

# EuroHRN

## DCR Overview

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Basel

# History

- > **HIV/AIDS epidemic begin '80**
- > harm reduction
- > experiments in NL, GER, SW end of 1980
- > 1988 SW 1992 GER 1998 NL
- > begin 2000 CAN AUS NOR LUX SP
- > 2012 DEN 2013 GR
- > others to come: FR ROE ? ...

## Legal Context

> national legislation > pilot projects

> international legislation

- United Nations

- \* International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)

- \* United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

- European Drug Strategy

# Country Report – AUSTRALIA

- > one room in Sydney since 2001
- > 3 stages:
  - waiting room
  - user room
  - after care
- > 11 evaluation reports



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# Country Report – Canada

- > one room in Vancouver since 2003
- > 1,8 mio visitors, 850 av. a day
- > connected with detox and recovery
- > 30 peer reviewed studies



# Country Reports

Germany > 26 rooms in 17 cities since 2003

Luxembourg > 1 room since 2005

Norway >1 room in Oslo since 2005

Spain > 7 rooms since 2000

Switzerland > 13 rooms, 1<sup>st</sup> in 1986



# Nederland

- > 30 rooms in 25 cities, av. 24 clients pd
- > 90 % non injecting
  - > cooperation with police
- > 5 'stand alone' rooms
- > high acceptance neighborhood
- > poor research











# evidence

- no randomised controlled trials
- most extended data in A en C
- EMCDDA review
- local en national data

# evidence, but...

→ EMCDDA conclusions:

Evidence base has been strengthened,  
but

- \* methodological challenges
- \* user rooms only can be effective if
  - they are integrated with services
  - consensus and active cooperation is given
  - it is regarded as a very special service for a very special group of clients

# discussion

- evidence vs political and ideological priorities
- public nuisance and health protection
- cost effectiveness in times of crisis
- participation and user involvement

## DCR survey:

- client survey 'impact on health and well being' in Amsterdam, N=112 visitors
- manager survey on the organisation and structure N= 88 response rate 70%
- report with the comparison of concepts and structures

Results to be presented at the EuroHRN network meeting 2-3 October 2014 in Amsterdam





> questionnaires and templates available

What' s next?

Today 18.00 Drug Consumption Room Network Meeting

22-23.10.2014 Network meeting in Amsterdam



# European Harm Reduction Network

Promoting harm reduction approaches within Europe

Thank you

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