away from society.

The objectives of the activity will be to train sports educators in effective addiction prevention strategies, including doping; to strengthen their knowledge and skills in social skills development programmes; and to train sports educators in methods of identifying and guiding young people in difficulty and to support them in this process.

Implementation period: from 15/03/20221 to 31/07/2021 and extended up to 30/11/2022. Estimated cost: 6000 €

#### 4. Setting up a day centre for women with addiction problems in a Tunisian hospital

The project aims to set up a day care centre, within the Addictology Department of the Razi Hospital, in La Manouba, Tunisia for women with substance use disorders. This centre will provide effective, evidence-based and multidisciplinary care for women with SUD.

Due to the health crisis, which had a strong impact on economic activity and companies in Tunisia, the work itself was delayed and could not be completed until the end of December 2021. For the same reasons, the development of the action plan and therapeutic pathway could not be implemented. It will be the subject of a new contract on another budget.

#### Implementation period: from 01/04/2021 to 31/12/2021

Estimated cost: 30 000 €. The balance of 9.000 € that couldn't be spent was returned to the Neighbourhood Policy Tunisia Action Plan.

The STADD submitted a new activity proposal for 2022 for an amount of 90 000 € and the 9 000 € balance of the previous contract has been added. This proposal has been included to the next Neighbourhood Policy Tunisia Action Plan which is the subject of a future decision.

#### 5. MedSPAD III

Together with Egypt, Lebanon and Morocco, Tunisia attended meetings of the MedSPAD working group to prepare the launch of MedSPAD III in the spring 2021 and successfully managed carry out the survey despite all the difficulties linked to COVID 19.

The national MedSPAD III study started on schedule, despite administrative difficulties related to political instability and measures taken following the epidemic peak during the April-May period in Tunisia.

The study was conducted among a representative national sample of high school students enrolled in the first and second years of secondary school (327 classes in both the public and private sectors). It involved about 6000 high school students aged 16-18 years among those who participated in the survey.

The analysis of the data and the drafting of the report has been finished and sent to the MedSPAD 4<sup>th</sup> regional report coordinators (CNR team).

Implementation period: from 01/4/2021 to 31/12/2021. Estimated cost: 30 000  $\in$ 

# 6. Analysis of wastewater for the estimation of illicit drug consumption including New Psychoactive Substances in Tunisia by the general population: 2<sup>nd</sup> phase

The objectives of the activity in this second phase are, on the one hand, to finalise the first part of the study (carried out in 2019 and 2020) and, on the other hand, to assess and monitor the use of illicit drugs and, in particular, of new psychoactive substances in the population.

Implementation period: from 01/02/2022 to 31/12/2022 Estimated cost: 14 000  $\in$ 

# 7. The impact of the management of schoolchildren's free time on their addictive behaviour in Tunisia

This activity is a continuation of the pilot project launched in 2020 with funding from MedNET/Pompidou Group. The pilot project resulted in the creation of a discussion space between teachers and parents' associations on the topic of addictions and the identification of sports, cultural and recreational facilities available in the city for pupils in one 8th grade class per secondary school per governorate for a total of 5 governorates in Tunisia.

This project aims to teach schoolchildren from different social backgrounds to spend their free time in fulfilling cultural, technological or sporting activities, according to their choice. They are guided in this by the teachers and representatives of the parents' associations.

Implementation Period: from 04/07/2022 to 31/05/2023 Estimated cost: 26 000 €

# II. MedSPAD

The MedSPAD committee was held in hybrid format in Paris on 14<sup>th</sup> June with 22 participants and representatives from UNODC and African Union Organisation.

The 4<sup>th</sup> regional MedSPAD report will contain data from 11 countries, including the new results of the 3 South Mediterranean countries that conducted the MedSPAD survey in 2020-2021: Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt.

The CNR, MedSPAD consultant undertook a number of actions to harmonize with the 3 countries the survey methodology and make it closer to the one of ESPAD. Different steps were undertaken to clean the new datasets and produce the final version. A common dataset for all 11 countries was developed for the first time along with a new common MedSPAD questionnaire and harmonized methodology

This has allowed for the first time in this fourth MedSPAD Regional Report to present detailed results young people's awareness of and experience with different psychoactive substances.

After careful checking by each of the three countries of the result tables, a draft version of the report was circulated among all MedSPAD countries included in the report.

