

Motivation letter

Dear EHRA members,

On behalf of Odysseus I would like to express my interest in becoming a member of the Steering Committee for Central Europe region. Odysseus is an oldest organization in Slovakia which provides outreach social work and has been a member of EHRA (formerly EHRN) for many years. Our vision is that people who use drugs, sexworkers, young people, people living with HIV and other threatened communities will be equal members of the society and will actively take part in the life and policy of the state. For make it possible it is needed not just secure the funding of harm reduction services, but also the change of drug policy. I believe that each person is able to make decisions that lead towards positive change and the active participation of people who use drugs and other threatened communities is essential in order to reach this goal. Because of that Odysseus is engaging people who use drugs for almost 21 years. Hereby I fully support the vision and mission of EHRA. I have an experience in advocacy for sustainable harm reduction funding and in working in experts' groups on ministerial level and developing methodological documents. I have an experience in meaningful engagement of people who use drugs in our organization. As a big promoter of harm reduction practices, I can share the knowledge and best practices. As a contact EHRA member from Odysseus I have demonstrated readiness and ability to work responsibly and actively as Steering Committee by attendance in webinars on drug policy, support and promoting of EHRA campaigns and sharing and spreading knowledge, etc.

I see my role as an EHRA member in bringing in the issues related to the drug policy in Central region, monitoring and implementing the strategic plan of EHRA, implementing strategies and approaches within region, sharing knowledge, participating in the process of agenda making of drug policy and harm reduction, creating sustainable conditions of harm reduction services and secure their stable funding, capacity building of people who use drugs, promoting non-punitive approach to drugs in region.

I am ready to work in order to achieve the goals of EHRA not just as a professional but as a person for whom life of each human being matter.

Thank you for your consideration.



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