



HOPS
HEALTHY OPTIONS PROJECT SKOPJE

INVITATION

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DRUG REGULATION MODELS

18-19.11.2020, online platform ZOOM

Healthy Project Options Skopje (HOPS) and Coalition Margins are **organizing International Conference on Drug Regulation Models. The Conference will be organized on 18th and 19th November 2020, online, in form of panel discussions and expert presentations.**

The conference is going to present the new Comparative analysis of the drug regulation models in Netherlands and Portugal.

The Conference will have **foreign experts presentations** such us: João Castel-Branco Goulão, General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (SICAD), Director, Portugal; Tomas Zabransky, M.D., Ph.D., University professor, Czech Republic; Hans Abma, senior policy adviser, International Criminal Cooperation, Ministry of Justice, Netherlands; Thomas Zosel, Chief Inspector of Crime, Drug and Traffic prevention (E4), Police Headquarters Frankfurt am Main.

Additionally, the Conference **will engage domestic representatives** from different institutions (police, judiciary, CSO's, ministries, politicians, health institutions, community members) in discussion what can we do next in North Macedonia in the area concerned and give the topic an importance in the country.

The first day is planned the conference to be focused on the health and social benefits of the decriminalization, and the second day will be put an accent on the law enforcement practices.

The Conference will provide translation from/to English and Macedonian language.

In order to join the Conference, you have to register on the following [link](#) (so we will be able to send you a ZOOM link on your e-mail account).

Deadline for registration to the Conference is 16.11.2020, 17.00 o'clock.

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AGENDA

18.11.2020 First conference day

11.30 – 12.00 Opening speeches

Venko Filipce, Minister of Health, Government of the Republic of North Macedonia (TBC)

Jagoda Shahpaska, Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Government of the Republic of North Macedonia

Fani Karanfilova Panovska, Executive Director, Open Society Foundation – North Macedonia

Natasa Boskova, lawyer and legal adviser, Coalition Margins, Skopje

Panel discussion: Which are the health & social benefits from the drugs decriminalization models?

12.00 – 12.30 Vlatko Dekov, Drug policy expert, HOPS – Healthy Options Project Skopje

Decriminalization of drugs as a basis for human and effective drug policy. Analysis of the Portuguese and Dutch models for decriminalization,

12.30 – 12.50 João Castel-Branco Goulão, General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies, (SICAD), Director, Portugal

12.50 – 13.10 Dr. Darko Kostovski, psychiatrist, City Hospital 8 September, Skopje

13.10 – 13.30 Tomas Zabransky, M.D., Ph.D., University professor, Czech Republic

13.30 -14.00 Questions and Discussion

19.11.2020 Second conference day

11.30 – 12.00 Opening speeches

Bojan Maricik, Minister for Justice, Government of the Republic of North Macedonia

Daniel Wolf, International Harm Reduction Development (IHRD) at the Public Health Program, Director, Open Society Foundation – New York

Hajdi Shterjova Simonovik, Executive Director, HOPS – Healthy Options Project Skopje



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Panel discussion: Decriminalization – the role of criminal justice system

12.00 – 12.20 **Hans Abma**, senior policy adviser, International Criminal Cooperation, Ministry of Justice, Netherlands

12.20 – 12.40 **Thomas Zosel**, Chief Inspector of Crime, Drug and Traffic prevention (E4), Police Headquarters Frankfurt am Main

12.40 – 13.00 **Natasha Saramandova**, Public Prosecutor, Primary Public Prosecutor office of the Republic of North Macedonia

13.00 – 13.20 **Sasho Tasevski**, Bureau for public security, Director, North Macedonia (TBC)

13.20 – 13.40 **Zharir Simrin**, community representative, North Macedonia

13.40 – 14.00 Questions and Discussion

13.30 – 13.45 Conclusions, recommendation and closing of the conference