The Secretariat is currently producing an ISBN Council of Europe publication of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regional MedSPAD. This will be the first MedNET ISBN publication.

Date of implementation of contract for MedSPAD scientific coordination :01/01/2020 to 31/12/2021; extension of contract up to 30 June 2022. Estimated cost: 50 000 € Estimated cost for printing: 5069 €

#### MedSPAD-ESPAD Bridge Project on the use of data in prevention,

A totally new activity was launched in July 2021.

This idea was implemented by CNR on an idea proposed by the Secretariat.

The project proposal aimed at the following:

- investigate and assess the use of school survey data (ESPAD and MedSPAD mainly and other school surveys) in the European and Mediterranean regions
- Drafting a report on the actual and potential use of school surveys in policy and prevention planning and evaluation

#### 1. Progress report on ESPAD - MedSPAD bridge project

The project covers the data from 40 countries classified into 5 geographical zones.

The CNR team, in cooperation with the Pompidou Group/MedNET secretariat, developed an online survey targeted on the different stakeholders' groups using appropriate online survey tool. The survey was launched in April 2022, and it will remain open until the end of July 2022.

ESPAD-MedSPAD Web Survey webpage

Date of implementation for MedSPAD-ESPAD Bridge project : from 01/07/2021 to 31/12/2022 Estimated cost: 51 627 €

### **III.** MedNET and participation in Pompidou Group activities

#### Drug Policy Executive Course

Participation: Lebanon; Egypt.

This advanced course of the International Drug Policy Academy is designed for professionals who work as managers or senior team members in the area of drug policies and addictions. The course contains all key competency areas required for exercising managerial duties related to drug policy development, implementation and evaluation. The course is offered to a maximum of 20 participants.

<u>Learning format:</u> Each module includes a 4-day in-residence seminar. Between modules, participants work on a research assignment under the mentorship of a designated supervisor. The working format during seminars is highly interactive and the course language is English.

Program:

Module 1 - Competency Area Policy: Health, Safety, Human Rights

Module 2 - Competency Area Science: Substances, Behaviour, Addictions

Module 3 - Competency Area Practice: Monitoring, Evaluation, Communication

Dates and venue:

Module 1: 24-27 August 2021, European Youth Center, Strasbourg, France

Module 2: 30 November – 3 December 2021, Venice International University, Italy

Module 3: 26-29 April 2022, University of Malta, Valletta – Malta

Outcome:

Upon successful completion of the course, participants have been awarded the 'Certificate in Advanced Drug Policy Management' by the International Drug Policy Academy during module 3 in April 2022.

#### Law Enforcement activities:

#### 1) AIRPORTS GROUP MEETING –DATE 1 2 June 2022

MedNET Participation: Algeria and Spain

Police, customs, border forces, prosecutors, judges and other law enforcement officers, participated along with Representatives from international organisations, regulatory authorities, commercial aviation and experts.

Objective:

To develop and harmonize tools and systems to improve drug detection in European airports. Meeting once a year, the group primarily acts as a forum for the exchange of practical and operational practices on drug trafficking through commercial aviation. Outcome:

The overall aim is to reduce illegal trafficking by sharing information on improving control, risk management, profiling, detection and investigative measures.

# IV. MedNET and the Council of Europe's neighbourhood policy

The Council of Europe's neighbourhood policy was adopted by foreign affairs ministers from the 47 member states in Istanbul on 11 May 2011. It is aimed at promoting dialogue and cooperation 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 has received funding under the South Programmes I and II and III.

Under the South Programme I (2012-2014), MedNET received funding in the amount of €161 939, representing 4 % of the total budget (€4 048 660).

Under the South Programme II (2015-2017), MedNET received funding in the amount of €268 319, representing 4 % of the South Programme II budget (€6 886 828).

Under the South Programme III (2018-2019), MedNET received funding in the amount of €50 000, representing 1.4% of the South Programme III budget (€3 334 000).

Under the South Programme V (2022-2025), MedNET is receiving funding in the amount of 100 000 €.

MedNET received funding, for a second time, under the Council of Europe's neighbourhood partnerships with Morocco and Tunisia: €193 000 (2019-2021).

PG Secretariat submitted project proposals for the next Council of Europe's neighbourhood partnerships with Morocco and Tunisia (2022-2025) in June 2021 and revised the proposals and entered them in PMM (Programme Management Methodology) in July 2022 for further examination and decision by the donors.

