



Strategic Plan for ENPUD 2015 – 2018

WHO WE ARE?

Initiated in February of 2010, today Eurasian Network of People who Use Drugs (ENPUD) has grown into a network with more than 200 members from 12 countries. Our main aim is to represent people who use drugs by community mobilization and provision of a platform for to communicate with and support each other.

ENPUD occupies a unique niche because it is a truly community-led organization. Its membership and leadership are comprised of people who use drugs. They are representing and empowering themselves to have meaningful impact on policies and practices that impact their own lives.

OUR VISION

We strive for life in which our rights and integrity are respected, drug use is a personal choice and is not criminalized and drug policy aims to improve life and guarantee freedom and health.

OUR MISSION

We have come together to help each other and become a recognized voice to defend our rights and counter stigma and criminalization in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

OUR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

- People who use drugs are free people with human rights who deserve recognition and respect.
- People should not be punished for using drugs.
- Our key right is access to treatment of drug dependence which is voluntary, evidence based, meets individual needs and personal preferences without limitations to our other rights.
- Nothing about us without us. We, people who use drugs have unique knowledge, skills and strength to support the planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of policies related to drugs.

Our overall goal: to contribute to recognition and defense of the human rights of people who use drugs.

OUR PRIORITY WORK DIRECTIONS:

- 1. To reduce internal stigma and external stigma of people who use drugs** by public statements and in major regional initiatives. To counter self-stigma we will develop a campaign to identify and draw attention to people who make a positive contribution to realization of their own rights. For reduction of external stigma we plan to react to statements by officials which are un-scientific or inhumane and respond to statements that are positive and reducing of stigma. We plan to have ENPUD known as an expert on matters which touch the lives of people who use drugs.
- 2. To mobilize partners and resources to improve access to quality HIV and opioid substitution therapy (OST) services and programming.** ENPUD will participate in major regional programs addressing needs of people who use drugs and it will actively seek technical support from its partners to achieve its strategic objectives.
- 3. To increase the capacity of activists to realize their rights including by defending against rights violations and restoring rights at national and regional levels** by increasing knowledge about realization rights among people who use drugs. The network will document violations of rights and cases of successful realization of rights and help people access available assistance when they experience a rights violation. ENPUD will develop partnership with the Regional HIV Legal Network, which includes lawyers from various countries and indicated interest in working more on issues around vulnerable populations.
- 4. To improve the capacity of ENPUD to mobilize people who use drugs.** We plan more wide involvement of people who use drugs in decision-making, to establish thematic working groups to mobilize people with specific interests as well as pay special attention to the development of ENPUD advocacy, fundraising and PR strategies.

HOW WE PLAN TO WORK

In the framework of the new strategy ENPUD will develop a “horizontal” network, enabling initiation of projects by membership rather than being driven top down by an elaborate secretariat. The horizontal model enables people to get involved based on interest. ENPUD doesn’t need to strive to be like or compete with other regional networks, it can be thought of as a “club” for people with similar interests and values and rejects a model that requires a strong secretariat and large amounts of money.

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