DISSEMINATION OF THE EUROPEAN VERSION OF UNIVERSAL PREVENTION CURRICULUM (EUPC)

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On 28th and 29th of November 2018, the European version of Universal Prevention Curriculum (EUPC) was presented and discussed at the REITOX Academy, which took place in Prague, Czech Republic. The event was organised by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and the UPC-Adapt project group, in collaboration with the 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague, and the Czech National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction, within the framework of the final conference of the UPC-Adapt project (http://upc-adapt.eu), co-funded with the support of the European Commission.

In 2018, nine EU Member-States (Belgium, Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovenia and Spain) piloted a set of training curricula for prevention professionals, and EMCDDA will launch the EUPC training manual in mid-2019. The REITOX Academy was organised to present the results of the work done and to discuss the possible dissemination of the programmes across Europe.

The event was attended by professionals from the prevention field and staff from the National Focal Points in the EU Member States, experts from candidate and potential candidate countries.

The main objectives of the Academy were:

- To increase understanding of the European UPC’s (EUPC) potential and the motivation of the REITOX partners to launch the EUPC in their respective countries;
- To provide a short introduction and an overview of the EUPC and to motivate participation in the future training-of-trainers’ events;
- To explore liaison with universities that implement the full Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) (https://www.issup.net/training/universal-prevention-curriculum) within their academic syllabi.
The Academy started with an overview of UPC-Adapt project and its adaptation to the European scene. The project team presented an overview of critical themes and the chapters in EUPC manual. In three workshops dedicated to (1) School-based and Community-based prevention, (2) Environmental and Media-based prevention and (3) Workplace and Family-based prevention, the participants learned the content of the curriculum, experimented some exercises, discussed how this material is linked to monitoring, evaluation and advocacy.

The second day of the training focused on the EUPC training and dissemination. The participants further discussed the EUPC products, the training manuals and programmes. The dissemination debate focused on accreditation issues, quality control and fidelity in EUPC. The participants addressed topics of licensing (e.g. who can become a training provider), credentials (expected characteristics, attitudes and skills of master trainers), inclusion/exclusion criteria of trainees and common examination criteria. The participants brainstormed and exchanged opinions on how the EUPC could be further integrated into the training programmes of prevention professionals in their respective countries.

The training evaluation indicated that participants found the event useful, and that after the meeting they have better understanding about EUPC, more information, and that the event opened possibility for networking and meeting other colleagues; sharing practices and experiences.
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WE’RE VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT EUSPR 2019 WILL BE HELD IN GHENT, BELGIUM SEPT 16-18, 2019.

Co-conveners will be the EUSPR and the University College Ghent. The main conference theme will be: LOOKING OVER THE WALLS. More information: euspr2019@hogent.be
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