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## **SDG 3.5** **Good Health and Wellbeing**

“Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse,  
including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol”

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## Illicit drugs' impact

- UNODC: 29 million people drug abuse disorders  
14% HIV – every year some 300,000 deaths
- In the EU alone: 8,000 to 9,000 deaths every year
- EU estimated value of illicit drugs market: € 25 billion
- Rapid changes: NPS in 2018: 55; now 730 – Oxycodone in US, swapping over



# Impact of our most popular drug: alcohol

WHO: 5% global burden of disease

- 12% of all cancers
- cardio vascular diseases
- accidents
- Dependence, e.g. in AUT some 350,000 alcoholics



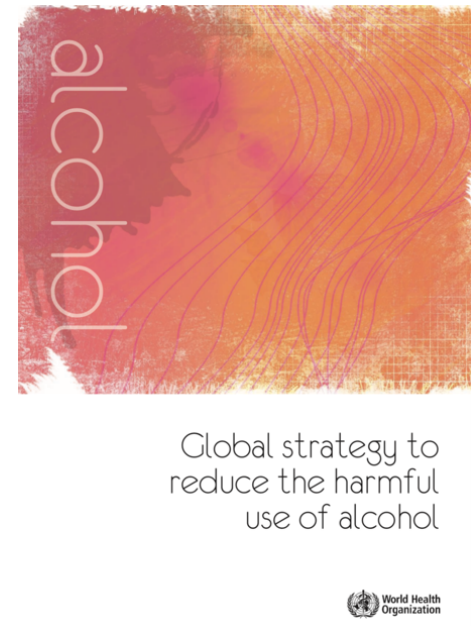
# What these statistics don't show

- Disturbance of public order and safety
- Misery in countless families
- Disruption of the social fabric
- Costs to public budget
- Resource utilisation in health and social welfare + law enforcement etc.



## Nothing we can do?

- A growing body of scientific evidence over effective strategies and measures
- Requiring proactive involvement of relevant sectors, including social welfare

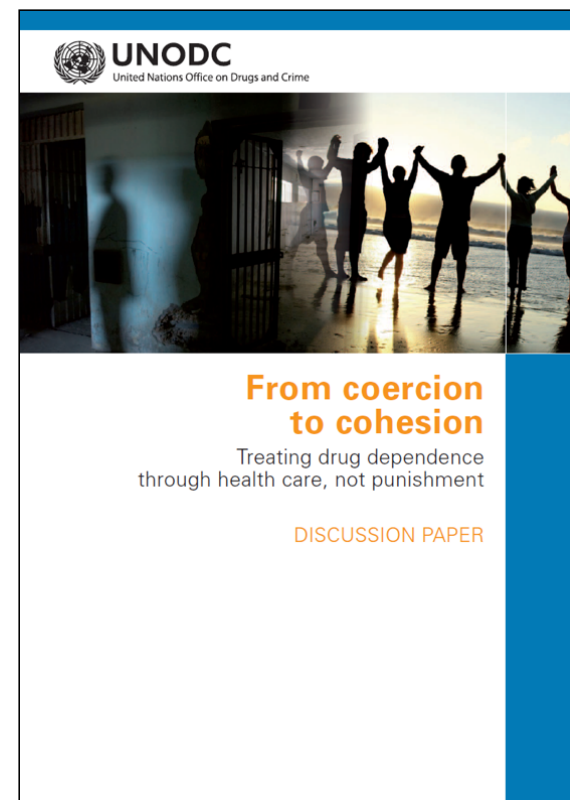
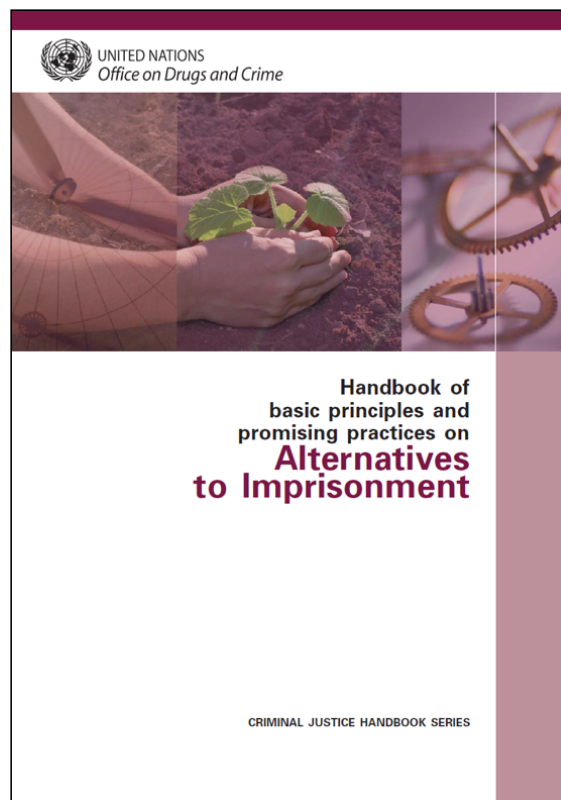


