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1. DESCRIPTION OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

1.1. Description of the activities carried out during the reporting period

Dissemination activities comprised three basic activities: The maintenance of a project webpage, internal communication, and public outreach activities. A project webpage has been established and is constantly extended with findings on innovative interventions and drug-use trajectories of young people in the CJS (WP5). National reports have been uploaded and project activities (conferences, workshops, advisory group meetings) get promoted. Promotion videos have been produced about aims and objectives of EPPIC and uploaded on the webpage.

An electronic platform was created on “Freedcamp” to share internal information (preliminary reports, templates) and keep up to date with a calendar about deliverables and milestones.

Information about EPPIC is distributed nationally via newsletters and mailing lists through the partner institutes.

EPPIC partners have organised national Advisory Group Meetings and practitioner workshops, and presented EPPIC in several international conferences. At the conference of the European Society of Prevention Research all EPPIC partners gathered to give a series of presentations in a separate panel at the conference.

Connections with related projects by WHO, EMCDDA and UNODC have been established. EPPIC is also linked up with “Forum zur Gesundheitsförderung in Haft” (the most important European network in German language).

1.1.1. *Dissemination activities*

- The website and twitter account are active
- A wide range of stakeholders in partner countries have been informed of the EPPIC project through the scoping survey, key interviews which included distribution of the information leaflet, country project advisory group communication, distribution of WP4 and WP5 country reports and executive summaries.
- Partner countries have established links between their organisational websites and the EPPIC website; (e.g. DARC EPPIC Portal <http://drugandalcoholresearchcentre.org/eppic-portal/>)

- Members of COPOLAND and WHO Health in prisons projects have been informed about EPPIC Blog on WEPHREN website: <https://wephren.tghn.org/community/blogs/post/49326/2017/08/preventing-drug-use-young-people-criminal-justice/>
- ISFF established a mailing list to communicate relevant results to a wider national audience.
- Until now, exchange has been largely from EPPIC research to practice. However, events have been taking place during this reporting period where there has been greater exchange of knowledge and information e.g. CRF's annual day where practitioners are invited; UK meeting in September 2018 for exchange between researchers, project advisory group, relevant practitioners and young people representatives. Partners are also aware of professional societies' webpages (e.g. for social workers, CJS practitioners, nurses) and will attempt to link into those.
- All partners contributed to several articles for publication in a Special Issue of the Journal "Drugs and Alcohol Today".
- National Advisory Groups were asked to distribute information on the EPPIC Project
- Planning for participation in national and international conferences in 2019 has been started (see below).

9th EUSPR conference and Member's meeting

24-26 October 2018; Lisbon, Portugal. All partners have submitted abstracts to present as a panel at the conference. Title of the session – Exchanging Prevention practices on Polydrug use among youth In Criminal justice systems (EPPIC): Preliminary findings from the project

1. Does drug legislation contribute to or limit prospects for effective prevention? Jacek Moskalewicz, Katarzyna Dabrowska, Agnieszka Pisarska
2. Therapy in a law enforcement context: A paradoxical choice. Günter Stummvoll, Rahlel Kahlert, Cees Goos
3. Same concept, different practices? Enactments of a 'holistic approach' in two welfare institutions accommodating young adults with offending behavior and drug use experiences in Denmark. Vibeke A. Frank and Maria D. Herold
4. The role of critical moments in young drug-using offenders' careers. Sara Rolando and Franca Beccaria
5. Challenges to providing culturally sensitive drug interventions for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups within the youth justice system in the UK. Helen Gleeson, Betsy Thom, Karen Duke
6. Quality standards for interventions aiming at drug use among young people in touch with criminal justice systems in different European countries: an overview. Niels Graf and Heino Stöver

18. Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology (ESC)

29. Aug.- 1. Sept. 2018, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

The Austrian partner submitted an abstract and presented the EPPIC Project in the panel “European Drug Policies” to an audience of approx. 60 experts.

The conference paper written for this speech has been uploaded to the EPPIC website (section “Outcomes”).

General Assembly Meeting of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research

16.-17. Oct. 2018, United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV), Austria

The Austrian Partner hosted this international conference with social policy experts. Representatives from Ministries in south-eastern European countries were over-represented at this conference.

The Austrian partner in the EPPIC project gave a presentation on “Preventive Approaches in Social Service Provision – the Case of Young Drug Users”. Preliminary results of the EPPIC project were presented under the general conference theme of “Life-course Research”. Developmental and social risk factors for developing drug dependency and criminal careers were discussed.

“Drogenworkshop”: Workshop on Drug Prevention

23. March 2018, GÖG Gesundheit Österreich GmbH - Kompetenzzentrum Sucht” – Competence Centre for Drug Addiction as part of the Austrian Institute for Research, Planning and Coordination of Health Promotion (GÖG). Vienna

The Austrian partner presented the EPPIC project as a kick-off speech at the periodic meeting of a standing expert group in Vienna to discuss drug prevention issues.

