

Work Programme 2007-2010

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Aim of the Work Programme

1. The Pompidou Group contributes to the development of effective policies to tackle the problems of drug abuse and illicit trafficking in drugs in Europe.
2. The aim of the Work Programme of the Pompidou Group is to generate useful products that can meet the needs of policy makers for more effective responses to drugs related issues. In doing so the Pompidou Group acknowledges the diversity of national drugs policies in Member States. To ensure an effective use of resources and unique products the work will on the one hand avoid overlap and duplication of work, while on the other seeking synergies through cooperation and coordination with other organisations.
3. The Work Programme pays special attention to innovative aspects, implementing practical solutions, pro-active policies and the scientific contribution to activities. It is based on the proposals submitted by the Permanent Correspondents of Member States and topics identified by the expert Platforms as a result of the 2004-2006 Work Programme, whose basic structure and working methods it retains. Greater emphasis will however be put in the new programme on in-depth preparation of fewer platform meetings and on transversal coordination and coherence through joint examination of common themes.

Mission and Objectives of the Pompidou Group

4. The Work Programme is consequently built around the Pompidou Group's mission to contribute to the quality of European drug policies, practices and research by :
 - collecting of signals about needs, problems and experiences from practice
 - addressing ethics and human rights aspects
 - promoting the evidence/knowledge base of policy and practice whilst acknowledging and exploring the limitations and possibilities of this approach;
 - bridging and fill gaps in linking between policy, practice and research,
 - facilitating communication between professionals of various disciplines,
 - facilitating cooperation with EU and non-EU countries;
 - facilitating coordination of activities between different international organisations;
 - facilitating mediation of different approaches to legal and illegal substances
5. In implementing this mission, the Work Programme concentrates on the following main objectives:
 - Contributing to the development of effective demand reduction programmes
 - Contributing to the development of effective supply side programmes
 - Addressing transversal issues
 - Political cooperation and joint activities

Expected Results

6. The expected results from the activities under the Work programme are:
 - Signals on trends, what works and barriers in practice
 - Standards for good practice
 - Identified priorities and needs for action
7. The format in which these results will be presented will take different forms tailored to the needs and perspective of the target groups: policy makers, practioners and researchers. The work of the Pompidou Group puts a specific focus on education and training in facilitating know-how transfer. Products and services will include:

- Recommendations and guidelines for standards
- Policy papers
- Inventories of examples on what works and what does not
- Comparative studies and expert reports
- Cooperation networks
- Bi- and multi-lateral technical cooperation activities
- On-line resources and trainings

8. An improved communication strategy will facilitate wide and targeted dissemination of results and products.

Themes/topic

9. The themes /topics and activities to meet the objectives and achieve the expected results are developed on the basis of the needs for action identified from the results, signals and recommendations generated under the 2004-2006 Work Programme.

10. The Pompidou Group has set itself the task to focus on quality instead of quantity. Consequently the number of themes and activities has to be limited to assure quality and retain the high-level of overall cost-effectiveness.

Working methods

11. The Ministerial Conference (MinConf) is the political authority of the Pompidou Group. In principle it is held every four years.

12. The Permanent Correspondents are the officials from each Member State of the Pompidou Group who represent their Ministers. They meet twice a year. The meetings of Permanent Correspondents are the forum of open debate where policy advisors come together as experts on developing effective responses to drugs problems based on the signals and results generated by the activities.

13. To generate the relevant signals from the different fields of drug policies, practitioners experiences and the state of the art in science and research, the Pompidou Group's work is structured around 6 platforms (Prevention, Treatment, Criminal Justice, Airports, Ethics and Human Rights, Research). The main functions of the Platforms are to introduce practitioners' knowledge and experience into the policy making process and to identify and promote examples of good practice in the successful implementation of policies.

14. The Platforms are responsible for designing activities for achieving the expected results set out for the selected themes and topics in their respective field. In addition, a limited number of specific activities or meetings may be undertaken alongside the platforms in order to promote transversal examination of issues or where specialised expertise is required of participants.

