

MOTIVATION LETTER

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My work as an activist, human rights defender, leader of local, country-level and regional projects and organizations is inextricably linked with the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association. My development as a professional has developed and continues, in many respects, thanks to the mentoring, support and the highest quality example of the work of EHRA.

Currently I am leading RuNPUD (Russian-speaking Network of People Who Use Drugs), third year coordinating regional project "Prison Health and Rights Consortium" (it's implemented in Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova and Russia), leading a self-organized community of "Right of everyone" in Orenburg, Russia, and I am a member of the Russian Forum of PWUD. This allows me to understand the situation with drug policy and the most relevant needs of the community of people who use drugs, both in Russia and in the EECA region.

These positions - the regional, country and city level of representing the interests of the community of people who use drugs, practical implementation of harm reduction programs - allow me to be informed about the needs of the community directly from a wide variety of members of the community from the most distant corners of my country.

The same position can be used in the future as an effective and targeted promotion of humane drug policy and harm reduction services in Russia.

It is both a great honor and a great responsibility to represent the community of people who use drugs of my country on the EHRA Board. The dynamics of changes in the legislation that is already repressive in relation to people who use drugs, in relation to the entire non-profit sector of Russia, does not allow us to hope for an early change in the Russian drug policy towards humanization. At the same time, it is EHRA, which today is a key partner of most Russian initiatives in the field of harm reduction and humanization of drug policy. Obviously, depending on which vector of activity will be chosen in the Association, such areas of activity will be implemented in our country. I believe that my practical experience and knowledge can be useful both in identifying the key capabilities of the community of people who use drugs EECA region, and in determining the vector of EHRA activities, which will be reflected in the activities of Russian activists and organizations of the community of people who use drugs.

I am ready to make every effort to acquire new skills, obtain new tools for work, study new practices and approaches in the field of humanizing drug policy and protecting the rights of people who use drugs.

I am ready to make every effort to ensure that all the skills I have and acquire are directed to the benefit of the community, in defense of human rights and personal dignity of each of the people who use drugs in EECA region.

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