UK National Advisory Group Meeting

Friday 21st September 2018

Presentation and update on project progress: Betsy Thom, Karen Duke & Helen Gleeson

Practitioner discussion on ‘what works’ within interventions

UK Ministry of Justice Expert Research Network Meeting, “Strengthening connections between Ministry of Justice and academia”, Wednesday 28 November 2018, Karen Duke discussed the EPPIC project in the Offender Health breakout group.

UK House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee, Tuesday, 18 December 2018, Karen Duke discussed EPPIC and findings in a roundtable discussion to scope the future inquiry into the public health consequences of drugs policy.

Austria: National Advisory Group Meeting

Tuesday 17th July 2018

The meeting was held at the “GÖG - Gesundheit Österreich GmbH - Kompetenzzentrum Sucht” – Competence Centre for Drug Addiction as part of the Austrian Institute for Research, Planning and Coordination of Health Promotion (GÖG).

The Austrian Advisory Group is composed of representatives of the following institutions:

- (Former) Medical doctor in prisons and health advisor to Medecins Sans Frontiere
- Social scientist specialised in the field of epidemiology, drug addiction and prevention at GÖG
- Juvenile judge
- Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice, Department of Correctional Services and Health Care
- Psychiatry and health treatment at in-patient and out-patient institutions

Following topics were discussed:

- Definition of goals in therapy with clients from CJS
- Quality of cooperation between psychiatrists/psychologists and criminal courts
- Principles of acceptance and/or total abstinence for very young people; social stability, nutrition, hygiene
- Guidelines and standards: UNODC „International Standards on Drug Use Prevention“ und „EMCDDA „Health and social responses to drug problems – a European guide“
- Maximum time for ambulant therapy (psychotherapy – 3 years) vs. in-patient therapy (6 months)
- Strong networking amongst juvenile judges on the one side and therapists, social workers and probation services on the other. Involvement of the Ministry in all networks.

1.1.2. Project website

The Austrian partner (European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research) established a project website (<https://www.eppic-project.eu>). This includes sections general information about the project, information about each country and a section for communication between project partners only. The partner institutions actively participate in populating the website by providing relevant international and national information and uploading EPPIC outputs and working documents. Links between the main EPPIC website and country specific websites have been made (e.g. DARC EPPIC Portal <http://drugandalcoholresearchcentre.org/eppic-portal/>)

The front page has been amended by adding photos of the project teams and impressions from our meetings. Also, “latest news and announcements” can be found on the front-page, including

- the most recent “flyer”
- progress presentations from partner meetings
- announcements of upcoming conferences

In the section “Outcomes”, Cross National Reports, Executive Summaries in national languages and National Reports from WP5 were added to the webpage.

Presentation and a conference paper given at the 18. Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology (29. Aug.- 1. Sept. 2018, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina) were added.