15. The four "vertical platforms" (Prevention, Treatment, Criminal Justice and Airports) will in principle meet once a year and these major conferences will be prepared by smaller working parties whose role is also to ensure continuity and coherence in the platform work. The Research Platform may meet twice-a-year in order to progress specific projects. The Ethics Group will function as an advisory body, meeting twice a year and then confronting its opinions with the practice, research and policy levels at ad hoc conferences, normally every other year.

16. Multisectoral activities that will facilitate effective transversal cooperation between Platforms are planned and organised by a small expert group with experts from each contributing Platform. The Bureau will supervise these multisectoral activities to ensure that all Platforms involved can contribute effectively.

17. The work programme allows for the flexibility to include additional activities proposed by Platforms emerging during the on-going work Programme after approval by the Bureau of Permanent Correspondents.

18. The Pompidou Group will continue to be a forerunner in efforts to avoid overlaps and duplication of work, in particular among the various international organizations in the field. By consolidating existing and developing new forms of collaboration with other international bodies the Work Programme will further contribute to creating synergy effects and a more effective use of resources. An example for effective cooperation is the proposal by the Finnish EU Presidency submitted to the Pompidou Group to set up a European Network on partnerships between stakeholders at frontline level responding to drug problems (see objective 3, activity 5.1.).

Resources

19. The Pompidou Group activities are primarily resourced under the ordinary budget. The budget consists of 4 main budget lines: (i) political cooperation and management, (ii) supply reduction (Criminal Justice -, Airports Platforms), (iii) demand reduction (Prevention -, Treatment Platforms) and (iv) transversal activities (Research and Ethics & Human Rights Platforms, and Intersectoral activities).

20. Participation of national experts however is funded by the Member States. A limited budget line is available to support the participation of experts from non-EU, below average GDP countries. Each platform (except the Airports Platform) also has an annual provision of €10,000 for external consultants and key speakers.

21. In addition to the statutory contributions the Pompidou Group regularly receives voluntary contributions for specific activities that are of particular interest to individual Member States. Since the resource base for the activities of Pompidou Group therefore depends to a certain degree on these voluntary contributions, the work programme allows for including new activities during the planning cycle if requested, provided the pledged resource become actually available. Decisions to this extent are taken by the Bureau of the Permanent Correspondents.

22. The Pompidou Group will continue its course of vigorous budgetary discipline to meet the budgetary constraints of member states and ensure a high level of cost-benefit ratio.

Quality Control

23. The Pompidou Group will use state-of-the-art methodology that allows for on-going process evaluation and will seek regularly feed back to evaluate its work and activities. In addition different models of impact assessment have been employed on the basis of smaller scale pilot projects. The promising results will lead to a consolidation of the use of impact assessment schemes where feasible.

Objectives → topics → activities

OB= Ordinary Budget
VC = Voluntary Contributions

Objective 1: Contributing to the development of effective demand reduction programmes			
Sub-objective Prevention	Activities/topics	Expected output & Products	Implementation & Resources
1. Consideration of the issues relating to the prevention of drug misuse among young people, focussing on appropriate interventions for various levels of risk.	One major and well-prepared event per year to consider thematically appropriate methodologies to address various degrees of risk and the practical, and any ethical, issues surrounding them.	Specific, low-cost, easily monitored and evaluated solutions to prevention needs at the various levels of risk.	Responsible: Prevention Platform Projected budget: OB: Demand Reduction
2. Promoting young people's participation in prevention	2.1 European prevention prize	Award of 3 prizes every other year to projects exemplifying participatory approaches	Responsible : Selection committee VC sought
	2.2 Forum for young people	Input from young people to the prevention platform on selected programme issues	Responsible: Forum in conjunction with a platform conference every other year VC sought
3. Promoting internet-based support for prevention	3.1 Joint programme on virtual training and resource centre (VTRC)	Interactive support tool for practitioners working with parents in prevention	Responsible: Project Group VC and partnership with European Commission sought
Sub-Objective Treatment	Activities/topics	Expected output & Products	Implementation & Resources
4. Collecting signals about needs, problems and experiences from treatment practices	4.1 Treatment modalities for: - specific substances - medical and psychiatric co-morbidities - specific groups - harm reduction strategies	Signals on trends, what works and barriers in practice Standards for good practice Identified priorities and needs for action	Responsible: Treatment Platform Projected budget: OB: Demand Reduction
	4.2 Management systems for differing types of therapy	Description and analysis of different models of practice Analytical summary	Responsible: Treatment Platform Projected budget: OB: Demand Reduction

