

## Support. Don't Punish Country activities 2021

**Support. Don't Punish** is a global grassroots-centred initiative in support of harm reduction and drug policies that prioritise public health and human rights. The campaign seeks to put harm reduction on the political agenda by strengthening the mobilisation capacity of affected communities and their allies, opening dialogue with policy makers, and raising awareness among the media and the public.

The Support. Don't Punish campaign aligns with the following key messages:

- The drug control system is broken and in need of reform
- People who use drugs should no longer be criminalised
- People involved in the drug trade at low levels, especially those involved for reasons of subsistence or coercion, should not face harsh or disproportionate punishments
- The death penalty should never be imposed for drug offences
- Drug policy should focus on health, well-being and harm reduction
- Drug policy budgets need rebalancing to ensure health and harm reduction-based responses are adequately financed.

Information about the global campaign is available from the website <http://supportdontpunish.org>.

The Drug Policy Network South East Europe coordinates activities of the campaign in South East Europe around the Global Day of Action 26 June - which is also the United Nations' International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

In 2021, we shall participate in activities of the **#DrugDecrim month** to contribute to fighting stigmatisation and criminalisation of people that use drugs.

<p><b>SEE Campaign 2021</b></p>  <p>www.supportdontpunish.org</p>	Countries	8
	Organizations	12
	Cities	14 +
	Street activities	5 +
	Cultural events	8 +
	Advocacy activities	17 +
	Educational events	20 +
	Different activities	50 +
	WEB pages	9+
	Social network accounts	25 +
	Volunteers	100 +
	Live public	1000 +
	On-line public	10.000 +

## Regional

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic which is still hitting the region and the world, DPNSSEE will not organise the traditional kick-off event in 2021.

The DPNSSEE Board decided to issue a public appeal on harm reduction crisis, following a very critical situation in which are harm reduction services in several countries of South East Europe.

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### Campaign links

Facebook page for the campaign	Twitter account for the campaign
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/drugpolicynetwork">https://www.facebook.com/drugpolicynetwork</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/dpn_see">https://twitter.com/dpn_see</a>
Webpage for the campaign	Other social media
<a href="http://dpnsee.org/project/support-dont-punish/">http://dpnsee.org/project/support-dont-punish/</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/dpnsee/">https://www.instagram.com/dpnsee/</a>

## Country events

### Albania

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Place: Tirana and other cities

### Activities

- Awareness, education and outreach, capacity building of young people (including those who already use drugs) on Drug use/HIV/STI protection, human rights among young people in different cities.
- Meetings with stakeholders and other partner NGOs policymakers, government officials, media journalists, local and regional authorities, especially Institute of Public Health (IPH): to promote reproductive rights and empowerment of the most vulnerable groups.
- Increasing the access of MMT beneficiaries, sex workers, PWUD etc., towards medical, social, psychological and legal services in addressing the recommendations to responsible institutions.
- Focus groups with beneficiaries in the MMT centres of Aksion Plus in Tirana and other districts.
- Dissemination of informative materials (IEC) about STIs/ advocacy materials, T-shirts and caps, informing corners, and talks with IDU and outreach workers.
- Global Awareness Campaign 'Support, Don't Punish' on June 26th. This year it aims to launch a online campaign that will include the Faculty of Social Sciences of Tirana, Barleti University, European University of Tirana and volunteers with which Aksion Plus has a several-year collaboration. It is also intended that representatives from the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, representatives from municipality of Tirana, representatives from Institute of Public Health, representatives from Toxicology Dept. and other representatives of state institutions will also be invited.

### Campaign links

Facebook page for the campaign	Twitter account for the campaign
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/aksionplus">https://www.facebook.com/aksionplus</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/AksionNgo/">https://twitter.com/AksionNgo/</a>
Webpage for the campaign	Other social media
<a href="http://www.aksionplus.net">www.aksionplus.net</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/aksionplus/">https://www.instagram.com/aksionplus/</a>

## Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Place: Tuzla canton

### Activities

- Dissemination of informative brochures (What to do when someone overdoses?, etc.) in several locations in the city on three occasions: 12th, 19th, and 26th of June as International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, while actively spreading key messages of the campaign. Passers-by will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the organization's work and campaign goals, and also to take pictures with campaign Logo in order to support those who need it the most. Around 30 of our volunteers will be included in the process, among which are also participants of the „No Risk, No Borders for young people“ project.
- Three screenings of the movie „Heroin“ at the University of Tuzla, including Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation, Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Philosophy/Department of Pedagogy-Psychology. After the screening of the film, students will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the work of the organization, and to hear the key messages and goals of the campaign.
- Two meetings with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs - The main topic of the meeting will be the launch of the initiative to open the Institute for Addiction Diseases in Tuzla Canton. In accordance with the Law on Health Care of the FBiH, it is indisputable that the Institute for Addiction Diseases is at the Cantonal level and its founder is the highest legislative body of the canton, in this case the Assembly of Tuzla Canton. This Law and its provisions have been violated to the detriment of the citizens of Tuzla Canton since its enactment in 2010.
- Round table on topic "Access to health and social protection of people who use drugs". All relevant actors and institutions will be invited to the meeting, including: decision makers, the President of the Assembly of Tuzla Canton, Ministers of Health, Labour and Social Policy, Justice, Home Affairs, Psychiatric Clinic UKC Tuzla, Health centre, Health Insurance Fund Tuzla Canton. Various topics relevant to people who use drugs will be raised, including the unavailability of methadone therapy in Tuzla Canton, reduction of the stigma and discrimination that is present, violations of human rights and problems in the public health system of Bosnia and Herzegovina, while maintaining the basic settings of the Global „Support. Don't Punish" campaign and its goals.

