

Main findings Country Report & Update Local Action Plans

Czech Republic

Brno

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Main findings country report including numbers, policy, welfare system, guidelines, interventions.....

Numbers:

- 0,5% adult pop. of PDU's (46900 – ¾ meth, ¼ opiates)/9,7% every day drinking
- 30000 homeless, 187k in insecure/inadequate housing – growing number of hostels (700 in CZ – excluded localities)
- PDU's: 28 % legal job, 58 % insecure/inadequate housing , 12 % homeless

Policy:

- Homelessness, drug use+addiction, social exclusion, reform of psychiatric care – policies distracted/ NO policy on Public nuisance – occupied by repression measures and populist gestures, policies on local level
- Homelessness/drug use as individual failure – lack of structural+systemic policies

Welfare:

- Social/housing benefits, social x health support – low coordination – trap of „target groups“, housing programs based on credit model/motivation XX housing first
- Standard spectrum of intervention – lack of Act on social housing

Interventions:

- based on target groups-diagnosis/ case management programs/ pilot of rapid rehousing+housing first in Brno/ peer led groups+interventions – usually not under umbrella of social services/ Nightlife interventions

Main conclusions and recommendations

Conclusions:

- PN is not recognised in national policies – demand for systemic/structural approach
- PN is targeted with antisocial/repressive measures
- Policies and interventions trapped in „target group logic“ or homelessness/drug use as individual failure/problem
- Lack of reflective practice
- Promises – multidisciplinary teams (case management, FACT models), structural interventions (Act on social housing, Housing first models), innovative participatory practices – (recovery coaches/colleges)

• Recommendations:

- Reflective practices
- Systemic/structural approach
- Coordination among social and health sector, multidisciplinary teams
- Broadening PN understanding beyond repressive framework
- Involving innovative participatory interventions

Aims and specific objectives of the Local Action Plan

- **Aim:** participatory mechanism for 3 target groups (PDU, recovery, nightlife) – involving them in designing and implementing interventions targeting public nuisance in Brno.
- **Activities:**
 - Create and stabilize 3 participatory groups (**building trust, creating community**) + identifying leaders
 - Assessment their needs related to PN
 - **Activity plan for each group**
 - **To establish collaboration with service delivery org. to target interventions – adapting activity plan**
 - To establish collaboration with stakeholders + display participatory mechanism in policy approach
 - **Realizing activities / participate on realizing activities – activity plan (specification)**
 - Evaluate and reflect upon the process + navigate actions of the groups

Indicators (measurable)

Participatory groups:

- 2-3 meetings/7 or more members in each group - initial phase, 1 meeting every month (or more) – done+ running
- 2-3 leaders in each group – (PDU – done/recovery- done/ NGL – ongoing)
- Assessment of group needs and topics in relation to PN (October 2017)
- List of activities (which, with whom, long-term/short-term) – activity plan (finish - November 2017)
- Establish list of indicators for each activity (finish - November 2017)

Networking/policy making

- To organize 1 day joint strategical meeting (leaders of groups+service delivery+policy makers) (January 2018)
- Display participatory mechanism in city drug policy + display PN topics to drug action plan of the city (done)
- Development stable mechanism of joint meetings (agreement on who and how often will meet) (April 2018)
- Realization of activity plan (initial activities already running)
 - Indicators will be specified
 - Evaluation of indicators

Assessment within participatory groups

Focus group sessions – survey among PDUs

- Area around main train station – concentration of PWUD, homeless people – lack of coordinated work (homeless and drug outreach work)
- Lack of information among PWUD (how to survive at street, how and where to find appropriate support, how to)
- Lack of possibilities – finances and low-threshold accommodation
- To promote equal access to health and social care – to act against stigmatization and prejudices
- To be able to deliver peer support among PDUs
- Lack of HR measures and safety in clubs and nightlife environment

Specific activities according to assessment - activity plan (draft)

Problem drug use

- Establish and distribute „manual for street survival“
- Peer outreach work (2-3 peer workers)
- Realizing of community events for PDU+ general public (1-2 community activity every ½ year)
- Education (on peer work, establishing networks)
- To participate in campaign
- ???

Recovery

- Establish a proposal of Brno map that could be accessible to people in need
- campaign promoting various journeys to recovery in accordance with Harm reduction
- Education toward peer support
- ????

Nightlife

- To establish stable nightlife advisory group for nightlife
- To display specific harm reduction measures in club/events funding system
- ???

Potential bottlenecks + solutions

- Time-money-coordination issues/Motivation of participants/Existential changes/Acute intoxications -> finding relatively stable and motivated leaders/choosing useful incentives/ **organizing community events/ learning opportunities/ higher frequency of meeting**
- Expectations of professionals – **realistic aims**
- Discrepancies in roles and philosophies among groups and partners
- Keeping the target area relatively small for pilot intervention -> group consent about the area of interest/ **negotiation with partner organisation about possibilities**
- Planning is too ambitious -> development of realistic activity plan + indicators

Networking and policy-making:

- No interest from professionals and politicians -> make workshop/texts attractive
- No motivation from stakeholders -> create added value for all stakeholders;
- Prejudices towards PDUs -> showing PDUs as a crucial part of (effective) solution
- Stakeholder loose interest -> SPR takes lead in organizing the cooperation
- Political climate at Municipality -> finding open-minded politicians as ambassadors

Involved partners and stakeholders

City council – department for social inclusion, department for prevention of crime and drug policy – they are responsible for bringing solutions and offering strategies regarding drug policy, social services and drug/crime prevention – involving participatory mechanism in drug policy.

SPR services

Low-threshold services – Drop-in centre and Outreach team – responsible for active PDU group

Hard and Smart – outreach program in Nightlife settings – responsible for nightlife group

Educational centre IES – responsible for coordination and networking/policy making with the city, delivers the workshops

Local self-help groups – AA, AN – some of their members are already active in recovery group – their contribution could be in mobilization of larger group of peers + delivering interventions

Shops, bars, clubs – depends on small intervention plans

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3. října, 16:00 – 19:00, Hilleho 5

Zveme vás na setkání s jednou z nejvýraznějších světových postav v boji za práva uživatelů drog. Mat Southwell stál v Anglii u zrodu účinných reakcí na problémy, které sužovaly pouliční uživatele drog a sám se stal později jejich mluvčím na světových fórech. V současné době jezdí po světě a pomáhá aktivizovat skupiny lidí, kteří berou drogy, aby se postavili za svá práva a byli slyšet.

Mat zve na workshop především uživatele/ky nízkoprahových služeb jako je K-Centrum nebo Terén i pracovníky těchto služeb. Workshop bude překládaný do češtiny.

