



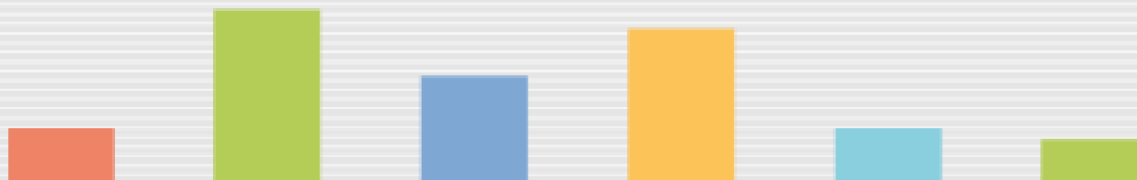
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EPPIC Exchanging Prevention practices on Polydrug use among youth in Criminal justice systems

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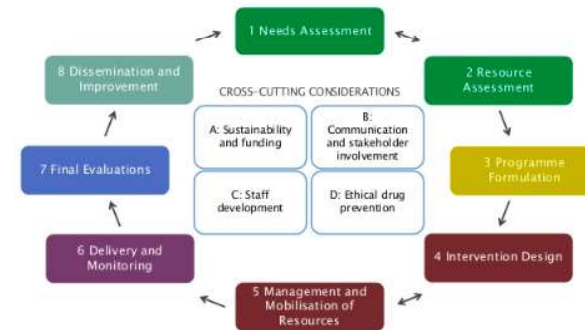
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Quality standards in EU

- EDPQS
- EQUIS
- COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS 2015

European drug prevention quality standards
EDPQS present a drug prevention project cycle as their core structure



Use of Quality standards in EU

Quality Standards are becoming common in EU countries A recent EMCDDA survey found that at least 80 % of the reporting countries published some type of guidelines to support the implementation of demand reduction practices, and 60 % report the use of quality standards.



Strength of Quality Standards in EU



The EPPIC standards characteristic

Very specific target;

Difficult environment;

Address professionals;



The EPPIC standards **challenges** and **opportunities**

2. **Governing structures and processes** are in place to ensure delivery of high quality interventions.
4. Young people's multiple **vulnerabilities and complex needs are at the center of interventions** and are effectively addressed.
5. An appropriate **bundle of intervention** options is provided.
6. **Continuity of care** within and between services and community interventions is ensured.



The EPPIC standards **challenges** and **opportunities**

1. Interventions targeting drug use among young people in contact with CJS are **evidence**-informed and assessed for effectiveness.
3. **Screening** and assessment for drug use among young people in contact with CJS is undertaken **as part of a comprehensive assessment**



The EPPIC standards **challenges** and **opportunities**

7. Young people's participation in designing and implementing an intervention is promoted and ensured as far as possible at every stage of intervention.

8. Equity and non-discrimination are ensured within interventions targeting drug use among young people in contact with CJS.



The EPPIC standards **challenges** and **opportunities**

9. **Practitioners demonstrate** professional competence.

10. Practitioners respect ethical principles and professional **codes of practice**.



The EPPIC standards suggestions

Provide training (experience based training);

Stress the importance of applying all the 10 standards (for example S3 isolated is risky);

Collect experiences of implementation;

Evaluate (by setting measurable context specific objectives and measure their achievement);

Hear young people's opinion



What can the EMCDDA do?

Support dissemination through the BPP;

Host in our website;

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