

STREET SUPPORT PROJECT

a harm reduction
approach to urban
health & integration

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Drug & alcohol related nuisance is an important policy issue in EU cities. Interventions are limited, and mainly based on repressive & sanctionary acts

CONSEQUENCES

Marginalized groups feel disproportionally the effects of these measures

Exclusion patterns are reinforced, impacting well-being
Public spaces lose their 'public' function as such

APPROACH

Offer service providers , organizations , and local governments, with tools and models of good practice to support the development of inclusive interventions for people experiencing homelessness and/or who use drugs/alcohol



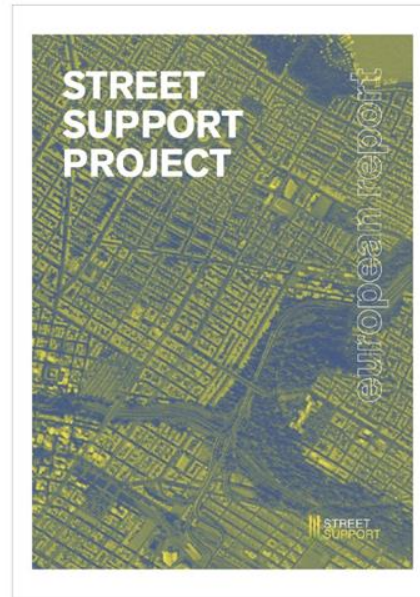
ASSESSMENT REPORT

The report provides an overview of effective inclusive measures that reduce and prevent public nuisance caused by adult drug and/or alcohol users.



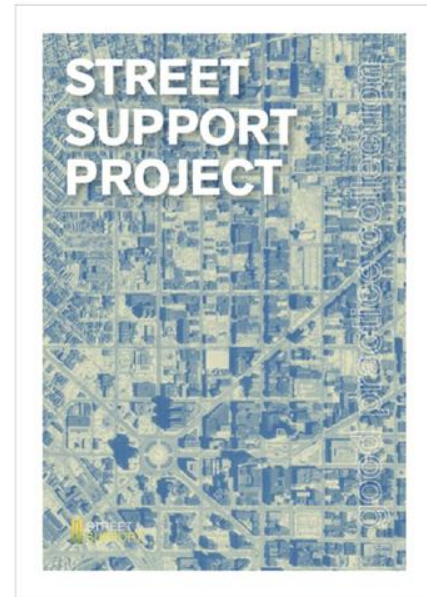
NATIONAL REPORT

The country reports describe the situation with regard to homelessness and alcohol- and drug related nuisance in five European countries (The Netherlands, Check Republic, Spain, Germany and Ireland)



EU REPORT

Provides an assessment of European social policies which are relevant for public alcohol- and drug related nuisance, homelessness and inclusion as well as the European drug strategy, including recommendations for local and European-level policy makers.



GOOD PRACTICES COLLECTION

The Good Practice Collection features projects and programmes which provide different types of support services for people who use drugs and/or alcohol in public spaces.

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Although criminal and administrative orders are the most generally acknowledged measures of control and regulation of marginalized communities in public space, other softer and subtler social control mechanisms are also often at work in parallel.

force

coercion

bargain

influence

tolerance



Labour market conflated with social exclusion

too focused on
paid employment

Only concern is getting people 'over the line'
Lack logic for 'doing more'

focus on acces

Double binary logic.
Constraints complex realities. Redenders some groups 'invisible'
Single-factor lenses interventions

homogenizing

TWO APPROACHES TO INCLUSION [I]

Assumes socially excluded population as passive, or no agency

top-down

normative

Assumes one mainstream society to aspire to
Inclusion = acceptance of dominant values and norms

Representation is not enough. The need to bring marginalized communities into the centre of social life

participatory

open ended

“Relationships of inclusion and exclusion”. Inclusion as an ongoing, never ending process. Degrees.

Takes into consideration all the complexity of our identities.

intersectional

TWO APPROACHES TO INCLUSION [II]

multidimensional

Inclusive practices in all spaces and levels, from the micro to the macro.

Acknowledges that marginalized communities are excluded by multiple sources, mechanisms and systems.

contextual

Local responses
Analyze and deconstruct specific exclusionary practices, histories,

To develop and implement local pilot interventions and validate them with the Self-Sufficiency Matrix, an assessment tool used to evaluate a service user's situation along different life areas.

