

Prevention Platform for NGOs – How to Improve Quality of Prevention in Slovenia

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Prevention in Slovenia

- **Snapshot and analysis** of situation:
 - By end of May 2011 collection of **116 prevention interventions** (Utrip, 2012)
 - Further analysis of **17 most promising interventions** – bad results, almost no evidence-based, almost no theoretical background, almost no outcome/impact evaluation ...

Prevention in Slovenia

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Prevention in Slovenia

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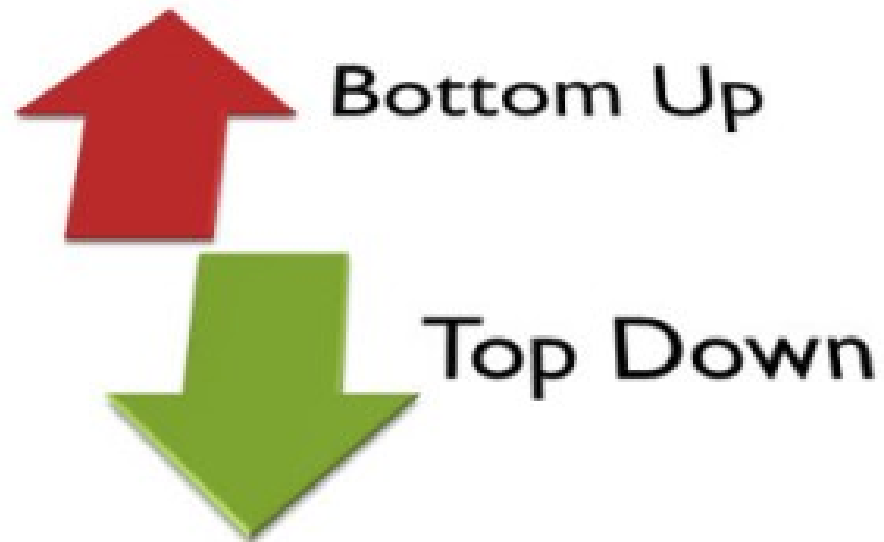
- **Some “lights at the end of the tunnel” in recent years:**
 - EU-Dap / **Unplugged** (UTRIP – since 2010/2011)
 - **SFP 6-11** (Kumpfer) (UTRIP – since 2011/2012)
 - **PUM** (Project Learning for Young Adults) (Andragogic Centre of Slovenia) (1993 – initiative, 1999 – official launch ...)
 - Environmental prevention (e.g. **advocacy** ...)

Prevention in Slovenia

- Initiative to **establish prevention platform** for NGOs to **improve quality in prevention**:
 - European Social Fund calls (2010-2012; 2012-2014)
 - About 25 NGOs joined the initiative (now **37**)

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Prevention in Slovenia

- Initiative to **establish prevention platform** for NGOs to **improve quality in prevention**:
 - **Key topics:** *advocacy and civil dialogue, joint actions of NGOs and public bodies regarding policies and legislation, trainings, conferences, study visits, counselling and mentorship* etc.



Key outcomes

- joint **legislative initiatives** of NGOs in the field of **alcohol, tobacco and illicit drug policy** (addressed to responsible ministries)
- notable **initiative** to stop **ineffective and harmful prevention interventions** (incl. funding of such interventions)

Key outcomes

- Bringing NGOs initiatives in **discussions at the European level** (e.g. *Civil Society Forum on Drugs, Alcohol and Health Forum, Eurocare, Alcohol Policy Network, Alcohol Policy Youth Network ...*)

Key outcomes

- Attending **major events** in the field of prevention such as *EUSPR/SPAN*, *Club Health*, *European Alcohol Conference*, *RedNet* (“legal highs”), *EFE/IREFREA*, *World Social Marketing* etc.

Key outcomes

- a set of **19 best practices** selected from different databases such as EDDRA and SAMPHSA/NREPP (2 of them already exists in Slovenia – **Unplugged** and **SFP 6-11**)

Key outcomes

- Translation and publishing the **guidelines for evaluation of prevention programmes** (*EMCDDA 2012 guidelines*)

Key outcomes

- **Study visits** (2010-2012) (general):
 - School prevention (Ghent)
 - Family prevention (Coimbra/Lisbon)
 - Community-based prevention (Stockholm)
 - Prevention in nightlife (London)

Key outcomes

- **Study visits** (2012-2014) (focused):
 - PATHS/ENSEC (Zagreb)
 - EmPeCemos (Santiago de Compostela)
 - EFFEKT / ÖPP(Örebro)
 - SFP 3-5 and SFP 12-16 (Cork/Dublin)
 - Take care (Maribor)

Key outcomes

- Others:

- 1st and 2nd Slovenian Prevention Days (events)
- Advocacy / media advocacy seminars
- E-newsletters
- Website: www.preventivna-platforma.si
- Collaboration with other NGO platforms
- Counselling and mentorship etc.

Planned outcomes

- **Training moduls / manual** for practitioners:
 - Modul 1: Basics of prevention
 - Modul 2: Minimum prevention quality standards
 - Modul 3: Evaluation of prevention programmes
 - (Modul 4: Advocacy / media advocacy)
 - ...

Planned outcomes

- Forum of NGOs on quality prevention:
 - 1st: General topics and discussions
 - 2nd: Family prevention (Kumpfer/Talić)
 - 3rd: Prevention in nightlife (Dec 2013)
 - ...

Planned outcomes

- Others:

- 3rd Slovenian Prevention Days (May 2014)
- Analysis of improvements in prevention
- Extension to non-chemical addictions
- Initiative with insurance companies (?)
- Initiative with nightlife venues
- Discussions with alcohol industry (?)

Thanks for listening!

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