



Harm Reduction Knowledge Hub for Europe and Central Asia



Workshop Announcement

Advanced Seminar on Amphetamine Use for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Lead by Luciano Colonna & Liudmyla Shulga

September 1 - 3, 2010 Prague, Czech Republic

This year Harm Reduction Knowledge Hub for Europe and Central Asia welcomes specialists interested developing interventions for stimulant users. Together participants will enjoy the challenge of an intensive learning experience through lectures, role plays and reading scientific literature. This three-day training is designed to assist public health professionals in acquiring an understanding of work with stimulant users and will equip them with the skills required to analyze local drug situation with respect to the types of stimulant drugs.

During the training, participants will discuss and reflect on:

- The history of illicit and licit amphetamine use and its place in society;
- The emergence of amphetamines in Central and Eastern Europe;
- The physical, psychological and psychiatric effects of amphetamines.
- The mechanisms of amphetamine in the brain;
- Harm Reduction and amphetamines;
- Working with sub-populations of amphetamine users;
- Treatment responses to problematic use;
- Assessing community needs and proper response
- Reaching amphetamine users and adapting existing services to their needs;
- Establishing an evidence-based programme for amphetamine users.

Facilitators: Two well known International harm reduction specialists, **Luciano Colonna & Liudmyla Shulga.**

Luciano Colonna is a Research Associate in the Department of Psychology at New York's Columbia University. Luciano is also an international consultant in public health and policy, currently conducting research, developing interventions, and providing technical assistance on projects in Eastern Europe, South East Asia, and North America. In addition to founding the SafeGames Project, Mr. Colonna has organized and implemented the 2005 and 2007 US National Conferences on Methamphetamine, HIV and Hepatitis, and the 2008 Global Conference on Methamphetamine in Prague, Czech Republic.

Liudmyla Shulga, MSc in Global Health Science, University of Oxford, is currently employed with ICF "International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine". Liudmyla is actively involved into development and testing of innovative interventions for drug using population in Ukraine. During more than five years in Harm Reduction Liudmyla has been involved into various research on the issues around drug use and HIV, including epidemiological studies and qualitative research on such issues as stimulant use, overdose prevention and women injecting drugs etc. Liudmyla has several publications and is a co-author of several training modules.

Languages: English/Russian, translation provided.

Location & Venue: Prague, Czech Republic

Dates: September 1 – 3, 2010

Registration: Please fill in [registration form](#) by June 30.

Registration Fee: The registration fee 1200 euro covers training fee, local transportation, accommodation and meals.

Scholarships: Four full scholarships and four partial scholarships are available. To apply, please fill in a [registration form](#) by June 20, 2010. Participants are encouraged to seek financial support for participation as such a limited number of scholarships are available.

Maximum number of participants: 30.