## The role of the European Centre

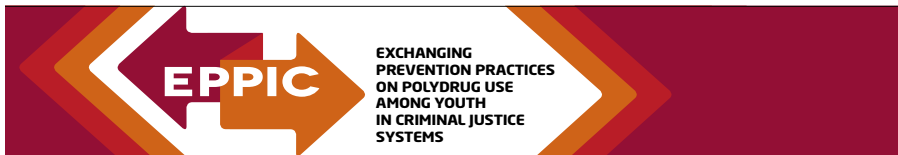
- Previous publications and projects
- Association and partnerships with
  - WHO
  - The European Alcohol Policy Network (APN)
    - February 2019: Workshop West Ukraine
    - APN Symposium October 2019: “Lisbon Addictions”
- European Commission projects: EPPIC + SWaPol

# Prevention and treatment of substance abuse

1. Drug abuse as a **problem of health** and as a **problem of criminal justice**
2. Health services in criminal justice systems – **varieties of diversion**
3. **Criminal justice clients** in drug prevention
4. Treatment of drug users in public space: Cooperation between **social work and policing**
5. Further research topics







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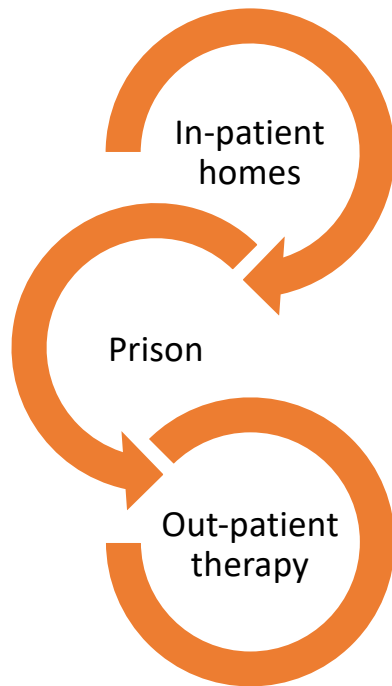
### Criminal Justice System

Caution the offender  
Conditional suspension of prosecution  
Deferring the execution of sentence  
Drug treatment courts  
Conditional early release on probation

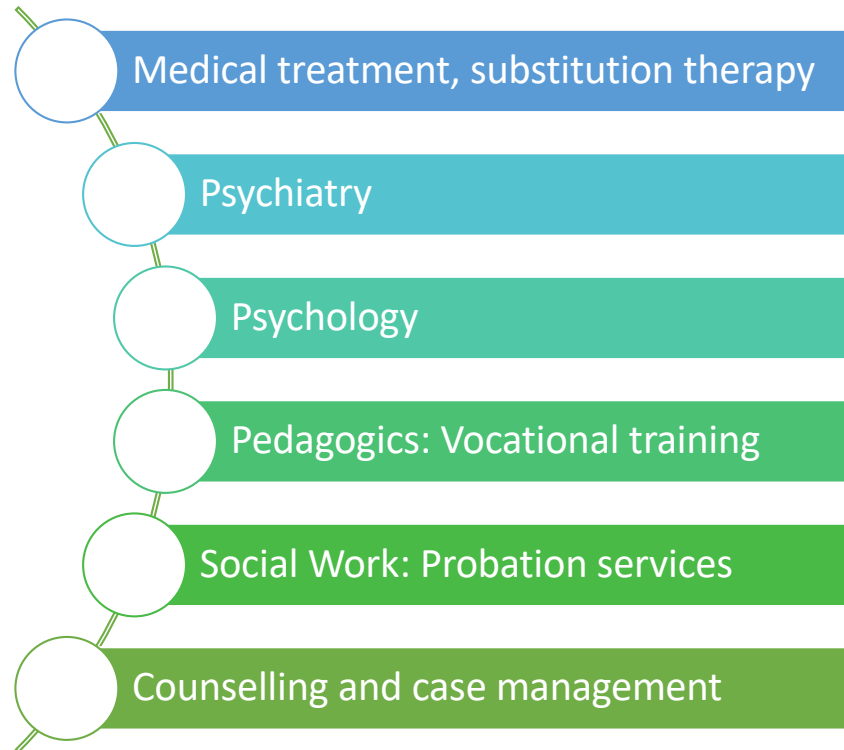
### Health and Social Welfare Systems

In-patient homes and hospitals  
“Attenuated custody” – drug treatment in prisons  
Out-patient / ambulant treatment  
psycho-therapy  
Early intervention - counselling services  
Case management – “peer navigators”