SPAIN

Fundació Salut i Comunitat implemented the first Housing First program in the municipality of Castelló de la Plana

GERMANY

Fixpunkt developed its local action plan at the Görlitzer Park, a well-known area in which gentrification processes overlap with those of migration, and drug use in public space.

IRELAND

Cork Simon's implemented 'Safer Saturdays', a low-threshold initiative offering a range of services which were currently not available, such as needle exchange service

CZECH REPUBLIC

Společnost Podané Ruce focused on the involvement and meaningful participation of people who use drugs with health and social services.



Figure 1 ~ SSM measurements of services users before and after participation in the German Pilot Intervention

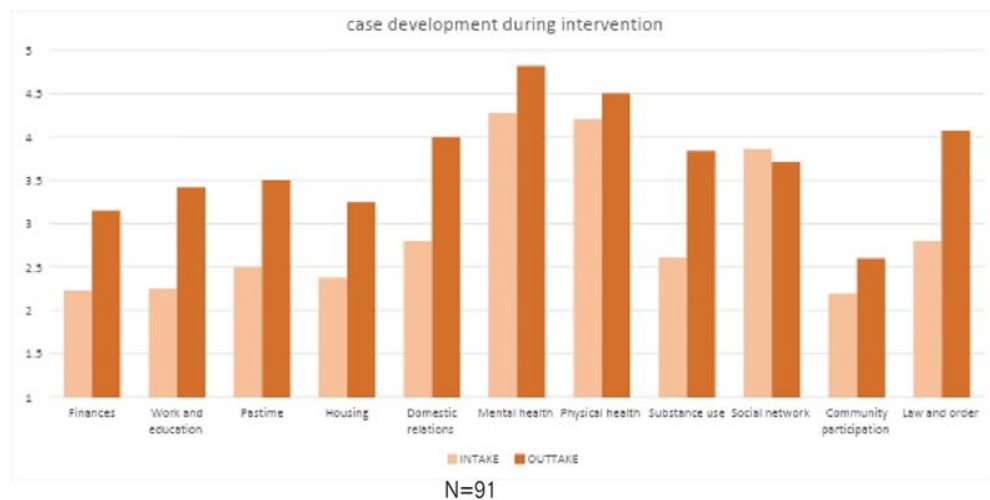
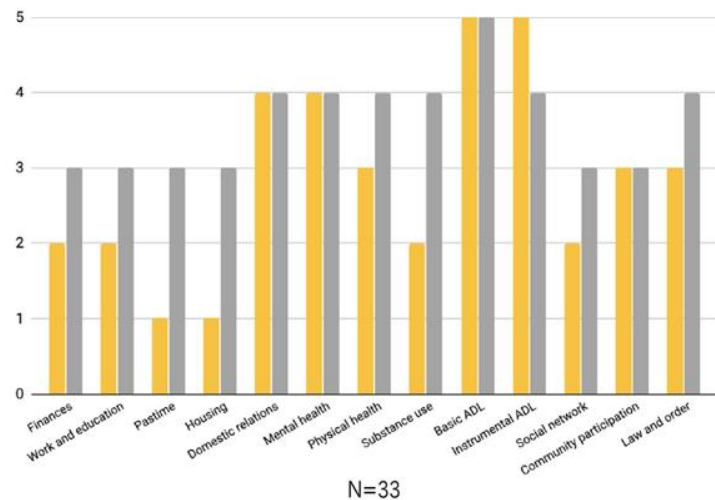


Figure 1 ~ SSM measurements of services users before and after 6 months of participation in the Spanish Pilot Intervention





Future interventions should reduce barriers, tackle wider social conditions & develop an integrated approach, creating opportunities instead of restrictions.

EVIDENCE BASED POLICIES

MEANINGFUL PEER INVOLVEMENT

EFFECTIVE DISCHARGE PROTOCOLS

MULTIAGENCY & INTEGRATED INTERVENTIONS

SUPPORT SERVICES TO FOLLOW HARM REDUCTION APPROACHES

HOUSING FIRST WORKS

PUBLIC OPINION IS KEY!



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