	4.3 Adaptation of US guidelines for treatment and assessment to the European context	Adapted guidelines	Responsible: Treatment Platform Projected budget: OB: Demand Reduction
	4.4 Improving knowledge on treatment systems	Information on treatment available in Europe (with EMCDDA) Indications on evaluation methods	Responsible: Treatment Platf. Projected budget: OB: Demand Reduction

Objective 2: Contributing to the development of effective supply side programmes			
Sub-objective Criminal Justice	Activities/topics	Expected output & Products	Implementation & Resources
1. Collecting signals about needs, problems and experiences from practice in the criminal justice field	1.1 Drug courts, specialised chambers, and specialised magistrates	Signals on practical implementation, establishment procedures and evaluation/expectation issues	Responsible: Crim Just Platform Projected budget: OB: Supply Reduction
	1.2 Judicial cooperation and joint investigations	Signals on trends, what works and barriers in practice Standards for good practice Identified priorities and needs for action	Responsible: Crim Just Platform Projected budget: OB: Supply Reduction
2. Promoting improved regulatory responses	<i>2.1 Control issues related to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances</i>	<i>Signals on trends, what works and barriers in practice Standards for good practice Identified priorities and needs for action</i>	<i>Responsible: ad hoc group of experts Projected budget: VC sought</i>

Sub-objective Airports	Activities	Expected output & Products	Implementation & Resources
3. Promoting improved law enforcement in European airports and in controlling general aviation	3.1 Annual exchange of experience between customs and law enforcement offices	Signals on trends, what works and barriers in practice Standards for good practice Identified priorities and needs for action Manuels	Responsible: Airports Platform Projected budget: BO: Supply Reduction
	3.2 Access to data bases for frontline officers	Identification of data needs Proposals on improved access to existing data bases	Responsible: Project group Projected budget: VC sought

Objective 3: Addressing transversal issues			
Sub-objective Ethics and Human Rights	Activities/topics	Expected output & Products	Implementation & Resources
1. Exploring the ethical and human rights basis for drug policies and programmes	1.1 Drug screening in the workplace	Signals on developments about ethics in practice and research Promotion and development of standards on ethics for practice and research	Responsible: Ethics Platform Projected budget: BO: Transversal activities
	1.2 Implications of emerging research findings in neurosciences and genetics	Signals on developments about ethics in practice and research Promotion and development of standards	Responsible: Ethics Platform Projected budget: BO: Transversal activities
	1.3 Implications of emerging intervention models, methodologies and technologies	Signals on developments about ethics in practice and research Promotion and development of standards	Responsible: Ethics Platform Projected budget: BO: Transversal activities
Sub-Objective Research	Activities/Topics	Expected output & Products	Implementation & Resources
2. Collecting signals about needs, problems and experiences from practice	2.1 Highlighting major issues arising in different research fields	Identifying emerging evidence	Responsible: Research Platform Projected budget: BO: Transversal activities
	2.2 Bridging research disciplines	Signals on developments in the use of data and research in policy and practice Identifying priorities and needs and to develop strategies for research	Responsible: Research Platform Projected budgets: BO: Transversal activities
	2.3 Investigating the influence of research on drug use and drug users		
	2.4 How to explain and communicate about research findings		
3. Registering research activities	3.1 Establishment of a web-based registry in collaboration with EMCDDA	Inventory/registry	Responsible : Expert group BO: Transversal activities VC sought

