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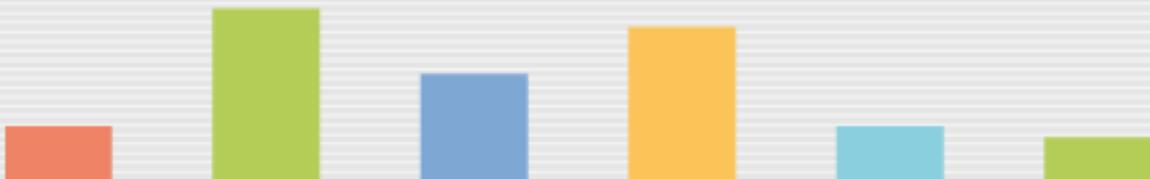
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Capacity building for practitioners on evidence-based drug treatment interventions aligned with EU quality standards and tailored to national needs

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Background:



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May 2021 – May 2023
Bilateral project
between EMCDDA and
Georgia

**Project's Specific Objective 2 –
Improve national drug
prevention and treatment
capacity:**



**2/2 Strengthening training system
for drug treatment practitioners in
Georgia**

→ development and
implementation of at least 2
training modules

Development and implementation of training modules for Georgian drug treatment professionals



Training course: Drug treatment interventions aligned with EU quality standards - focus on responses to specific drugs and patterns of use

5 half-day; online training
 delivered by key EU clinical trainers;
 Target audience: Professionals working in drug treatment and harm reduction services in Georgia

Best practice portal – evidence database

This database gives you access to the latest evidence on drug-related interventions. The information is based on systematic searches is updated regularly. To get started use the search boxes below. [Click here for more information about the Evidence database \(including methods\).](#)

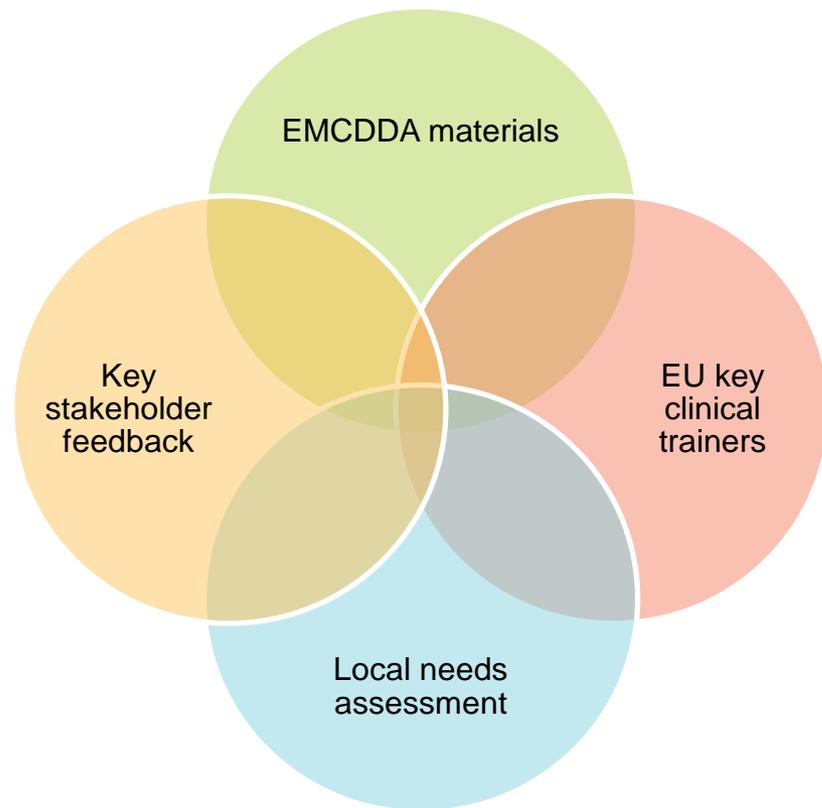
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Area	Substance	Target group(s) or setting(s)
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Module 1 (CORE): Action framework for developing health and social responses to drug problems	Module 2: Cannabis
Module 3: Opioids	Module 4: Stimulants
Module 5: Polydrug use	Module 6 (CORE): Implementation of quality standards for drug services

