

NL Country report

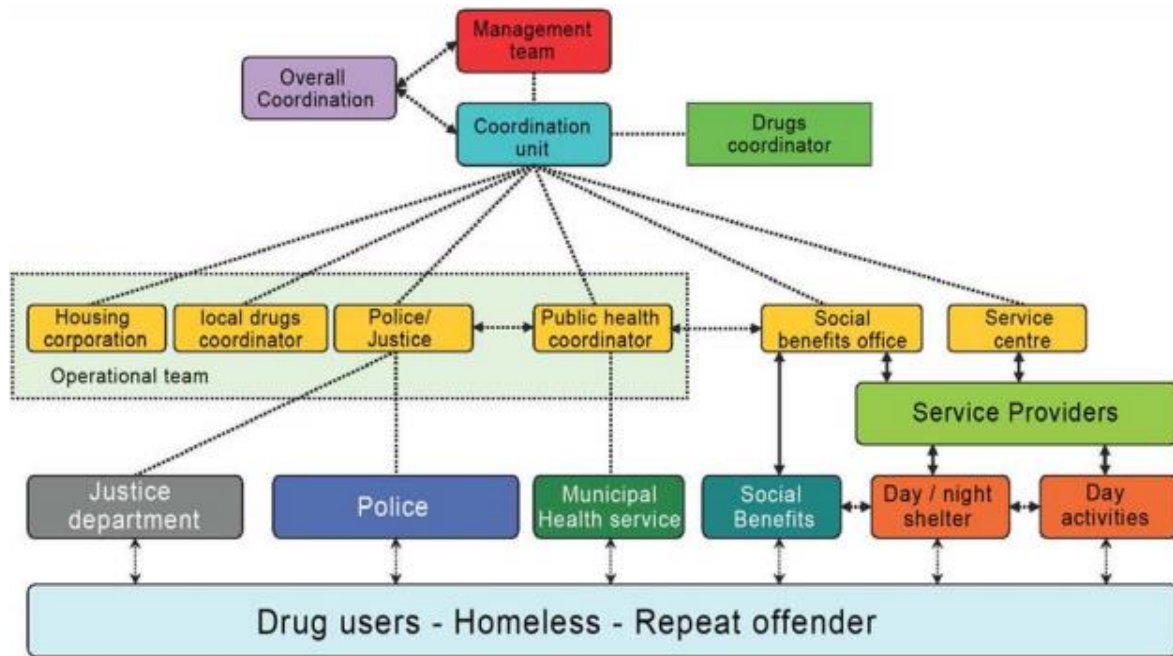
3rd Project Meeting

Brno, 2 till 3 October 2017

Main findings country report

- **Rising homelessness:** increase of 74 percent in 6 years
- **Changing demographic:** younger, non-western, more urban
- Move to more repressive interventions
- Very little rights for the undocumented

Main findings country report (2)



- Policy-approach →

- Highly localized
- Chain of care
- Multi-stakeholder, including the municipal government, local police authorities, public prosecution service, low-threshold service providers, and housing association.

Main conclusions and recommendations

- Where do we go from here?
 - Capacity problem (housing) in major cities has to be addressed in collaboration with smaller municipalities
 - Next challenge is to assess the effectivity of the municipal care system and the level of expertise in the individual municipality
- Recommendations

Assessment report

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What did we want to know?

- What kind of effective and inclusive adult learning and working opportunities exist for alcohol- and drug users?
- Do these interventions reduce alcohol- and drug related nuisance in the public space? And if so, in which way?
- What kind of prerequisites are needed to develop and implement inclusive strategies?
- What conclusions can be drawn?

Practical examples of interventions

- **MAP (managed alcohol program)**
- **DCRs (drug consumption rooms)**
- **Housing first**
- **Peer involvement**
- **Anti-social behavior order**
- **Self-sufficiency matrix**

Main findings assessment report

- **Increased formalisation of life**
 - increasing focus on education creates additional barriers for vulnerable people
- **Public spaces are losing its public function**
 - banning of the 'poor' creates the illusion of a healthy and wealthy society
- **Non-tailored services create more harm than good**
- **Multi-faceted and complex issues require holistic and integrated solutions**

Recommendations

- **Policy level:** holistic and integrated multi-agency approach
- **Practical level:**
 - cooperation between social-, health-services and law enforcement
 - Peer involvement is a powerful tool, if done right (!)
- **Social level:**
 - Public opinion is key driver in call for interventions