Alcohol Policy in a bigger EU: Needs, Support and Strengthen – Bilateral and Regional Agreements

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Presentation Outline

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Specific Objective

- Support of the new MS in the East-South European region by building up networks and coalitions
- Review of the countries of the APN with regard to their network on alcohol policy (NGOs)



Results

- More impact on country level
- Involvement in international work
- Powerful and strong organisation
- Improvement of networking
- New members of Eurocare

Support

TOOLS

- Exchange of knowledge & data
- Organisation of meetings
- Countryvisits
- Internet, Telephone conferences

Needs Assessment

- Structures
- WHO counterparts
- Existing network
- International relations
- Amount of NGOs
- etc.

Review (interviews, questionnaire)

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NEW EU COUNTRY

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Background

 an increase of significance of Alcohol Policy issues all over Europe and within the EU

Determinants:

studies, EU Alcohol Strategy, projects, increasing awareness, etc.

- Results of the evaluation of the Country visits during Bridging the Gap:
 - bringing together organistations from multiple different areas of work;
 - catalysed national action and supported NGOs;
 - continuation of this kind of support should be continued;



Analyses and Tools

Country visits

- Which structures (incl. Networks) are existing?
- Involvement in international work which is relevant?
- Needs?
- Main tasks of the current work?
- Which relevant Partners should be involved?
- Involvement in Political work?
- Which aims should be reached by networking?
 etc.

Other tools

- Exchange of experiences of practices & programmes
- Exchange of data
- etc.



AIMS

- a national meeting or conference with relevant national organisations, institutions, experts, politicians
- improvement of the impact on country level
- regularly exchange of information
- support of Alcohol Policy activities on European level
- the option to be a possible member of the EUROCARE



Further Questions

- Which organisations from the other MS want to be involved?
- What kind of support can you offer?
- Do you have any contacts to organisations in the new MS?
- What are the advantages, what are the risks of such commitment?
- further questions have to be discussed...



Thank you for your attention!