## Institutional Context



## Elements of Intervention

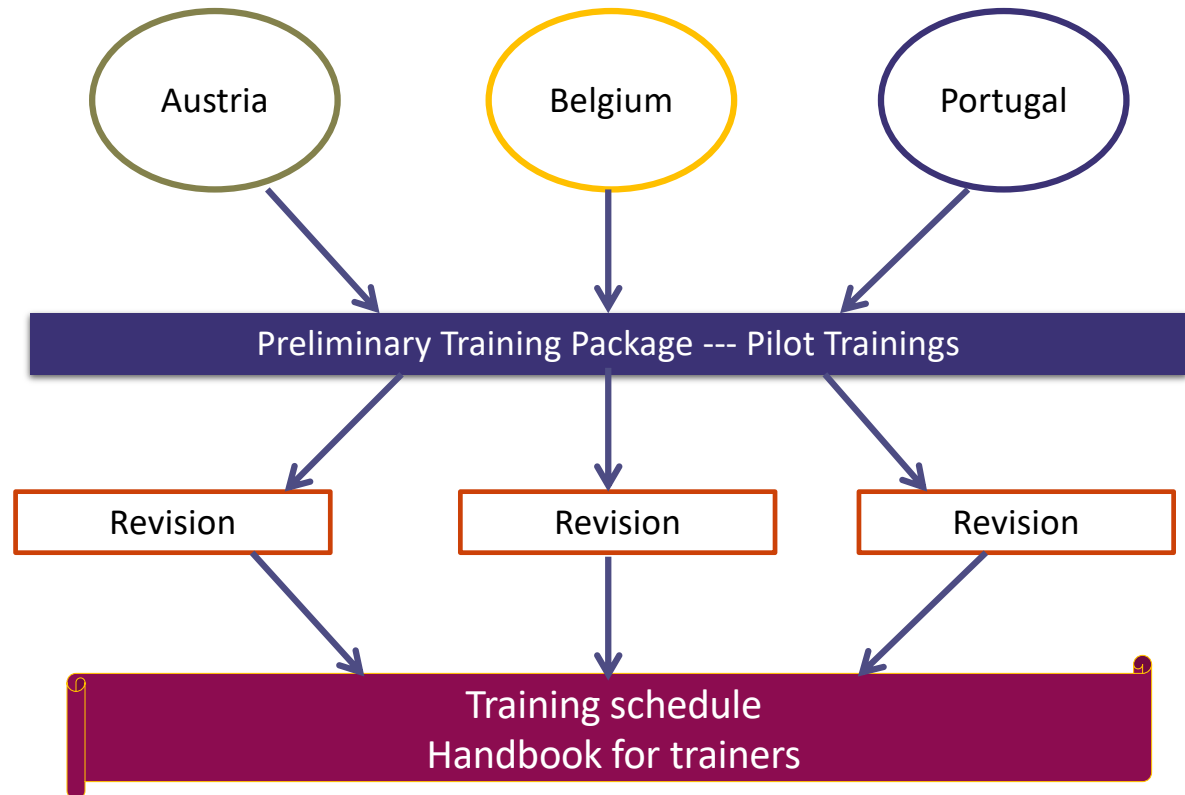
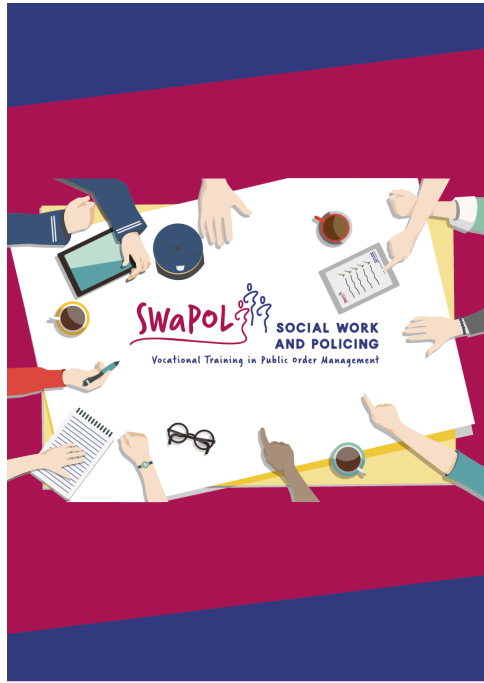




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### Structure of the training (3 “modules”):

1. Public order management – Cooperation between Social Work and Police
2. Substance use among young people: Prevention and harm reduction in nightlife
3. Homelessness

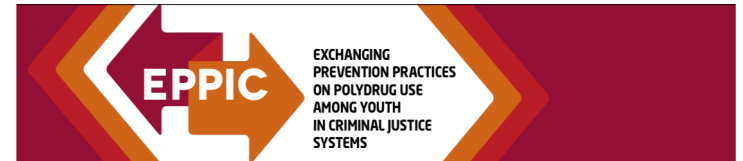


## Further research, project ideas, learning from good practice ...

- **Trust relations** in Health Professions in Criminal Justice Systems
- Comparative research on **effectiveness of alcohol policies**



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# Thank you for your attention



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