



Building Capacity Project

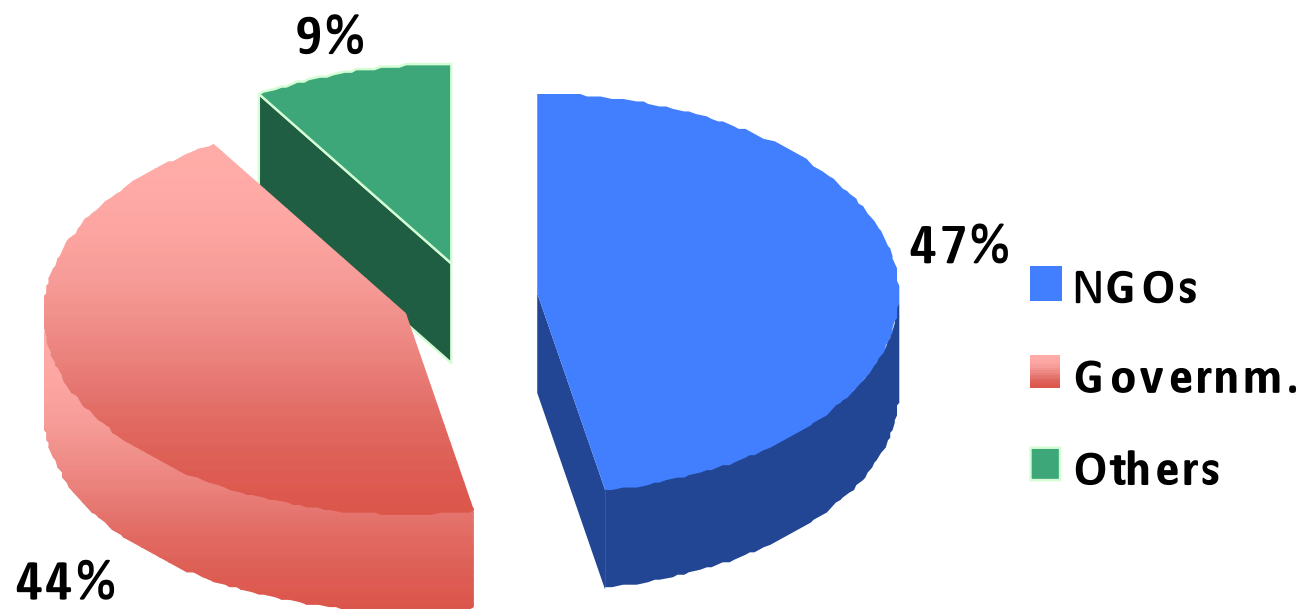


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## **Future of the APN**

**APN Meeting, 10.-12. June 2009, Sweden**

# APN Members (n=34)

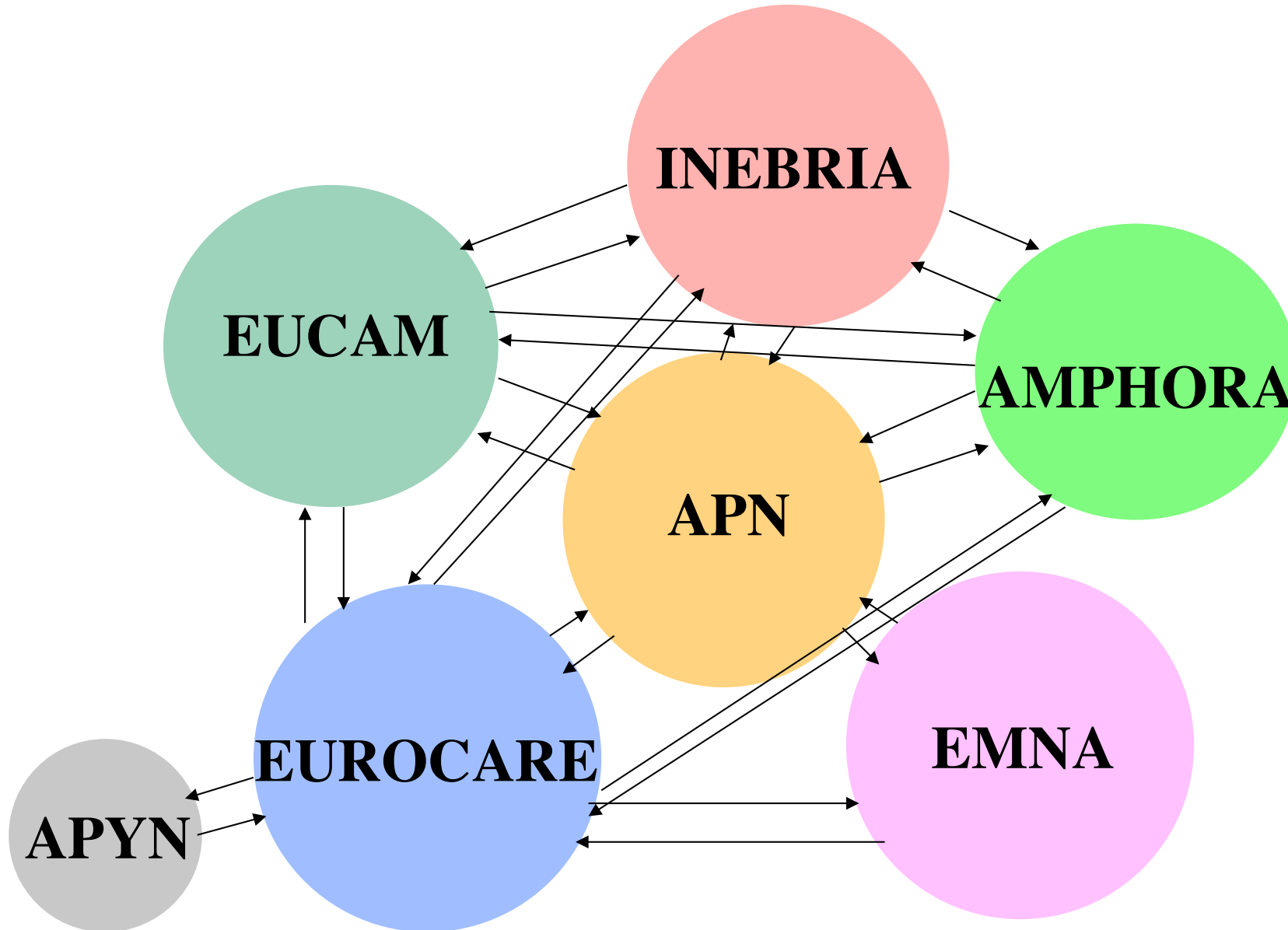




BC APN Meeting 2009, Stockholm, Sweden



# Alcohol Networks in Europe



**27. *What views does your organisation have as to how the APN can be continued from June 2010 onwards?***

# APN & Structures

- Central coordination of the APN business;
- Should work as an umbrella organisation;
- Should be independent from formal structures (no board, no long decision making processes);
- Costs for an office should be low;
- An APN office could be linked to an existing institution;

# APN & Funding

- Funding by projects;
- Financial support by the EU (permanent);
- Financial support by the members from national sources (Government, etc.);
- Fees and contributions from the members (to finance an office);

# APN & Strategy

- Directions and special issues can be defined depending on the needs;
- Focus on main topics and regular comeback of these topics;
- Yearly analysis of the influence of political developments on alcohol policy issues in Europe and the MS;
- Close cooperation with EC and WHO (e.g. Global Strategy on alcohol);
- Extension of the cooperation with health professionals and Public Health researchers;



# APN & Tools and methods of internal cooperation

- Online meetings;
- Regular European conferences and meetings;
- Exchange data and good practices (evidence based);
- Carry out advocacy courses (regularly);
- Could be a platform to find project partners;
- Distribution of relevant information (articles, reports, etc.);

# APN & Views on internal cooperation

- More controversial and divergent perspective would be better from a scientific point of view;
- More lively networking are needed, cooperation should not only focussed on meetings and conferences;
- Imbalance between advocacy and scientific rationality;
- Participation of APN could be continued on voluntary basis;

# APN & Projects

- Carry out specific and relevant projects;
- European projects on best practice;
- Continuation in following the EU Calls for Proposals;
- APN should not dependent on any (running) projects;

## Project proposal(s)

- Monitoring of alcohol policy in the new MS (research)

# APN & Other tasks

- Support of alcohol advocacy institutions in Europe;
- Support of NGOs with less resources;
- Identification of new partners, organisations as well as networks;

# APN & Future challenges

- Financial crisis;
- Political changes on European and national level (e.g. EU election);
- Development of the Alcohol and Health Forum;
- etc.

**Thank you very much for your attention!**