

Motivation letter
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Many years of experience in various harm reduction organizations - international, regional and national ones - allow me to quickly navigate in the field and quickly collect and analyze information in a variety of areas and activities regarding the community of people who use drugs. This is a good basis for understanding the situation in the EECA region, searching for and implementing the most effective solutions.

Many years of experience in organizations of various quality in the field of HIV / AIDS - from the Joint United Nations Program on HIV / AIDS to the Russian community-based organization of drug users "Kolodets", Andrey Rylkov Foundation (FAR) and the Eurasian Network of People Who Use Drugs (ENPUD) allows me to quickly present information at various levels of the community of people who use drugs in our region: from webinars, visits and trainings to advocacy and actions.

Experience of a trainer in harm reduction programs, an expert in assessing the quality of harm reduction programs, an outreach worker in the Harm Reduction Project in FAR, a participant in the Russian PWUD forum allows me to understand the situation with drug policy and the most urgent needs of the community of people who use drugs in our region.

Experience of an information manager and author of information materials allows me to collect information on various activities of the organization, which can later be used as examples, basic information, advocacy tools, etc. when preparing all sorts of information materials, such as press releases, brochures, reports, studies, etc.

Familiarity with many harm reduction experts and knowledge of the drug and drug-related situation in the world allows me to quickly find a common language with everyone and is the key to effective interaction in preparing any kind of activities and supporting the regional community of PWUD.

At the moment, I am the information manager of the Eurasian Network of People Who Use Drugs (ENPUD), as well as a participant in the Russian PWUD Forum.

All the accumulated experience in the field of drug policy and harm reduction is the core motivation for me to participate in the work of the EHRA Steering Committee. First of all, this is due to the desire to participate in identifying key opportunities for the association on harm reduction advocacy, public health problems and human rights.

Since EHRA is currently a key partner of ENPUD, the activities to be implemented in our region are dependent on the activity vector to be chosen in the association. This leads to the identification of key priorities in harm reduction, public health and human rights, ensuring the representation of all subregions of the CEECA countries and key groups of drug users. I believe that my experience allows me to participate both in identifying key opportunities and in determining the activity vector that will most directly affect the development of the community of people who use drugs in our region.

On the other hand, participation as a representative of the PWUD community in the EHRA Steering Committee and, at the same time, participation in the ENPUD secretariat will allow me to link the needs of the PWUD communities of our region.

I am sure that I will be able to be useful to the community of people who use drugs in our region and effectively contribute to the implementation of the most urgent tasks of our community.