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PROGRAMME PRIORITY: -

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PORTFOLIO: Communicable diseases, Social determinants and health inequalities

Mission and vision of the operating grant holder

The mission of the Correlation Network (CN) is to reduce health inequalities and improve the quality of life of marginalized groups in Europe. CN is committed to vulnerable groups, e.g. drug users, sex workers, migrants, MSM and youth in risk situations, including people living with HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases. CN aims to improve access to and quality of medical and social services in a social Europe, in which these groups have a safe place with the same rights as everyone else.

CN works with everyone involved in providing care to marginalized groups: health professionals, researchers, policy makers, activists and others. CN works closely with various affected communities. We believe in meaningful involvement of marginalised groups in the design and implementation of services, and in decision-making processes.

CN is convinced that exchange of expertise and cooperation at the European level will benefit (health) professionals and communities at the national level.

Communication between network members and other stakeholders will take place face-to-face (e.g. at conferences) and through web-based media.

Correlation Network is committed to a number of guiding principles and core values:

- Vulnerable and marginalised communities are involved in a meaningful way in design and implementation of activities and in decision making processes.
- Activities of the network are based on European exchange and cross-border cooperation, creating synergy and added value for all parties involved.
- Activities of the network involve stakeholders from different professional backgrounds, representing various areas of research, practice and policy.
- Activities of the network are based on general principles of public health and human rights.
- Activities of the network ensure a pragmatic and evidence-based approach, respecting the diversities of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or lifestyle of target populations.
- Activities carried out by the network are evaluated regularly and systematically, monitoring the network`s objectives, results, cost-effectiveness and ethical implications.

Strategic objectives and specific activities

CN aims to:

- ? Reduce health inequalities and improve the accessibility of social and health services for marginalised groups
- ? Enhance prevention, treatment and care in the area of blood-borne infectious

diseases (BBID), in particular Hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS.

General objectives:

- Facilitate exchange of information, experience and skills between health and social service providers, policy makers, researchers and community members
- Strengthen capacities of health and social service providers, policy makers, researchers and community members
- Contribute to evidence-based policy making in the field of BBID

CN activities:

Network development:

- consolidate, expand and maintain the existing network and stimulate European cooperation and exchange
- promote the aims, objectives, activities and principles of CN
- set up thematic expert groups in the field of outreach, eHealth, peer involvement, sex work, HCV and policy

Capacity Building:

- promote the implementation of Correlation I and II documents
- set up an online Resource Centre in the field BBID, outreach, eHealth, peer involvement and sex work
- support service providers, policy makers and communities in the development and implementation of interventions in the field of BBID

Policy Advice:

- stimulate the exchange between policy makers, service providers, researchers and target group representatives
- contribute to the development of evidence-based policies, targeting marginalised groups
- contribute to the knowledge of civil society and stimulate active citizenship

Expected outcomes

For more than 7 years, Correlation has operated as an EC funded project with a networking function. In 2012, the Correlation partners decided to transform the project into a sustainable European network of expertise, specialised in the field of health and marginalised populations. Correlation office and network members developed a mission statement and a draft working plan for 2012/2013.

General Objectives (for 2013)

1. Network Development

To transform Correlation into a strong, sustainable and proactive network

2. Capacity Building

To contribute to capacity building of service providers, policy makers, researchers and community members

3. Policy Advice

To promote Correlation mission and values at the European and national levels and to contribute to European policies

Activities, methods and means

1. Network:

consolidate existing partnerships by involving members actively in the development and the implementation of the work plan

expand the network and designate suitable focal points, which provide the network with national information and disseminate the network activities and outcomes

promote the network at conferences and meetings

develop various European projects and activities under the umbrella of the Network

set up an expert database, which includes information about network members, their services, expertise and potential for training

create thematic expert groups on outreach, eHealth, peer involvement, sex work and policy

link the network with other stakeholders in Europe

2. Capacity Building

Outreach

collect materials and information for the establishment of an online resource centre on www.correlation-net.org

promote standards and a professional profile for outreach workers in harm reduction settings (linkage to PROWfile project)

Peer involvement

collect information and update best practice examples in the field of peer involvement on www.peerinvolvement.eu

eHealth

promote the Social Intervention Tool (SIT), an online chat tool, which has been developed within the framework of Correlation II

develop an online training version for the implementation of the SIT on <https://sittool.net>

HIV/AIDS/HCV:

summarise and promote existing QA and QI principles / practices in the field of HIV/AIDS and HCV

promote effective HCV policies and interventions on national and European level, based on the work and the materials which have been developed in Correlation II

3. Policy Advice

review and update existing Correlation policy papers and disseminate them to relevant stakeholders

contribute to the knowledge of civil society and to active citizenship, by informing members about relevant policy institutions, bodies, EC communications and strategies

contribute to EC public consultations and participate to the Civil Society Forum on Drugs - Correlation is actively involved in the CSF as core group coordinator

(2011-13)

Expected outcomes

1. Consolidated and extended network (with specific focus on the SEE region):

responds more effectively to the needs of its members contribute to European exchange on these issues.

2. Capacity Building: network members and health professionals will have access to an enlarged knowledge base; existing and new Correlation products and results will be disseminated more effectively through the online resource centre.

3. Policy Advice: impact on national and European debates and contribution to evidence-based policy development.

Target groups

CN aims to function as intermediary between the different target groups. Primary target groups are grass-root organisations, service providers, (national/international) policy makers, researchers and target group representatives. Secondary target groups are marginalised and at risk populations, such as young people at risk, drug users, sex workers, MSM and migrants.

Ethical aspects

All activities will respect international and European legislation and principles (e.g. Charter of Fundamental Rights, 2000) and follow the regulations for personal data protection. Target groups will participate in decision making and implementation.

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No partners related to the current project

D02 - leaflet/newsletter (EN)

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http://azorina.cc.cec.eu.int:8082/publications/20123304/20123304_d2_corr_leaflet_news_en_ps.pdf

D01 - internal planning (EN)

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D03-01 - Link to website (EN)

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<http://www.correlation-net.org/>

D03-02 - Key messages (EN)

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http://azorina.cc.cec.eu.int:8082/publications/20123304/20123304_d3_key_messages_nieuw_print_en_ps.pdf

D04 - policy paper (EN)

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http://azorina.cc.cec.eu.int:8082/publications/20123304/20123304_d4_correlation_policy_paper_web_en_ps.pdf

D05 - SIT training (EN)

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[http://azorina.cc.cec.eu.int:8082/publications/20123304/20123304_d5_modul
e_6_treatment_update_january_2014_v1.8_en_ps.pdf](http://azorina.cc.cec.eu.int:8082/publications/20123304/20123304_d5_modul
e_6_treatment_update_january_2014_v1.8_en_ps.pdf)

D06 - evaluation report (EN)

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D07 - facebook account Correlation (EN)

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<https://www.facebook.com/Correlation.Network>

D08-01 - final report (EN)

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[http://azorina.cc.cec.eu.int:8082/publications/20123304/20123304_d8_anne
x_ii_financial_report_final_en_is_.pdf](http://azorina.cc.cec.eu.int:8082/publications/20123304/20123304_d8_anne
x_ii_financial_report_final_en_is_.pdf)

D08-02 - final report (EN)

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