- Horizon scanning exercise
- National treatment facility survey results - EU4MD
- Needs assessment survey among Georgian practitioners
- Key stakeholder consultations

Phase 1: Development and pilot training



Organization of the pilot training (4-8 July 2022)

- recruitment of 4 Georgian drug treatment practitioners/ experts to participate in the pilot and follow-up adaptation activities
- + 11 English speaking Georgian professionals from private and state drug treatment services as participants

Deep content development of 6 modules

Trainers



Prof. Dr. Katalin Felvinczi
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Module 1:

Action framework for
developing health and social
responses to drug problems

Module 6:

Implementation of quality
standards for drug services



Dr. Eva Hoch
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Module 2:
Cannabis



Prof. Dr. Gabriele Fischer
Addiction Clinic;
Department of Psychiatry &
Psychotherapy; Medical
University of Vienna, Austria

Module 3:

Opioids

Module 4:

Stimulants

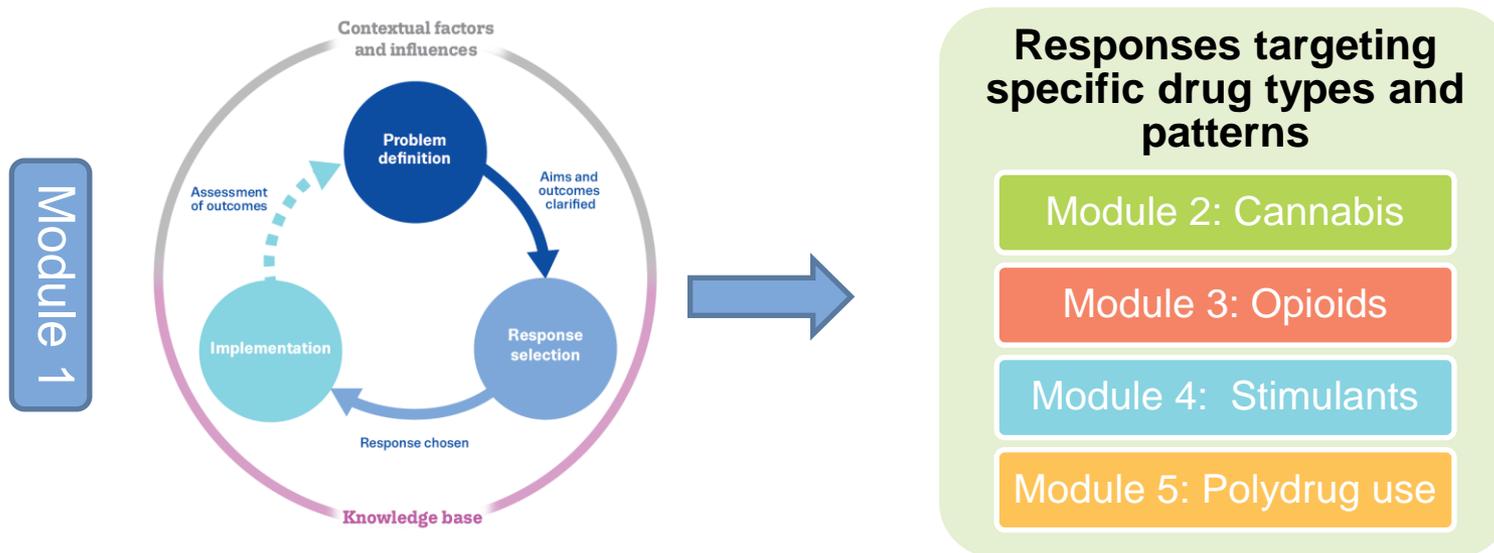
Module 5:

Polydrug use

Structure and coherence of modules

Module 1-5: The framework module (1) establishes the 3-stage-structure for modules 2-5.