Sub-objective Transversal Platform cooperation	Multisectoral activities	Expected outputs & Products	Implementation & Resources
4. Collecting signals about needs, problems and experiences from practice	4.1 Know-how transfer across sectors and disciplines	Proposals and methods for improved interaction, seminars	Responsible: Expert group Input: all platforms BO (of each platform)
	4.2. Ethics implications of new prevention and treatment methods	Signals on new methods and ethics implications and proposals on how to practically address these	Responsible: Expert group Input: Ethics, Prevention and Treatment Platforms BO (of each platform)
	4.3. Improving quality of criminal justice data	Signals on methods and practices, guidelines	Responsible: Expert group Input: Research and Criminal Justice Platforms BO (of each platform)
	4.4. Alternative sanctions and reintegration policies	Signals on trends, what works and barriers in practice Standards for good practice Identified priorities and needs for action	Responsible: Crim Just, Treatment, Prevention Platforms Projected budget: OB: Supply Reduction
	4.5. Handling addicts from different cultures in the criminal justice system	Signals on trends, what works and barriers in practice Standards for good practice Identified priorities and needs for action	Responsible: Crim Just, Ethics, Treatment Platform Projected budget: OB: Supply Reduction
5. Promoting inter-service cooperation at implementation level	5.1. European Network on partnerships between stakeholders at frontline level responding to drug problems	Exchange of best practice Training Identifying strategies to address public nuisance	Responsible: Expert group Input: all Platforms BO: Transversal Activities + VC sought
	5.2. Targeting specific client groups with drugs policies	Signals on trends and barriers; standards for good practice, priorities and needs for action	Responsible: Expert group Input: all platforms BO (of each platform)
6. Informing media and training journalists about drugs and drug prevention	6.1. European training project for journalists (activity proposed by the 2 nd Prevention Forum)on: - unbiased and accurate information and facts about drugs - trends in drug consumption among different social groups - prevention strategies and treatment methods	- 3 major training courses across Europe - National follow-up activities - Examples of new reporting formats	Responsible: expert group Input: all Platforms Projected budget: VC sought under the DAPHNE programme

Objective 4: Political cooperation and joint initiatives			
Activity	Partner	Expected output & Products	Implementation & Resources
1. Mediterranean Network	Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, France, Netherlands	Dialogue between Mediterranean countries	Responsible: Project Group Projected budget: VC sought
2. Inter-agency working group	EMCDDA	Coordination of work, overlaps avoided, synergies created	Responsible: PG Presidency Projected budget: p.m.
3. Health in prisons programme	WHO	Contribution to the programme	Responsible: secretariat Projected budget: BO supply reduction
4. European school surveys (ESPAD) (support for non-EU countries for project coordination)	CAN, EMCDDA	Assistance rendered in implementing school surveys	Responsible: CAN Projected budget: BO transversal activities
5. Technical cooperation school-based prevention Programmes	Romanian National Anti Drug Agency	Assistance rendered in implementing school programmes	Responsible: Expert group Projected budget: BO Political cooperation
6. Technical cooperation on drugs and road safety	Romanian National Anti Drug Agency	Assistance rendered in implementing a national strategy	Responsible: Expert group Projected budget: BO Political cooperation
7. Technical cooperation school-based prevention Programmes	Government of Chechnya	Assistance rendered in implementing school programmes	Responsible: Expert group Projected budget: VC: Special account Assistance Activity
8. Training young researchers on communicating research findings into the policy making process	ESSD	More scientific input in policy development, better use of evidence base in policy making	Responsible: Expert group Projected budget: VC: special account Assistance Activity
9. Implementation of National Action Plans for Azerbaijan and Georgia	National authorities	Assistance rendered in implementing National Action Plan	Responsible: expert group Projected budget: VC sought
10. Support Network for Parents and professionals (SN Project)	Norway, Finland, Russian Federation, Switzerland	On-line resources created	Responsible: SN Project Group Projected budget: VC sought