## V. MedNET and other international organisations

#### 1) Co-operation with the EMCCDA

MedNET has been working 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 has been attending MedNET steering committee meetings as an observer.

The MedNET secretariat participates as an observer in advisory committee meetings of the **EU4 Monitoring Drugs** project which is being funded by the EU and implemented by the EMCDDA. The objective of this project is to make the link between drug-related problems, security issues and health threats in the European Union and neighbouring countries The project covers 13 partner countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) with a budget of  $\in$ 3 million over 4 years (2019-2022).

#### 2) Co-operation with the European Commission through the Council of Europe

# Co-operation under the South Programme V: Council of Europe/European Commission co-operation

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

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

MedNET was involved in the UNICRI project on the role of families in drug use prevention and in building pathways for resilience and rehabilitation among young people. MedNET supported the UNICRI project on the needs of families for preventing drug use among young people. The project aimed at identifying and exploring the priority aspects to support and consolidate the protective role of the family in the prevention of drug use among young people. The pilot project, based on a context-specific approach, has included research activities in three countries (Italy, Lebanon and Tunisia) involving families, government institutions, organizations of the civil society, national experts and other key stakeholders currently working in the field of prevention and treatment.

#### 4) Cooperation with WHO

Cooperation with WHO started with the MedNET meeting of November 2020 when WHO was invited to participate as an observer.

#### 5) Cooperation with UNODC

UNODC participated in the 2022 MedSPAD Committee and is invited to participate in the MedNET Committee to be held in Cyprus on 18 and 19 October.

#### 6) African Union Commission

African Union Commission participated in the 2022 MedSPAD Committee.

# VI. MedNET and Human Rights

At the meeting of the MedNET steering committee on 19 November 2019, chaired by Prof Nabil Ben Salah, and at the instigation of Prof Jallal Toufiq from Morocco, a discussion on "Human rights and people who use drugs in the Mediterranean region: current situation, challenges and the future" took place on the basis of some initial research carried out in this area by the Pompidou Group secretariat in then 17 MedNET countries.

**Prof. Jallal TOUFIQ** moderated the discussion, focusing on the following points: *drug use as* a medical condition; the need for treatment to be available, accessible, affordable and sciencebased; the need for rehabilitation and social reintegration; the need to fight against stigma and promote the right of people who use drugs to create their own NGOs and self-help groups, and to promote a strategy aimed at reducing the health, economic, social and legal consequences of drug use.

The publication P-PG/MedNET (2020) 4 of 22 April 2020 "Human rights and people who use drugs in the Mediterranean region: current situation in 17 MedNET countries" provides an overview of the subject.

The discussion helped participants to better understand the meaning of human rights in drug policies and to share ideas and best practice in this area.

This objective ties in with the "Stavanger declaration" adopted at the Pompidou Group's Ministerial Conference in 2018, and which underlines "**human rights as a fundamental cornerstone in drug policy**", in line with the Council of Europe's core mission.

Due to the importance of the topic, and the focus on Human Rights within the Pompidou Group work program, it was decided to proceed in 2022 with a second data collection among the MedNET countries.

The exercise requested from the MedNET country representatives to update their replies given in 2020 with the following questions:

How is the issue of children considered in drug policy? This topic could include two aspects: children whose parents use drugs and children who use drug themselves

How is the gender dimension addressed in drug policy? Are women considered to have special needs? Are specific services available?

One issue for both women and children is the question of pregnant women who use drugs, are there services available to them? Is there a follow-up for the newborn (until what age?)

Is the question of the LGBTQI community considered? (Stigma, more difficulties to seek treatment etc.)

Health and prison: access to treatment should not stop at the prison gate, treatment must be available for all in prison: which type of drug treatment services in prison is available? Is there a rehabilitation programme? A continuity of treatment after prison?

Evolution of policy: from criminalization to illness, does the policy consider drug users as criminals or as people in need of help and treatment? (Is there an increase in the opening of treatment centres?)

What is the involvement of people who use drugs in the process of decision-making regarding drug policies?

Impact of COVID-19: what consequences on drug policy and what lessons can we learn from it on the treatment offer? on the treatment modalities?

18 countries (Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Jordan, Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain Switzerland, Tunisia, Türkiye) contributed to the 2022 ISBN publication which was made available and discussed at Cyprus MedNET meeting.

### VII. MedNET and the gender dimension in drug policies

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

- Nine MedNET countries contributed to 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 in a Rome seminar on "Women and Drugs: from policy to good practice."