During the training, participants are accompanied through the key steps for developing **effective, evidence-based, drug-related treatment responses**. They have the opportunity to discuss the **feasibility and relevance** of some **European examples** with key EU trainers and share their own practices.



In **module 6** a practical step-by-step guide is introduced on how to implement quality standards for drug-services; reflecting also back on modules 1-5.

Content

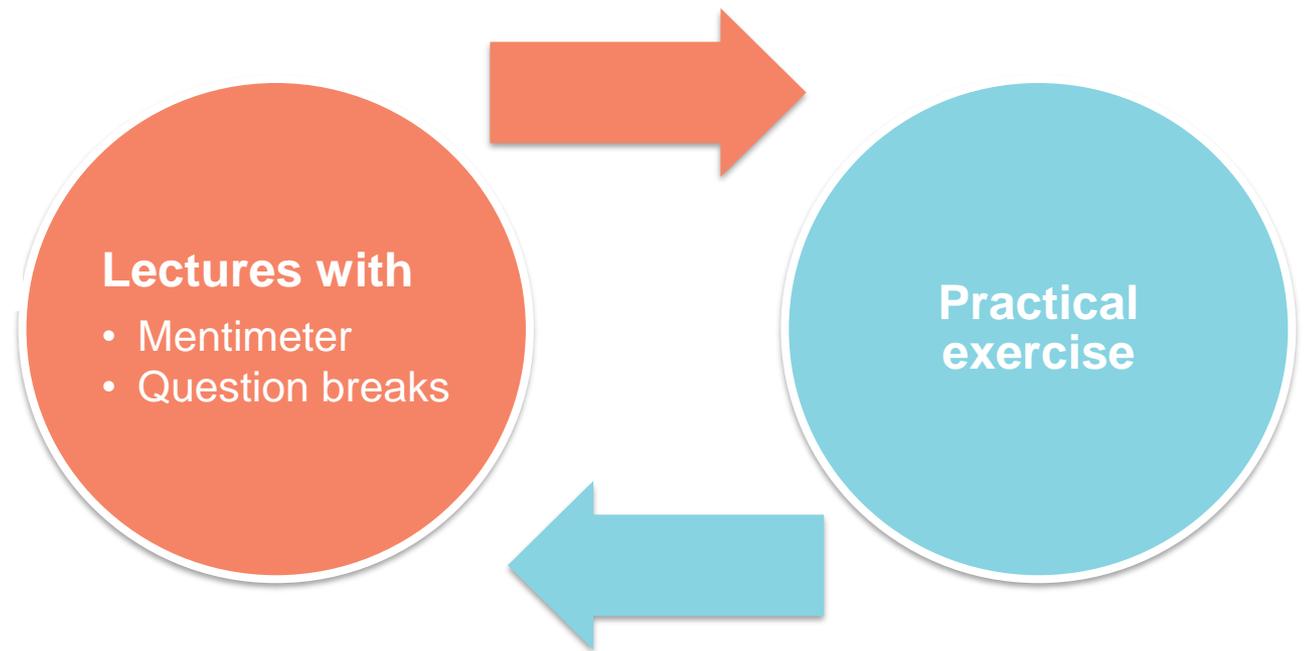
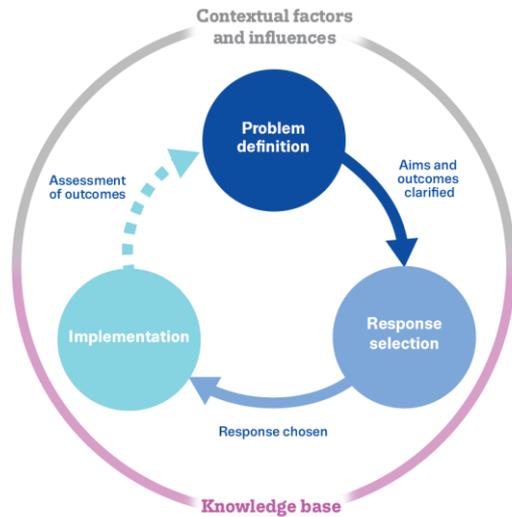
Review the **action framework** of the response development process and the **three key stages** and related factors to be considered at each stage (conceptual checklist)