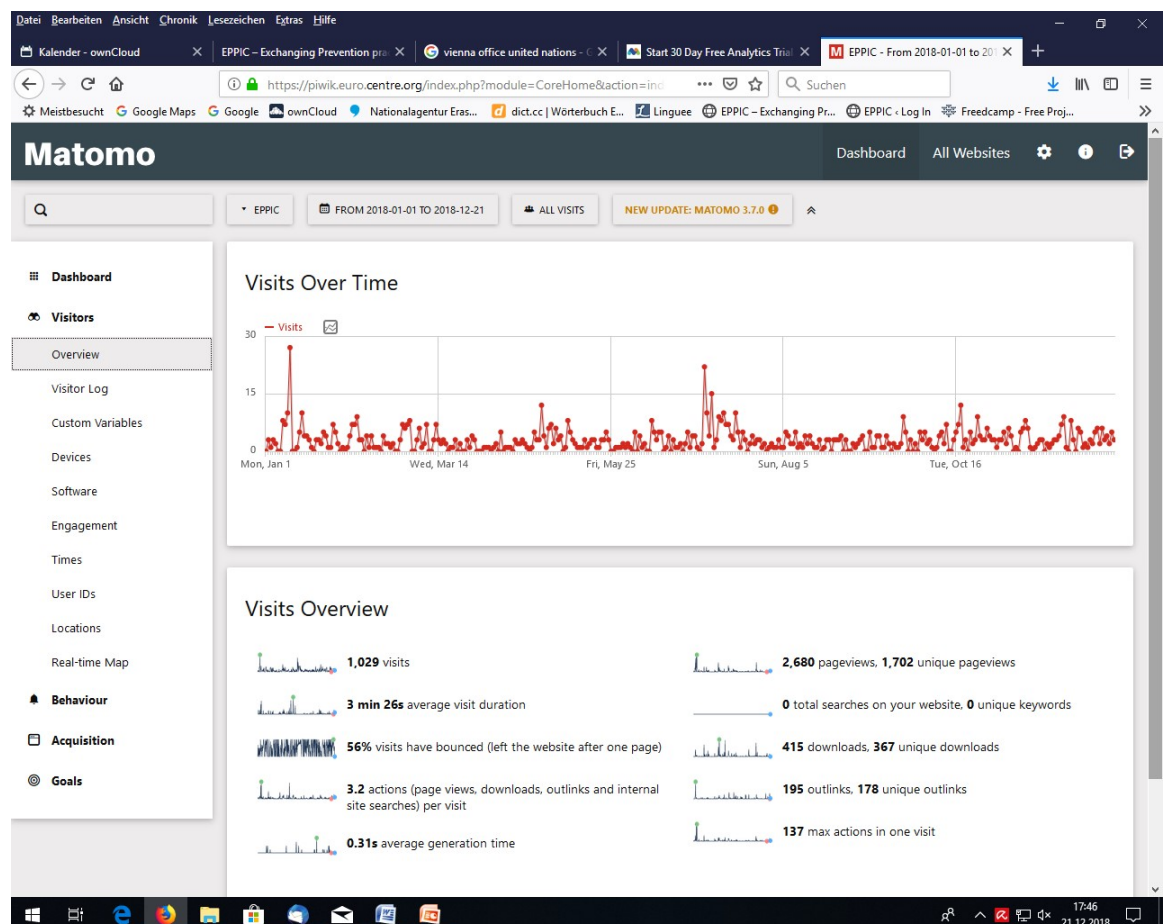
Photos of researchers in partner countries and promotion videos in English and Danish were uploaded on the webpage.

A collection of international quality standards was added in the section “General information”.

Webpage statistics:

The electronic tool in EPPIC used to analyse webpage statistics is the open analytics platform “Matomo” (former “PIWIK”).

Matomo allows viewing visitors in real time, over the last 24 hours or 30 minutes, but more importantly it shows the number of visits over a certain period of time. The screenshot below shows a time period of the last 12 months, from January 1st 2018 until Dec. 21. 2018.



Other webpage-data:

In this period the Webpage www.eppic-project.eu has received 1.029 visits with 1.702 unique page views. There have been 415 downloads and 367 unique downloads.

The distribution of visits over the time of the project (in the last year) is relatively even, with several peaks.

The majority of visits have come from a desktop computer (902 visits), others came from a smartphone (105) and tablets (18).

Out of 1.029 visits, the majority (72%) came from Europe (741), but 27% (275 visits) were made from North America. Not surprisingly, the European visits came from the partner countries, although the USA is leading the ladder (273 visits). There were 34 distinct countries.

369 visits were “returning visits” with 5,1 actions on average per returning visit.

Most visits have occurred during daytime, in the morning and in the afternoon.

Altogether, 2.680 pageviews have been recorded, with a majority (1.274; 47%) referring to the index-page (front page of the project), followed by clicks on the “country information” sections (541; 20%) and 420 clicks (16%) on the project sections.

The index-page has been the major entry-page (719 counts).

In total 415 downloads have been made, with the “project progress presentation January Warsaw” on top of the ladder (28 counts), followed by the “UK report executive summary” in second place (20 counts).

1.1.3. Overview of the dissemination activities

- Please comment on the Strength of the dissemination activities

One of the key strengths of the dissemination activities of EPPIC is that different channels of communication have been set up (i.e. website, Twitter, mailing lists, country specific websites and networks). Leaflets have been produced in the language of partner countries and links between the EPPIC website and websites in different institutions in partner countries are being developed. The link to the EPPIC webpage has been included in all correspondence with practitioners in the partner countries, e.g. when recruiting experts for individual interviews and

National Advisory Boards, and as part of the coordination process with national practitioners to arrange interviews with clients.

EPPIC one minute videos: What is EPPIC doing in the (country name)? Videos have been uploaded from UK and Denmark. The UK video was uploaded on to twitter on 24.4.18 and has had 510 views, 21 re-tweets and 19 likes as at 20.12.18.

Presentations at conferences have raised awareness of the EPPIC project and provided feedback on preliminary findings; further conference presentations and meetings are planned. This aspect of dissemination will continue to increase as results become available. Initial planning for publications is underway and this will also increase over the coming year.