From 2018 to 2022, MedNET countries continued to include a gender dimension in their activities, especially in the following projects:

- Tunisian project on prevention and treatment of addiction in adolescents
- Egyptian project focusing on a model of care for patients with dual diagnosis
- Egyptian project to help juveniles in correctional facilities
- Tunis project on a specific treatment center for women
- Within the framework of the addictology diplomas, the curricula in Tunis, Rabat, Casablanca and Marrakech include a module devoted to the prevention, treatment and care of women drug users. The new courses launched in 2021 in Sfax, Monastir and Beirut and Tangiers in 2022 also include such a module.

All of the above reflects the desire of MedNET and the Pompidou Group to integrate the gender dimension in any activities undertaken.

### VIII. MedNET Criminal Justice and Health in Prison Project

The 15-year evaluation of the MedNET cooperationin 2021 identified a concrete opportunity for MedNET countries in the South to learn from the Pompidou Group's Criminal Justice and Prison Programme<sup>2</sup> which has helped to improve health conditions and reduce drug-related harm in prisons in Eastern and South-East Europe over the last 10 years.

A new MedNET project focusing on criminal justice (including arrest, police detention and pretrial detention) and prison setting in MedNET countries<sup>3</sup> in the South Mediterranean is addressing challenges related to the relatively high prevalence of drug use among people who are arrested and incarcerated and its consequences to the public health system.

Four MedNET South countries (Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine) replied positively to participate to the feasibility study which was launched in April 2022 and which results will be discussed at the MedNET Cyprus meeting on 18 October in order to discuss the implementation phase of the project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>P-PG MedNET (2021) 36

Pont, J (2021). Standards for treatment of people with drug use disorders in custodial settings. Background paper for the Activity 'Developing comprehensive drug treatment systems in prison' within the Pompidou Group's Drug Policy Cooperation in South-East Europe (SEE). P-PG/SEE-Prison (2021) 2\_REV 22 September 2021 [internal document of the Pompidou Group]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine\* and Tunisia.

# IX. Role of the MedNET secretariat in administration and co-ordination of the Network

In 2022, the MedNET team consisted of three staff members. It should be noted, however, that the total working time was equivalent to **two persons working full time**.

Two permanent staff: 75% which salaries are covered by PG Ordinary Budget

- The deputy to Pompidou Group executive secretary who devoted 60% of her time to MedNET.
- the person in charge of finances within PG who devoted 15% of her time to MedNET

Three temporary staff members: working on 7 to 9 months contracts

- a project officer, working 6 months for MedNET
- a legal assistant, working 6 months for MedNET
- a project assistant, working 4 months for MedNET

The team saw to it that the network functioned smoothly and that the work programme was implemented, while seeking to ensure synergy with the Pompidou Group's other activities and other entities of the Council of Europe.

The team performed the following tasks:

- co-ordination with the 18 MedNET correspondents, the experts appointed to the various MedNET activities and the observers;
- management of the MedNET budget consisting of 5 sources of funding:
  - a. voluntary contributions from the donor countries
  - b. South Programme V implemented by the CoE and funded by the EU
  - c. Raising funding from CoE Neighbourhood Partnership
  - d. Direct funding of activities by the countries
  - e. PG Ordinary Budget allocated to the MedNET steering group
- management of staff;
- Use of Project Management Methodology as required by the Council of Europe for all External Budget Funding
- drafting of 11 contracts and 7 extension of contracts for all the projects which are carried out in the countries due to the pandemic;
- preparation of an annual activity report
- implementation and regular revision of the work programme, in accordance with political developments and other unforeseen events;
- co-ordination of the MedSPAD committee;
- participation in the Permanent Correspondents and the Bureau meetings in order to brief them on MedNET activities;
- ensuring MedNET's involvement in PG activities;
- fundraising from regular MedNET donors and also from other potential donors;
- Submission of project proposals to the next Council of Europe's neighbourhood partnerships with Morocco and Tunisia (2022-2025).
- preparation of reports and participation in South Programme V meetings,
- co-operation with other international organisations, in particular with the EMCDDA under the EU 4MD programme
- regular updating of MedNET and MedSPAD pages on the Pompidou Group website, , communication on social media and contributions to the Pompidou Group's newsletters;
- hiring of consultant for new project on Criminal Justice and Health in Prison
- Edition of 2022 ISBN MedNET Human Rights publication
- Edition of 2022 MedSPAD 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Report as ISBN publication

# X. MedNET Budget and Expenditure

This report serves as a single reference document for all MedNET countries. Only those countries which have made a voluntary contribution and which have signed a contract with the Council of Europe, receives a specific financial report to one or more of the network's activities.