With a focus on **responding to specific drugs and patterns of use**:

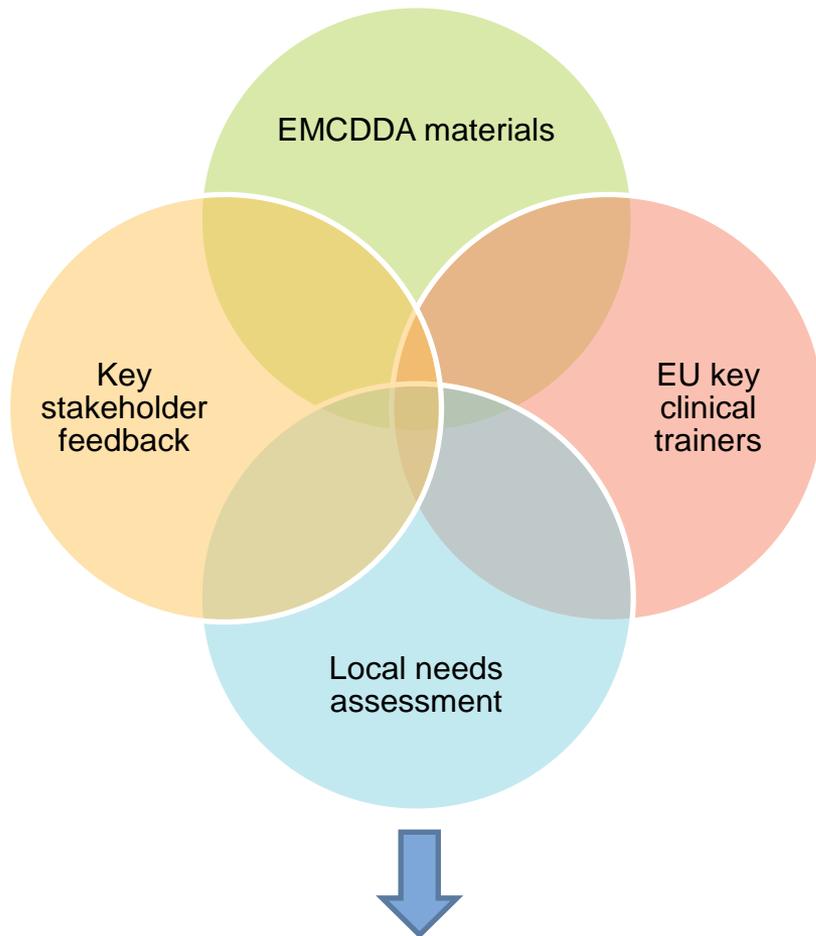
- Reflect on problem definition and needs assessment
- Review the latest evidence on drug treatment interventions
- Exchange experience and implementation practices
- Reflect on monitoring and use of data for problem definition, assessing unmet needs, evaluation and quality assurance mechanisms
- Reflect on their service-level strengths and weaknesses
- Discuss barriers and facilitator factors to implement interventions

Receive a step-by-step practical introduction into how to implement quality standards into their services

Learning strategy



Pilot training



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Phase 2: Evaluation and further adaptation

