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TDI future developments in EUROPE

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Treatment demand Indicator

1. Assessment

2. Revision



Purposes of the assessment is:

- To provide a better understanding on the level of implementation.
- To facilitate the implementation of the TDI in Member States and supporting NFP.
- To have a tool for assessing the level of implementation of the TDI, as key tool for the EMCDDA work.
- To contribute to the EU Action Plan evaluation.



Reasons for TDI revision

- Changes in the drug use problem
- Changes in the drug treatment system
- Changes in the drug monitoring system



Changes in the drug use problem (revision PDU)

- Increase in the number of long term (opiate) drug clients – while in many countries decrease new heroin clients
- Increase of consumption of drugs like cocaine, methamphetamine and cannabis
- Polydrug use heroin+cocaine, heroin+crack, cocaine+cannabis, , cocaine+cannabis+alcohol
- New substances utilised
- Clients treated in prison



Changes in the drug treatment system

- Substitution treatment more available and diversified including substances used
- Development of types of treatment settings different from the traditional specialised drug treatment: low threshold, general practice more involved, prison, etc.
- More frequent collaboration between different health-social services (e.g. psychiatric and drug services)



Changes in the drug monitoring system

- Improvement of the national monitoring systems, many of them electronic/web based with a central data collection point
- Improvement of the EMCDDA data monitoring: we have now a baseline and its continuity should be guaranteed
- Introduction FONTE/AdB....
- Better capacity of data analysis



Aim of the revision

- To refine the existing instrument – with clarity over definitional issues, core items
- To improve the instrument - accommodating change in the light of:
 - user profiles (new drugs/ more polydrug use)
 - service provision (more long term substitute prescribing)
- To provide options for development to better meet needs for information about treatment in Europe



Main issues of the review

- Operational definitions (e.g. education, labour status, etc.)
- Polydrug use
- Treatment centre type (in particular LTA and GPs)
- Data management and analysis



State of the TDI review

- Sept 08 TDI meeting – introduced review
- Launch of a project with external consultants
- Working Group meeting – EMCDDA (including BG)
- Survey on expert opinion with the TDI experts
- Presentation of survey results at the TDI meeting
- Final report in March 2010 with proposal of alternative options (by the contractors)
- End of the TDI revision, probably 2011

