

QUALITY STANDARDS IN THE FIELD OF TARGETED PREVENTION: THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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The context

- Project financed from the structural funds, aiming at developing social services
- Strong pillar on drug problems related services
 - Needs assessment
 - Service planning
 - Piloting and evaluating
 - **Quality improvements in particular fields**

The current state of affairs regarding quality standards, professional guidelines, protocols in Hungary – general issues

- Different type professional guidance – the legal power of the different documents
 - Methodological letters – suggestions, focussing on the content – best practices, empirical studies – not high level evidence
 - Professional guidelines – strong suggestions, high level evidence base
 - Protocols – based on professional guidelines, focussing on the content and on procedures – very strong expectations – (e.g.: treatment of HER2+ mamma carcinoma)
 - Minimum standards – set the conditions of being operational – what kind of institution is considered to be a primary school

The current state of affairs regarding quality standards, professional guidelines, protocols in Hungary

- Drugs related issues under different sectors
- Prevention programmes – education, health, work, justice
- Drugs related teacher training programmes are accredited
- Other prevention programmes not yet – the project was dealing with targeted prevention:
 - Programmes in shopping malls
 - Programmes in risky neighbourhoods
 - Programmes in entertainment venues
- Indicated prevention – diversion scheme
- Treatment and care – health, social
- Harm reduction – health, social
 - Syringe exchange programmes

The development process

- Identification of the key areas and detailed arguments explaining the choice
- Identification of the expert groups for each intervention type (3-5 persons for each)
- Critical review of the available literature on quality issues, quality standards, professional guidelines
- Summarising the findings, proposals for the structure of the material developed - publication
- Decision – what kind of guidance will be formulated – methodological letters, BUT closer to professional guidelines
- Consultations with experts from the field on
 - The content
 - The structure
 - The legal force
 - The first draft of the documents
- Group of key experts re-convened
- Draft version of the documents
- Development of indicators related to the regulatory measures
- Consultations with
 - experts from the field
 - other key experts
 - decision makers
- Final version

The structure of the 4 methodological letters

- Introduction –
- Definitions –
- Needs assessment –
- The target population –
- Aims and objectives of the intervention –
- The content of the interventions:
 - Physical circumstances –
 - Possible services/interventions –
 - Requirements related to the personnel –
 - Collaboration with other institutions/services – the referral system –
 - Documentation –
 - Ethical perspectives –
 - Rules and regulations related to the day-to-day service provision –
 - How to collaborate with the owners of the venues? –
- Monitoring and evaluation – performance indicators –
- Legal circumstances

How do they look like?

Addiktológiai ellátások fejlesztése sorozat 1.

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Szabályozás a célzott és indikált prevenció területén I.

Kutatási eredmények, legjobb gyakorlatok
és eddigi szabályozási tapasztalatok

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Addiktológiai ellátások fejlesztése sorozat 5.

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Szabályozás a célzott és indikált prevenció területén II.
Módszertani levelek

