

WP5

Drug using trajectories, innovative interventions and experiential evidence

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Objective



- To investigate and describe drug use trajectories of samples of young people in touch with CJS with particular emphasis on polydrug use and use of NPS
- To identify factors related to onset/continuation/cessation
- To identify key points for intervention
- To investigate both young drug users' and professional's perceptions and experiences of interventions to prevent/reduce drug use in CJS – with a special focus on 1-2 selected innovative interventions

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Two sub-work packages

- **Trajectories:** Franca Beccaria – Eclectica
- **Experiential evidence of new and innovative approaches :**
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WP5: TASKS

- Identify 1-2 innovative interventions and provide a ‘thick’ description of them (using stakeholder interviews, written material, visiting the interventions, etc.)
- Developing recruitment strategies and common interview guidelines: one for young people, one for professionals
- Two interview phases:
 - **First:** starting out in the 1-2 innovative interventions selected by each partner country (5-6 professionals / from 15 to 20 young people)
 - **Second:** focusing on a broader sample, and possibly modify interview schedules.
- Coding
 - Eclectica provides a draft of a coding book (commented by partners)
- Reports: national and comparative

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SAMPLE

- 40 face-to-face interviews with young drug using offenders focusing on:
 - Drug/NPS use trajectories and factors influencing consumption patterns inside and outside the CJS
 - Experiences of intervention approaches
 - For the first group (from innovative practices): opinions and experience with the intervention
 - Age: 15-25
 - Both genders

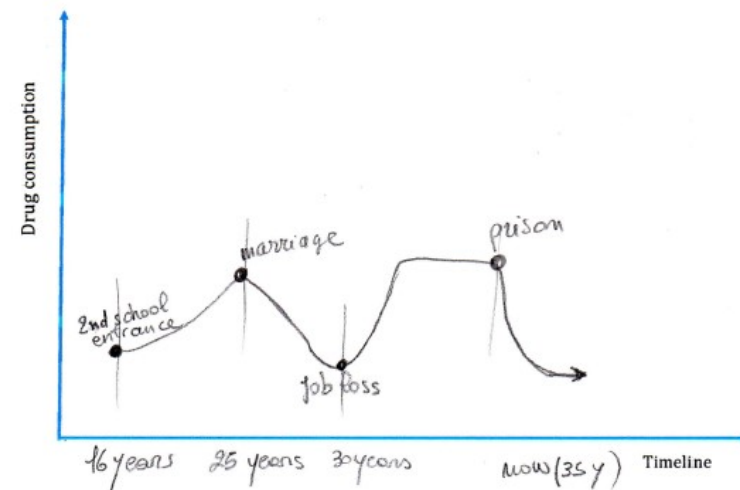
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INTERVIEW GUIDELINE

- Onset of consumption
- Changes/turning point, factors of increase/decrease (drug, set, setting, life events)
- Motives of consumption
- Meanings of consumption
- Self-control strategies and rituals
- Role of peers/relatives
- Physical & social environment
- Culture/Subculture
- Criminal/deviant experiences
- Experiences/suggestions about interventions

Graph on drug trajectories and life events



Short final questionnaire with a few general questions

WP5: Stakeholders' interview guideline



SAMPLE

5-6 interviews with stakeholders or 1-2 focus group (according to the number of selected practices)

INTERVIEW GUIDELINE

- Their innovative intervention: focus, target, approach, quality standards, young people's trajectories, role of CJS

WP 5: Strength/weakness



Strength	Weakness
Time of interviews: 20 min/1,5 hours	Get access to interviewees -
Guidelines fit well to the goals	Ambivalence among professionals
Good participations (desire to talk)	Male gender: dominant
	Minors
	Time of the interview decided by the prison administration

WP5: Where we are



Tasks	Status
Select 1-2 innovative interventions in each partner country. M8	Done by all partners
Preparation of research instruments and procedures: sample, interviews guidelines M6-8	Done by Eclectica and AU
Conduct focus groups/ interviews with young people in touch with CJS: a) from innovative interventions M9-11, b) broader sample (M16-20).	Sample a) UK: 1 FG with 6 participants AUSTRIA: 21 POLAND: 15 ITALY: 14 DENMARK: 12 GERMANY: 3 Total: 70 interviews
Interviews/focus group with stakeholders/ professionals: M9-11	UK: 1 FG + 2 interviews AUSTRIA: 12 interviews POLAND: ???? ITALY: 2 FG (11+7) + 3 interviews DENMARK: 5 interviews GERMANY: 1

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Tasks

In consultation with the national advisory board, to examine the extent to which the European drug prevention quality standards are adequate/ relevant to the assessment of the selected intervention projects. M12

Country report on innovative intervention projects (professionals and young people interviews)
M13

A cross national report on innovative intervention projects and drug using trajectories: AU - M15.

Country reports on drug using trajectories and intervention approaches, drawing on all data sets. M21

Produce a cross national report on drug using trajectories and intervention approaches, drawing on all data sets. ECLE- M24

Edited book on intervention in drug using trajectories in young people in the CJS. M36

WP5: Agenda and deadlines



Task	Who	When
Guideline for sampling	ECLE	May 2017
Sampling frame	ALL	June-July 2017
Preparation of research instruments and procedures	ECLE + AU	June-August 2017
Description 1-2 selected intervention	ALL	August 2017
Young people interviews – phase 1	ALL	September-November 2017
Interviews with professionals	ALL	September-November 2017
Guideline for coding and analysis	ECLE	November 2017
Link to WP6 on prevention quality standards and our selected intervention projects.	ALL	December 2017
Country reports – phase 1	ALL	January 2018
Cross national report- phase 1	AU	March 2018
Young people interviews – phase 2	ALL	April-August 2018
Country report – all data	ALL	September 2018
Cross national report	ECLE	December 2018
Edited book		December 2019