### Campaign links

Facebook page for the campaign	Instagram account for the campaign
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/association.margina">https://www.facebook.com/association.margina</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/asocijacija.margina/">https://www.instagram.com/asocijacija.margina/</a>
Webpage for the campaign	Other social media
<a href="https://margina.ba/">https://margina.ba/</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/AsocijacijaM">https://twitter.com/AsocijacijaM</a>

## Country: Croatia

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Place: Rijeka

### Activities

- Interactive online quiz for students in Rijeka and for members of the younger population who are our user or who follow our work (primarily the work of Tripsitters).

- Workshop with Drop-in centre visitors, related to the war on drugs (discussions, art workshops).
- Posting on social media networks, with the aim of introducing the wider population to the importance and meaning of Support. Don't Punish day.

#### Campaign links

<b>Facebook page for the campaign</b>	<b>Instagram account for the campaign</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/udrugaterra">https://www.facebook.com/udrugaterra</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/udrugaterra/">https://www.instagram.com/udrugaterra/</a>
<b>Webpage for the campaign</b>	<b>Other social media</b>
<a href="https://www.udrugaterra.hr/">https://www.udrugaterra.hr/</a>	

#### **Country: Kosovo\***

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Place: Prishtina, Prizren and Gjilan

#### **Activities**

- Focus groups with PWID, beneficiaries of services provided by the center of Labyrinth in Prishtina, Prizren and Gjilan.
- Meetings with stakeholders and other partner NGOs policymakers, to promote human rights of drug users and empowerment of the most vulnerable groups.
- Field visits with outreach teams to raise awareness among drug users about drug decriminalization.
- Involvement of society in debates through posts on social networks and web page of the organization

#### Campaign links

<b>Facebook page for the campaign</b>	<b>Webpage for the campaign</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/QendraLabyrinth">https://www.facebook.com/QendraLabyrinth</a>	<a href="http://www.labirinti-ks.org">www.labirinti-ks.org</a>
<b>Twitter account for the campaign</b>	<b>Other social media</b>
<a href="https://twitter.com/NGOLabyrinth">https://twitter.com/NGOLabyrinth</a>	

#### **Country: Montenegro**

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Place: Podgorica, Bar

#### **Activities**

NGO LINK will implement campaign activities in partnership with NGO Juventas.

- The main activity of the campaign will be a short video that will contain messages of support for the campaign and in general to people who use drugs in Montenegro, and which will be spoken by activists working in civil society organizations and people who visit available services in Montenegro. The main goal of this video is to send messages of support, but to further inform the general public about the needs of people who have been discriminated against in multiple ways. A professional cameraman will be hired to record the video and edit the video.

- Another activity of the campaign is the production of protective face masks made of cotton, with the SDP logo. The masks would be distributed to service visitors (Clients of Drop in centre for people who use/inject drugs) within our two organizations. In relation to the budget, at least 50 masks will be made.
- The last activity of the campaign will be the development of a brochure for the promotion of all services provided by civil society organizations (NGOs LINK and NGOs Juventas), so that people who use drugs in Montenegro have all the information on available services and services provided, covered in one place.
- Given the epidemic that is still ongoing, this year we will not be able to organize live events, but we will focus more on promoting the campaign and its products on social networks ( Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), as well as guest appearances on television, to put significance on this important date.

