

About the Process of Building an Inclusive Frame of Reference



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Development Process

January 2014

- Preparation of draft document (brainstorming)

June 2014

- Member organizations provide input

Sept. 2014

- Official approval at Dianova Members' Assembly, subject to a number of amendments

March 2015

- Publication of final document

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Overall, the situation of drug users has developed positively in the countries where it operates

The general public and administrations regard substance users as people who need help and assistance

Basic public health measures and structures have been put into operation (i.e. emergency rooms, first aid & treatments services, rehab, etc.)

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Consensus

- ✓ Respect for Human Rights
- ✓ Decriminalization of drug use
- ✓ Crucial need of early prevention measures
- ✓ Participation of civil society
- ✓ Benefits of health-based, public approaches
- ✓ Effective treatments grounded on proven methodologies (e.g. TCs)

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Requests

- ✓ Revision of and flexibility when applying the Conventions
- ✓ Nationwide debates
- ✓ Integration of civil society in all stages of the development of drug policies
- ✓ Universal access to essential medicines
- ✓ UN / European reference agencies play a leading role

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Pending the submission of more data

- ✓ Methods of confronting the new and emerging drugs of abuse
- ✓ Implementation of duly validated treatment programs
- ✓ Innovative solutions and complementary approaches
- ✓ Scientific information about the effects and consequences of cannabis' use
- ✓ Broad information on cannabis' regulation experiences
- ✓ Information about its expected and unexpected consequences

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A much rewarding process

The document provides a frame of reference which is to be regularly revised in light of outcomes of research and the evolution of world realities.

It presents an ideological stance aiming at guiding and inspiring, not to differentiate.

Beyond our routine tasks, we had to think about the underlying reasons behind existing realities

It's been a rewarding, an energizing process, and we highly recommend it!

Thank You!



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