The MedNET budget has a multi-source funding

- Voluntary contributions from donor countries
- South Programme I, II, III, IV and V programme funded by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe (2012-2025)
- Direct funding of activities by countries
- Council of Europe Neighbourhood Partnership with Morocco and Tunisia (2022-2025)
- Pompidou Group's Ordinary Budget since 2019

#### Voluntary contributions in 2022

Contribution by Italy in 2022	120 000
Contribution by France in 2022	
Contribution by Switzerland in 2022	15 000
Total 2022	135 000

#### Voluntary contributions received since 2006<sup>4\*</sup>

					Nether		Switzerland	
	Cyprus	Spain	France	Italy	lands	Portugal	Switzerland	Total
2006			20 000			10 000		30 000
2007		100 000	100 000	50 000	30 000	5 000		285 000
2008			200 000			5 000		205 000
2009			200 000	50 000		5 000		255 000
2010	5 000		200 000	62 579				267 579
2011	5 000		140 000	22 500				167 500
2012			140 000	117 579				257 579
2013			140 000	80 000				220 000
2014			140 000	40 000				180 000
2015			150 000	40 000				190 000
2016			150 000	60 000				210 000
2017			140 000	120 000				260 000
2018			140 000	120 000		10 000	65 479	335.479
2019			140 000	120 000				260 000
2020		200000	120 000	120 000				440 000
2021				120 000			10 000	130 000
2022				120 000			15 000	135 000
Total	10 000	300 000	2 120 000	1 242 658	30 000	35 000	90 479	3 828 137

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The voluntary contributions received from member states are subject to an administrative fee levied directly by the Administration (since 2014 this law best represented 7% of the amount received)

<sup>(</sup>since 2014 this levy has represented 7% of the amount received). \*\* For some MedNET activities, the host country makes a partial contribution for the event.

### South Programme I, II, III and V funding allocated-(2012-2025)

South Programme I (2012-2014),	161 939
South Programme II (2015-2017)	268 319
South Programme III (2018-2019)	50 000
South Programme V (2022-2025)	100 000
Total SP I, II, III and V	580 258

# Council of Europe Neighbourhood Partnership with Morocco and Tunisia (2022-2025): Funding requested

Action Plan 2022 Morocco- 2025: Activities and staff	Information not available
Action Plan 2022 Tunisia - 2025: Activities and staff	Information not available
Total	

#### Activities by PG Ordinary Budget in 2022: funding estimated

MedNET steering Committee, Cyprus, 18 and 19 October	20 000
Total	

#### Total amount of budget allocated to MedNET (2006-2022)

Voluntary contributions including 2022	3 828 137
South Programme I (2012-2014)	161 939
South Programme II (2015-2017)	268 319
South Programme III (2018-2019)	50 000
South Programme V (2022-2025)	100 000
Neighbourhood Policy Programme 2016-2017	106 950
Neighbourhood Policy Programme 2019-2021	193 000
Neighbourhood Policy Programme 2022 -2025 (Morocco and Tunisia)	Information not
	available
PG Ordinary Budget 2019	52 175
PG Ordinary Budget 2020	2 600
PG Ordinary Budget 2021	33 914
PG Ordinary Budget 2022	55 813
Total	4 852 847

# Direct funding of activities by countries\*\*

	Portugal	
2015	Lisbon Addictions Conference: registration fees for 8 participants	3 200
2017	Lisbon Addictions Conference: registration fees for 16 participants	6 400
2018	MedSPAD 9 Lisbon, 8 June (room, coffee breaks & lunch)	1 650
2019	Lisbon Addictions Conference: registration fees for 14 participants	8 400
2022	Lisbon Addictions Conference ; registration fees for 17 participants	10 200
	Cyprus	
2017	Hosting a study visit and EDPQS training for an Egyptian delegation (Sept. 2017)	3 000
2018	Organisation of 2 study visits & EDPQS training for Algerian, Lebanese, Moroccan, Tunisian and Palestinian delegations (May & June 2018)	6 000

		Information
2022	MedNET steering committee, 18 and 19 October Cyprus)	not
2022		available
TOTAL		38 850

