



New Developments in Member States- Cyprus

During 2008, an important three-fold project was carried out on behalf of the Cyprus Antidrug Council, by a team of experts from the University of Hamburg, Germany. This project was a continuation of a twinning project which was co-financed by the EU by the same team of experts who evaluated the governmental prevention and treatment services.

The project had as its aims:

- The evaluation of National Drug Strategy 2004-2008 and its 2 action plans
- The evaluation of the non-governmental prevention and treatment programmes and
- The establishment of quality standards for prevention and treatment programmes

Additionally, the second National Drug Strategy covering the years 2009-2012 was drafted and was approved by the Council of Ministers. The new Strategy incorporates four main intervention areas **Prevention, Treatment and Social Reintegration, Harm Reduction** and **Supply Reduction** as well as three cross-cutting themes **national and international coordination and cooperation, legal framework** and **research and evaluation**. Efforts were made so that policies, practices and actions included would have an added value and that the goals of the Drug Strategy are as precise and as realistic as possible.