#### Campaign links

<b>Facebook page for the campaign</b>	<b>Webpage for the campaign</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/bolestizavisnosti.me">https://www.facebook.com/bolestizavisnosti.me</a>	<a href="http://juventas.me/">http://juventas.me/</a>
<b>Twitter account for the campaign</b>	<b>Instagram page for the campaign</b>
<a href="https://twitter.com/NVOJuventas">https://twitter.com/NVOJuventas</a>	<a href="http://www.instagram.com/bolesti_zavisnosti.me/">www.instagram.com/bolesti_zavisnosti.me/</a>

#### **Country: North Macedonia**

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HOPS - Healthy Options Project Skopje	Irena Jovanovska Bogdan Kolev	Irenna.milla@gmail.com bogdan_kolev@yahoo.com

Place: Skopje

#### **Activities**

- Poetry competition, where people will show their activism through words and then they will be awarded and presented publicly
- Sponsored online event
- Podcast
- Visual campaign with messages from people who use drugs to the Ministry of Health
- Appearance on a national television

#### Campaign links

<b>Facebook page for the campaign</b>	<b>Twitter account for the campaign</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/hops.org">https://www.facebook.com/hops.org</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/HOPS_mk">https://twitter.com/HOPS_mk</a>
<b>Webpage for the campaign</b>	<b>Other social media</b>
<a href="http://www.hops.org.mk">www.hops.org.mk</a>	<a href="http://www.instagram.com/hops_mk">www.instagram.com/hops_mk</a>

#### **Country: Romania**

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Place: Bucharest

## Activities

- Press release, June 4th
- The entire month of June is declared SUPPORT, DON'T PUNISH month
- Letters with the present situation of harm reduction services/funding sent to local authorities (Bucharest Cityhall + Directorate for Social Assistance; cityhalls of the six sectors of Bucharest + respective Directorates for Social Assistance); the letters include best practice examples already implemented in Bucharest (projects in partnership ARAS - Bucharest Cityhall; subcontracting of ARAS by Sector 1 Cityhall; partnership agreement signed by ARAS with Sector 3 Cityhall)
- Letters with present situation sent to Central Authorities responsible for health, justice and social assistance: Ministry of Health, National Anti-Drug Agency, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity; mentioning the funding from the GFATM, the responsibilities the Romanian MofH assumed when signing the funding agreement, the international/European documents Romania has signed in the field of health/human rights/justice
- Interviews with different media
- Social media posts
- Press release on June 25th, together with COALITION PLUS, with a common message for all COALITION PLUS members

## Campaign links

<b>Facebook page for the campaign</b>	<b>Twitter account for the campaign</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ARASRomania">https://www.facebook.com/ARASRomania</a>	-
<b>Webpage for the campaign</b>	<b>Other social media</b>
<a href="http://www.arasnet.ro">www.arasnet.ro</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/aras_romania/">https://www.instagram.com/aras_romania/</a>

## Country: Serbia

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Place: Belgrade

## Activities

- Planning to organize an event focused on addressing the media's attention to drugs, drug use and PWUD. The event will foster
  - 1) Open discussion with Respective Media representatives, inviting to participate as speakers. Invitations including BBC, Al Jazeera, VICE, young journalists, community members -
  - 2) SDP party, as previous experiences showing the success in community engagement that way, fostering bigger outreach and impact
  - 3) Online campaign through social media and websites promoting Support Don't Punish values and aims
- We've all been witnesses of derogatory, discriminatory and dehumanizing ways in which media has been reporting about drug use and PWUD, further deepening the levels of stigma and discrimination towards PWUD, spreading fear and desinformation, making harm reduction even more challenging and debatable in the public eye. Since COVID19 drug use is on the rise, with restrictions and lockdowns, people are turning to house parties, making them almost impossible to reach. Media has the high reach, more often being the than not are the first source of information, which can be very dangerous. With this event, we will try to address the issues of current ways of media reporting, and how media and drug policy/harm reduction and other organizations can and should work together towards safer community, minimizing stigma and discrimination, focusing on public health and human rights

## Campaign links

<b>Facebook page for the campaign</b>	<b>Twitter account for the campaign</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/NVOReGeneration">www.facebook.com/NVOReGeneration</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/ReGeneracija">https://twitter.com/ReGeneracija</a>
<b>Webpage for the campaign</b>	<b>Other social media</b>
<a href="http://www.regeneracija.org">www.regeneracija.org</a>	<a href="http://www.instagram.com/ngo_regeneration/">www.instagram.com/ngo_regeneration/</a>

<b>Coordinating organisation</b>	<b>Contact person</b>	<b>Contact e-mail</b>
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Place: Novi Sad, Belgrade

## **Activities**

- Online campaign on social networks and public actions in two cities: Novi Sad and Belgrade with following activities - distribution of protective masks with SDP logo, photo boot, distribution of educative material (SDP flyers), photo shooting with boards with supportive messages. According to COVID situation it will be organized within all protective measures that are actual in the moment. Online campaign includes publishing info graphics and supportive messages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and making profile photo frame for Facebook.

## Campaign links

<b>Facebook page for the campaign</b>	<b>Instagram account for the campaign</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/preventns/">https://www.facebook.com/preventns/</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/udruzenje_prevent/">https://www.instagram.com/udruzenje_prevent/</a>
<b>Webpage for the campaign</b>	<b>Other social media</b>
<a href="http://prevent.org.rs/">http://prevent.org.rs/</a>	<a href="https://twitter.com/PreventNS">https://twitter.com/PreventNS</a>