

DCR MODELS OF CARE: COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION SPACE

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Background and objectives:

The complexities surrounding the implementation of Drug Consumption Rooms (DCRs) extend beyond their health and social benefits, often confronting practical challenges that demand innovative solutions. These solutions are pivotal in shaping the strategic framework of care support services and the environmental and operational design of DCRs. Addressing issues such as high drug-related fatalities and resource constraints is critical. The objective of this discussion space is to open a dialogue on these intricate aspects, aiming to uncover novel approaches and shared experiences that can lead to the enhancement of DCRs. By examining the real-world application and ongoing evaluation, the session seeks to underline the importance of adaptive strategies that respect the unique context and values of diverse communities.

Description of how the session will encourage debate and idea sharing:

The session is designed to be a springboard for robust debate and the exchange of ideas. It will be anchored by a series of lightning talks from those at the forefront of DCR implementation and evaluation. These talks are intended to provide stimulus for discussion, challenging attendees to rethink existing paradigms and consider the impact of new models. Following these provocations, attendees will be encouraged to share their perspectives, fostering a critical examination of current practices and inspiring collective ideation for future advancements in the field.

Methods and format for promoting dialogue and networking:

Our format is consciously structured to facilitate interaction and networking. The session will begin with brief, targeted presentations to outline current models and their evaluations. This will be followed by a moderated open-floor discussion, promoting an inclusive dialogue among all participants. Breakout groups will then convene, focusing on specific themes to enable deeper conversation and connection. These groups will reconvene to share insights, fostering a networked community of practice. The discussion space will employ interactive tools to capture real-time feedback and ideas, ensuring a dynamic and participant-driven exchange.

Disclosure of Interest Statement: *See example below:*

The conference collaborators recognise the considerable contribution that industry partners make to professional and research activities. We also recognise the need for transparency of disclosure of potential conflicts of interest by acknowledging these relationships in publications and presentations.

Speaker Bios:

Representatives of three international local DCRs, representing recent innovative integrated models of DCRs and approaches (speakers to be confirmed)

Roberto Perez Gayo is the Head of Policy at C-EHRN, working in harm reduction, health, social justice and innovation. They also function as the coordinator of the European Network of Drug Consumption Rooms, a core group member of the CSF HIV/VH/TB, and contributor to thematic groups in the EMCDDA, ECDC or WHO.

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Aleksei Lahov is the Executive Director of EuroNPUD, more than 15 years of experience. Since 2011, he has been working in different Russian NGOs in the field of HIV infection, viral hepatitis and substance abuse prevention. Aleksey used to work as the Development Director of the largest Russian harm reduction organization "Humanitarian Action" (Saint Petersburg), as well as the General Manager of the Harm Reduction NGOs Coalition "Outreach" (Tallinn, Estonia), and WHO, UNAIDS, UNODC, Coact consultant.