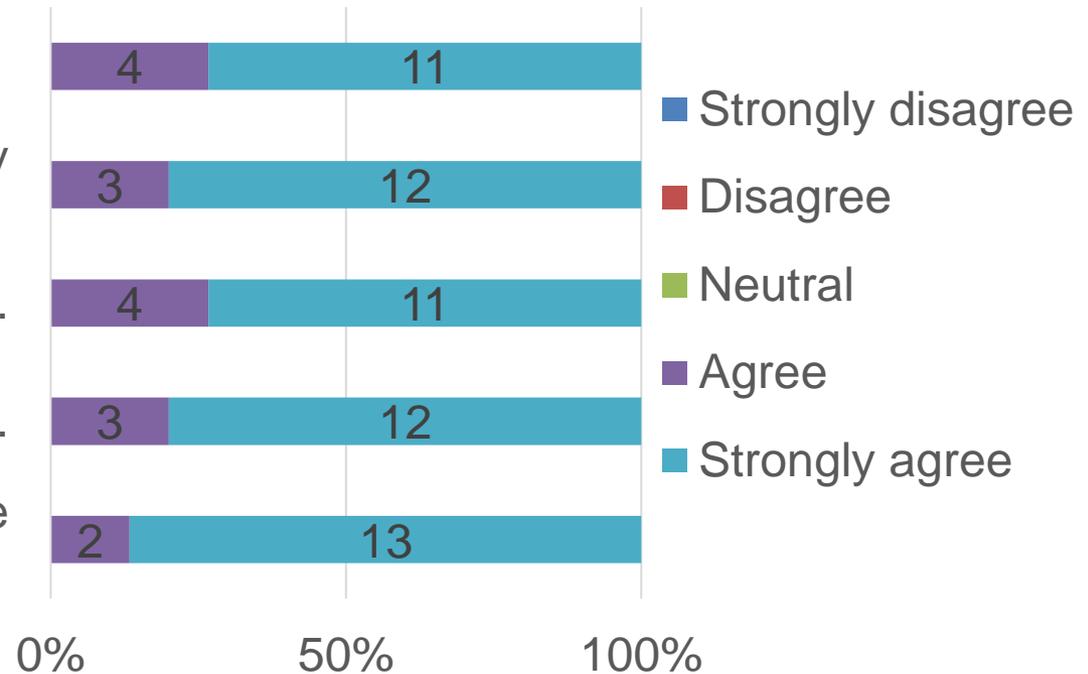
Overall, I am satisfied with the training.

Overall, the training met my expectations.

I gained new knowledge or skills.

The content was relevant to my work.

The objectives of the training were met.



Opportunity to meet and share experience between local services was highlighted by participants.



Phase 2: Evaluation and further adaptation – *Would you recommend this training to other colleagues?*

All 15 participants would recommend the training course.

This course covers topics which are vital for professionals who are working in the addiction field. Suggested modules include updated and new trends on specific drugs and treatment methods. Besides, it provides need assessment and quality assurance issues that are important for monitoring and assessing of implementation of the programs and services.

First of all, I recommend this course to those who are engaged in organizational work in treatment facilities, who maintain the quality standard at the level of their facility or department, and also to the medical doctors and psychologists who are involved in the treatment or rehabilitation of patients.

Yes, of course it must be mandatory

yes, definitely, there were lot of new knowledge and new data, which is not available for us, and about which maybe we even don't have information

