

## Two days of training with the special participation of Prof. Icro Maremmani from the University of Pisa, Italy

On 29 June 2011, representatives of National Network of Community Services for Offenders participated in the training held by Prof. Icro Maremmani. His visit in Tirana was organized by two associations, Action + and Stop Aids. Mr. Icro Maremmani is a Professor in Addiction Medicine, Department of Psychiatry in the University of Pisa. He is also well-known as the Coordinator of the World Federation for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence. His agenda aimed to hold a Training with Network Members and NGOs staff, socio-health workers, On the second day, we invited representatives from the Ministry of Health, Public Health Institute, donors (UNICEF, UNAIDS, WHO) Students from Faculty of Medicine, to hold an advocacy meeting.

The key issues highlighted in these two days were the following:

- Drug addiction: early prevention, treatment, maintenance and rehabilitation;
- Models of treatment programs (psycho-pharmacological approaches);
- Experience from Italy and other European country
- Drug addiction policies
- Models of drug strategies from other countries
- What works best for Albania

In the framework of Alternative Sentences, this event was very useful and efficient in both levels theoretical and practical. All the recommendations and conclusions came from the main topics discussed analyzed drug addiction as an illness that cause not only physical problems but as a real threat for all the community in social, economic, order, security and justice problems. In this aspect, Prof. Maremmani emphasized the great effectiveness that has the Methadone Maintenance Therapy in the the subjects that show criminal tendencies, or recidivism in their rehabilitation and reintegration.



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