- Please comment on the Weaknesses of the dissemination activities

A practitioner forum as part of the EPPIC website has not been successful so far. A forum has been set up on the Middlesex DARC EPPIC portal but so far has failed to engage practitioners – despite notification and simple instructions about joining sent round the network. Engaging practitioners in any activity beyond the requirements of their (heavy) workloads is problematic. Middlesex University will run a series of stakeholder ‘solution focused’ workshops in early 2019 which will be composed of service staff, young people, and other relevant stakeholders (e.g. commissioners of services) to share findings from WP5 and to collect the views and input of these groups that could help further explore existing themes. These will take place in London, Sheffield and Edinburgh. It is anticipated that the workshops will also be of use in developing quality standards for WP6.

In Austria one of the in-patient institutions contacted for interviews (Schweizer Haus Hadersdorf¹) has recently established a scientific branch in cooperation with Sigmund Freud University in Vienna. EPPIC-researchers were invited to their kick-off event. Connecting with that institution has led to an opportunity to present and discuss findings from the EPPIC project at the forthcoming European Conference on Health Promotion in Prisons (Forum Gesundheitsförderung in Haft) in March 2019 (Bonn), where SHH acts as a co-organiser. This conference is dedicated to extensive exchange with practitioners in the German-speaking countries.

According to the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) information must not be distributed to potential stakeholders without their explicit consent. Therefore, information about the EPPIC project will have to be integrated in newsletters already established at the partner institutes.

¹ <https://shh.at/aktuelles/kompetenzzentrum/>

- (if applicable) Update of the plan for dissemination of results

As noted, dissemination will continue through distribution of reports and executive summaries, presentations at meetings, papers for academic journals and newsletters. New avenues to engage practitioners in knowledge exchange are being discussed and will be an item on the agenda at the Aarhus meeting in January.

The following activities are planned for 2019:

- Short article for the public in the journal STOF (March 2019)
- Meetings with professionals/stakeholders/experts panel in partner countries.
- Presenting results in the Prison Service in Denmark
- Updates in electronic newsletters of partner institutes (e.g. Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research Denmark, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research Vienna)
- Producing promotion videos in Germany, Italy, Poland and Austria to present (preliminary) results to national stakeholders
- Danish partners will present at EMDAS education (European Master in Drug and Alcohol Studies).
- Keep tweeting

EPPIC project partners will enter proposals to the following international conferences in 2019:

Bonn	20. - 22. March 2019	10. Europäischen Konferenz zur Gesundheitsförderung in Haft Heino Stöver Co-coordinator; Günter and Niels lead a session (Arbeitsgruppe)
Ghent	16. - 17. September 2019	European Society of Prevention Research EUSPR Conference
Ghent	18. - 21. September 2019	European Society of Criminology Conference
Lisbon	23.- 25. October 2019	Lisbon Addictions (deadline for abstracts: 31. January!)
	22. October 2019	NGO Meeting of "Health without Barriers"
	???	WHO - Health in Prison Annual Meeting
Aarhus	14. - 16. August 2019	Nordic Youth Research Symposium: Narrowing paths - transgressive routes. Youth in changing times: New forms of inequality, risk and resistance
Prato	???	Contemporary Drug Policy Conference
Vienna	October 2019	General Assembly Meeting of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research

1.1.4. Description of the activities carried out in WP2

ECSWPR. Activities in WP2 – Dissemination – comprise three actions: 1) Webpage; 2) internal communication and exchange; 3) public outreach activities (leaflet and conferences).

Webpage

The EPPIC webpage has been improved constantly. The content has grown and separate sections have been re-arranged after consultations with all project partners.

The start-page is now decorated with photos of team members of all project partners.

There is information of most recent project events such as project meetings. Presentations by project partners are uploaded.

Announcements for upcoming conferences where project partners are planning contributions are presented.

Most recent Tweets are displayed.

A “reply-box” has been provided (but is not used).

In the “project section” general information on outcomes are uploaded in the respective section. This includes executive summaries in national languages, national reports, summaries of international standards, and conference posters.

Information is uploaded regularly in the country sections of the project partners.

Two minute videos created by project partners are available addressing the question ‘What is EPPIC doing in your country?’

Internal communication

Internal communication has been supported and improved by the installation of the software-programme Freedcamp. This provides all project partners with an exchange-tool

- to contribute to discussions (e.g. on specific terms like prevention, vulnerability, enforcement context etc.)
- to display milestones
- to keep up to date with a calendar
- to share files for internal use (e.g. guidelines for conducting interviews, templates, draft agendas and minutes etc.)

Public outreach activities:

- Leaflet: A promotion folder has been produced (in English language) to be distributed both in print and in electronic version ☑
- European conferences and national events – as listed in section 1.3.

The following milestones were completed:

MS2: Dissemination strategy completed and revised

MS4: Evaluation and protocol and measures

MS5: Dissemination strategy measures

MS11: Interim impact monitoring report

The following deliverables have been achieved:

D2: Project leaflet completed and revised

D3: Website and Twitter account developed