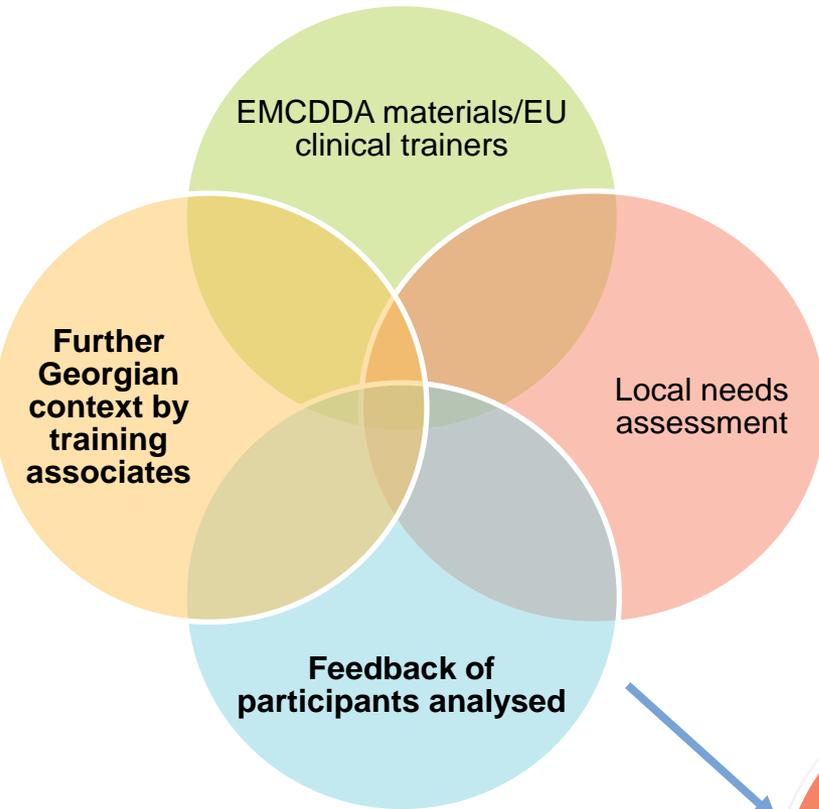
Definitely, yes. It enables addiction professionals to upgrade all the information they have regarding new interventions or drug use patterns in Georgia and in EU. The assessment tools and online materials (e.g., best practice portal) provided by trainers are up-to-date instruments every service provider should be aware of. After completing this training, they would see need of improvement in their services and learn how to achieve those improvements.

Potential target group to add in the future: Decision-makers in the field of health/social affairs (module 1,6)

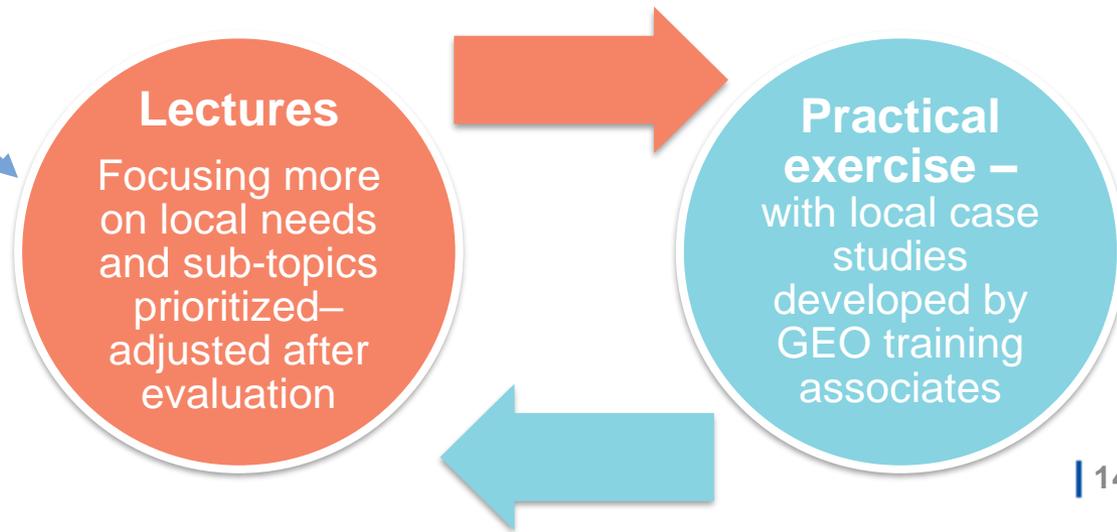
Last day feedback on the pilot training



Phase 2: Evaluation and further adaptation



Evaluation meeting in Tbilisi in Sept 2022: 3 EU trainers; 4 Georgian training associates; EMCDDA



Phase 3: Second edition of the online training

Organization of the second edition (14-18 November)

- 33 applications, 20 participants were selected to participate
- With interpretation and translated and proof-read training materials
- Translated background reading materials →
- Support by the Georgian training associates



Phase 4 : Evaluation meeting 2. – Way forward and sustainability



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