

Support. Don't Punish Country activities 2022

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 2022, we shall participate in activities of the **#DrugDecrim month** to contribute to fighting stigmatisation and criminalisation of people that use drugs.

Campaign 2022 elements	No.
Countries	9
Cities	21
Organizations	12
Partners (OCDs, universities, festivals...)	40+
Volunteers	100+
Focus groups	9
Public street events	10
Educational events	8
Cultural events	4
Sport activities	1
Advocacy campaigns	3
Social networks accounts	30
Web pages	10



Regional

Organisation	Country
Drug Policy Network South East Europe, Belgrade	SEE, Serbia
Contact person	Contact details
Milutin Milošević, Nenad Maletin	office@dpnsee.org

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page	Twitter account
www.facebook.com/drugpolicynetwork	www.twitter.com/dpn_see
Webpage	Instagram
www.dpnsee.org	www.instagram.com/dpnsee

Country events

Albania

Organisation	Country
Aksion plus	Albania
Contact person	Contact details
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Activities

- 9 Focus Groups in 9 different cities (9 MMT centers)
- Online campaign with true stories of people who use drugs (5 different stories) 21-25 June (one story per each day)
- On 26th of June two main activities:
 - An event in 'Barleti University' with students, volunteers, professors, representatives from Toxicology Dept. in Tirana, representatives from the Social Services of the Municipality of Tirana, representatives from Institute of Public Health.. The event will be recorded and broadcasted live on Facebook
 - Support. Don't Punish, awareness campaign in the National Park of Tirana Artificial Lake. Dissemination of informative materials (IEC). These materials aim is to identify STIs symptoms, risky behaviors, ways of protecting and also the referral system with other stakeholders and other NGOs

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page	Twitter account
www.facebook.com/Aksionplus	www.twitter.com/Aksionplus
Webpage	Instagram
www.aksionplus.net	www.instagram.com/Aksionplus

Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organisation	Country
Association Margina, Tuzla	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Contact person	Contact details
Berina Bahić	berinabahic@gmail.com

Activities

- Disseminating messages and leaflets around the town with volunteers
- Movie screenings, public debates and presentations at 3 faculties of University of Tuzla
- Meetings and testing of clients - 3 informative meetings with clients

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page	Twitter account
www.facebook.com/association.margina	
Webpage for the campaign	Instagram
www.margina.ba	www.instagram.com/asocijacija.margina

Bulgaria

Organisation	Country
Center for Humane Policy, Sofia	Bulgaria
Contact person	Contact details
Yuliya Georgieva	office@centerforhumanepolicy.org , +359 898 555 696

Activities

- Preparation of declaration of support the PWUD and Harm Reduction in Bulgaria
- Dissemination and collecting support of the declaration from the authorities and foreign embassies
- Preparation of press release for the International day against drugs including the feedback of the authorities and embassies
- Printing promotional materials
- Popularisation "Support! Don't punish!" campaign through the web site and social media
- Popularisation "Support! Don't punish!" campaign, the situation with Harm Reduction and PWUD in Bulgaria through the traditional media

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page	Twitter account
www.facebook.com/thepinkhousesofia www.facebook.com/Center-for-humane-policy	
Webpage for the campaign	Other social media
www.centerforhumanepolicy.org	

Country: Croatia

Organisation	Country
Terra, Rijeka	Croatia
Contact person	Contact details
Ilijana Grgić	lijana_grgic36@hotmail.com ; +385 091 586 3766

Activities

- Posts on social media networks, with the aim of sensitization of the public on problems of people who use drugs
- Sport afternoon, with organized sports tournaments in tennis, table tennis, badminton, football and darts. Distribution of informational materials (on the prevention of STDs, harm reduction and the Support.Don't Punish campaign)
- Educative quiz with prizes
- Party with DJ, informal education of visitors

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page	Twitter account
www.facebook.com/udrugaterra www.facebook.com/tripsitters.rijeka	
Webpage for the campaign	Instagram
www.udrugaterra.hr	www.instagram.com/udrugaterra www.instagram.com/tripsitters_rijeka