## Appendix I: MedNET Activities launched in 2022

#### Funding sources:

MedNET: Voluntary contributions 2020-2022 Pompidou Group Ordinary Budget 2022

Co-ordination and implementation of work programme: MedNET secretariat of the Pompidou Group

#### 1. Activities per country

Jordan
Activities
2-day Workshop: prevention and care of adolescents and youth who use drugs Amapp 17 and 18 July with 2 trainers

2-day Workshop: prevention and care of adolescents and youth who use drugs Amann 17 and 18 July with 2 trainers from Egypt

Study visit: prevention and care of adolescents and youth who use drugs in Egypt for 5 persons in the autumn **Estimated cost** 

#### Lebanon

Training in addictology over 2 years: 30 000 planned/ estimated cost: 20800 2<sup>nd</sup> year (November 2022- June 2023) 18 000

#### Morocco

#### Activities

Addictology course Rabat 2021-2022

Addictology course Casablanca 2021-2022

Addictology course Marrakech 2022

Addictology course Tanger November 2022-October 2023 (TBC)

Training in addictology for Nursing staff

#### Palestine\*

#### Activities

Training on Addictology & Prevention in the Palestinian National Rehabilitation Centre (PNCR) in Bethlehem (27 June 1 July )

Harm Reduction Programme for people with substance use disorder and prevention intervention for gender-based violence focusing on substance use

#### Portugal

Lisbon Addiction (23-25 November)<sup>5</sup> travel and subsistence fees for 7 countries

Tunisia	
Activities 2022-2023	
Formation en addictologie : DU de Tunis,	
Formation entretien motivationnel	
Management of free time among pupils in 26 regions	

Waste-water Analysis – Phase II

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Lisbon Addiction (23-25 November) SICAD provides registration fees for 17 persons: 16 MedNET representatives + 1 Secretariat: 11 050 €. MedNET Secretariat covers travel and subsistence expenses for 7 MedNET country representatives

#### 2. Regional Activities

2021/2022 MedSPAD ESPAD Bridge project MedNET

#### 3. Participations in MedNET committee meetings and PG events

Activity

Participation in 28th MedNET Committee meeting, Cyprus October 18 19

#### 4. Others

Activity

Criminal Justice and Health in Prison Project Consultant

Human Rights MedNET 2022 Publication (rewriting, editing, publishing)

#### Activity

4<sup>th</sup> MedSPAD Regional Report ISBN Publication (editing, publishing)

# Appendix II: List of 2022 MedNET documents

Reference	Title	Date
1	MedNET Steering committee meeting	06/01/2022
2	MedSPAD Committee Meeting - 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Paris	12/01/2022
3	MedNET Summary of proposed activities – to be accepted- internal doc	20/01/2022
4	Final report on Community-Based Treatment and care services for people affected by drug use and dependence in Egypt	21/01/2022
5	27th MedNET Steering committee meeting - Report	26/01/2022
6	Community-Based Treatment and care services for people affected by drug use and dependence in Egypt	27/01/2022
7	Community-Based Treatment and care services for people affected by drug use and dependence in Egypt – short form	27/01/2022
8	Strengthening human rights-based responses to drug use disorder in prisons in the MedNET countries of the South Mediterranean and supporting comprehensive drug treatment and rehabilitation and continuity of care: Concept note	3/02/2022
9	2022 MedNET Provisional Work Programme	18/02/2022
10	MedNET Criminal Justice and Health in Prison Project_Nominated Experts list	04/03/2022
11	Liste of participants, MedSPAD Committee Meeting, 14th June 2022, Paris	15/03/2022
12	Human Rights and people who use drugs in the Mediterranean Region: current situation in 18 MedNET countries	15/06/2022
13	MedSPAD Committee Meeting Report, 14 June 2022, Paris	16/06/2022
14	Draft Programme – Capacity Building Seminar Addictology and Prevention – 27-30 June 2022, Bethlehem, Palestine*	
15	MedNET 2022 Draft Activity Report	05/07/2022
16	2020 MedSPAD report in Egypt	
17	2021-2022 MedSPAD report in Morocco	
18	2021-2022 MedSAD report in Tunisia	
19	28 <sup>th</sup> MedNET Plenary meeting, Draft agenda	07/07/2022
20	MedCJHPP - Baseline Assessment Report (EN/FR)	27/07/2022

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