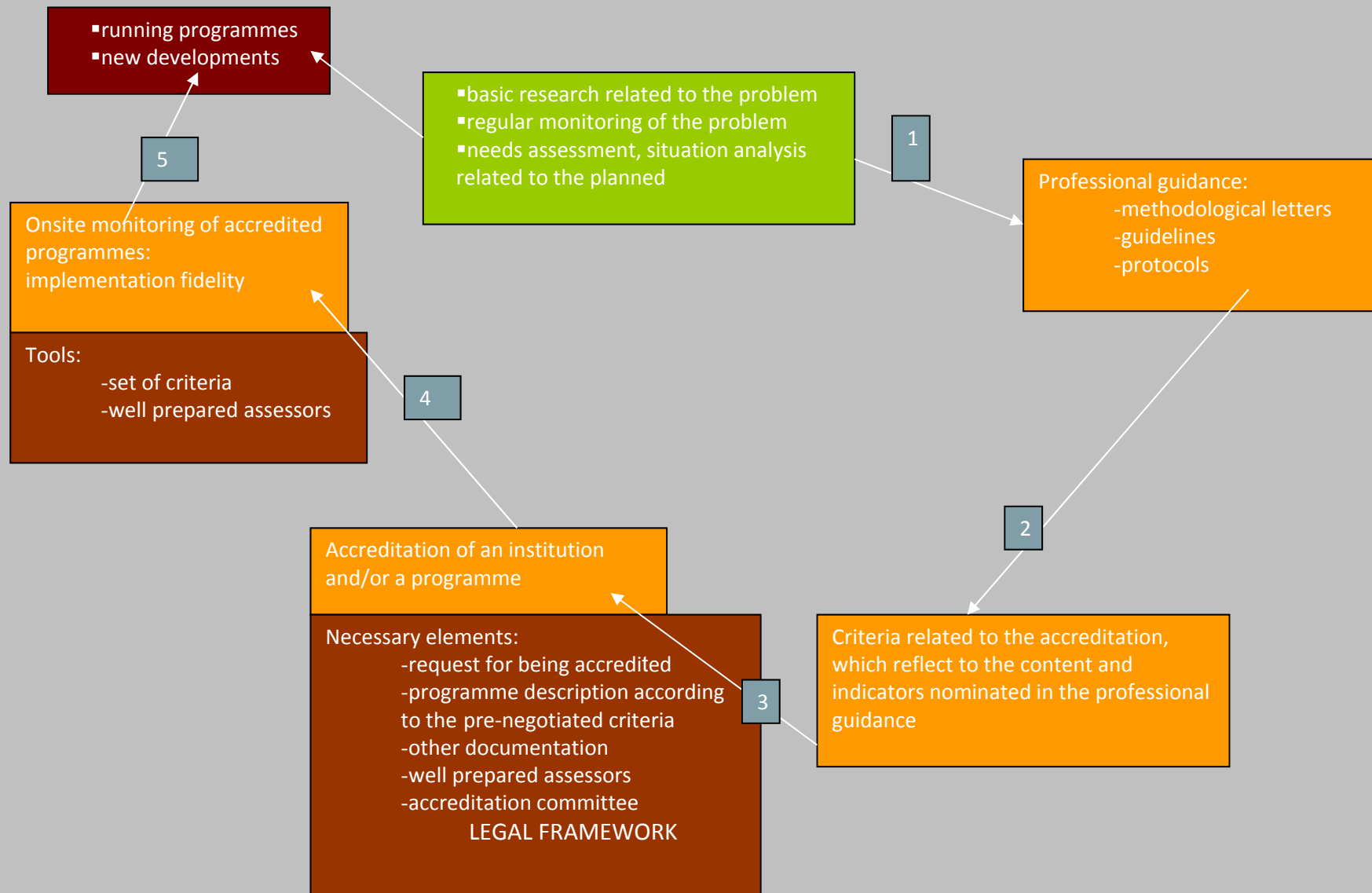


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Additional tools developed to help the implementation of the methodological letters

- List of indicators related to the different stages of the intervention cycle
- They can be used for
 - Evaluation (internal – external)
 - Self reflection
 - Documentation
 - Accreditation
 - On site examination
- Suggestions for measuring their realisation
- Outlines of the functioning of the accreditation system – including financial estimates

Overview of the relationships among professional guidance, evaluation, research and accreditation



What might be the benefits of having these methodological letters

- Important step towards developing an accreditation system
- Input for service providers to improve the quality of their work
- Work force development
- Contribution to strengthening the evaluation culture – self reflection
- Tools for doing regular monitoring – documentation of activities

What is the reality of implementing them?

The issues

- It is a policy issue
- The methodological letters should be disseminated in a broad circle of professionals
- Training courses should be organised
- Financing and quality criteria should communicate with and reflect to each other
- Legal instruments should be developed/identified

The likelihood of being done

- High - National drug prevention bureau is planning to organise dissemination events and training courses
- Low – there is no communication related to this issue on high levels of decision making, professional developments and financial decisions are following divergent paths
- No information about it – legal instruments are very popular at the moment in Hungary

Thank you for your attention!

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