Country: Kosovo*

Organisation	Country
NGO Labyrinth	Kosovo
Contact person	Contact details
Safet Blakaj	labirinti@gmail.com , 038 230 104/ +383 44 131 409

Activities

- Field visits with outreach teams to raise awareness among drug users about drug decriminalization
- Outreach/Harm reduction work in „UNUM“ festival, from 1-6 June. Distribution of information and awareness brochure with information on the risks of drug mixing and the risk of overdose
- SdP camping post on Labyrinth social pages and website

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page	Twitter account
www.facebook.com/QendraLabyrinth	
Webpage	Other social media
www.labirinti-ks.org	

Country: Montenegro

Organisation	Country
Montenegrin Harm Reduction Network Link NGO Juventas	Montenegro
Contact person	Contact details
Ranko Dacić, executive director	dacicranko@gmail.com , +382 67 645 328

Activities

- Creating public spaces in 3 regional centers in Montenegro (Podgorica, Bijelo Polje, Kotor) to deliver the main message of the campaign focusing on the need to change drug use related legislation, creating informational and educational materials to accompany the campaign but also different media promotional activities (traditional/electronic/social media articles and additional content)

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page for the campaign	Instagram page
LINK – Crnogorska mreža za smanjenje štete Nvo Juventas	www.instagram.com/nvo_link www.instagram.com/nvo.juventas
Webpage for the campaign	YouTube:
	NVO Link

Country: North Macedonia

Organisation	Country
Healthy Options Project- Skopje	North Macedonia
Contact person	Contact details
Irena Jovanovska	irena.milla@gmail.com

Activities

- Express the accumulated dissatisfaction with the attitude of the Government towards health in general. In addition, we want to make it clear and loud that it is essential that all other prevention and treatment programs for citizens be properly budgeted and promoted.
- Podcast on the topic of what means the cut of funds from the programs of Ministry of Health, with three speakers and one presenter. The podcast to go live on our site on June 27th (Monday) and to send a press release to the media as well. Additionally, to have a media campaign from Friday to Monday (June 24-27) with statistics and similar infographics to raise awareness and mark the day. (we will specify the content further)

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page for the campaign	Twitter account for the campaign
www.facebook.com/hops.org	Hops_mk
Webpage for the campaign	Other social media
www.hops.org.mk	www.instagram.com/hops_mk

Country: Romania

Organisation	Country
ARAS - Romanian Association against AIDS	Romania
Contact person	Contact details
Nicoleta Dascalu	nicoleta.dascalu@arasnet.ro

Activities

- Letters from the intravenous drug users to the Minister of Health, requesting harm reduction services and support for the NGOs working in the field (estimated number of letters = 300)
- The letters are officially registered at the Ministry of Health
- Twice a week - posts on ARAS Facebook page about the letters/ press release/ the campaign etc
- Press release on June 6th about the campaign
- Promotion of the campaign and of the activities in different meetings - STOP TB Coalition, advocacy group of the CCM, etc
- Meeting with the Minister of Health/ Secretary of State - June 7th

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page	Twitter account
www.facebook.com/ARASRomania	
Webpage for the campaign	Other social media

Country: Serbia

Organisation	Country
Association Prevent	Serbia
Contact person	Contact details
Nebojsa Djurasovic	+381606889090, udruzenjeprevent@gmail.com

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.
- In order to do all the activities we will rent a photo boot, purchase and printing of protective masks, printing other educational material, hiring a graphic designer...

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page	Twitter account
www.facebook.com/preventns	www.twitter.com/preventns
Webpage	Instagram
www.prevent.co.rs	www.instagram.com/udruzenje_prevent

Organisation	Country
ReGeneration, Belgrade	Serbia
Contact person	Contact details
Irena Molnar, Stefan Pejić	Ngo.re.generation@gmail.com , stefan@regeneration.org

Activities

- Social media
- Panel discussion on gender and safety with harm reduction professionals, DJs, feminists and nightlife professionals
- Video screening
- Party with the community after the discussion

Internet accounts for the campaign

Facebook page	Twitter account
www.facebook.com/NVOReGeneration	www.twitter.com/ReGeneracija
Webpage	Instagram
www.regeneracija.org	www.instagram.com/ngo_regeneration