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Prevention in the Czech Republic: Lessons (...still being) Learned



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Again, the European Standards...

- Brotherhood, A., Sumnall, H.R. (2011). European drug prevention quality standards. A manual for prevention professionals. EMCDDA, Luxembourg: The Publications Office of European Union.
- Accessible at: <http://bookshop.europa.eu>
- Pages 47 - 50



Conditions for standards implementation

Potential barriers? [1]

Promote the use of quality standards

- A lot of high quality interventions may already exist and be implemented in Croatia
- Examples from Czech:
 - Specific vs. non-specific prevention
- http://www.drogy-info.cz/index.php/info/monitor/vsim_proti_drogam



Conditions for standards implementation

Potential barriers? [2]

Develop content guidelines

- *Standards do not provide guidance on the content of evidence-based prevention work!*
- Prevention interventions of any kind should be based on evidence of effectiveness - evaluate and research...
 - Long-term
 - Costly
 - Personnel
 - ...frustrating
- Keep looking for examples of good practice abroad...



Conditions for standards implementation

Potential barriers? [3]

Attract funding

- Take advantage of the EU funding to do as much as possible + build the infrastructure + connect with key 'prevention people' in the EU
 - ESF projects
 - EC funded projects
- However... beware of politicization of prevention
 - Revolution Train
 - <http://aktualne.centrum.cz/domaci/spolecnost/clanek.phtml?id=419895>



Conditions for standards implementation

Potential barriers? [4]

Prioritise and support prevention

- Hard thing to do
- Everything takes so long in prevention...
- Prevention is to be made even more attractive and respected...
- Recent example:
- Science for Prevention Academic Network (SPAN)

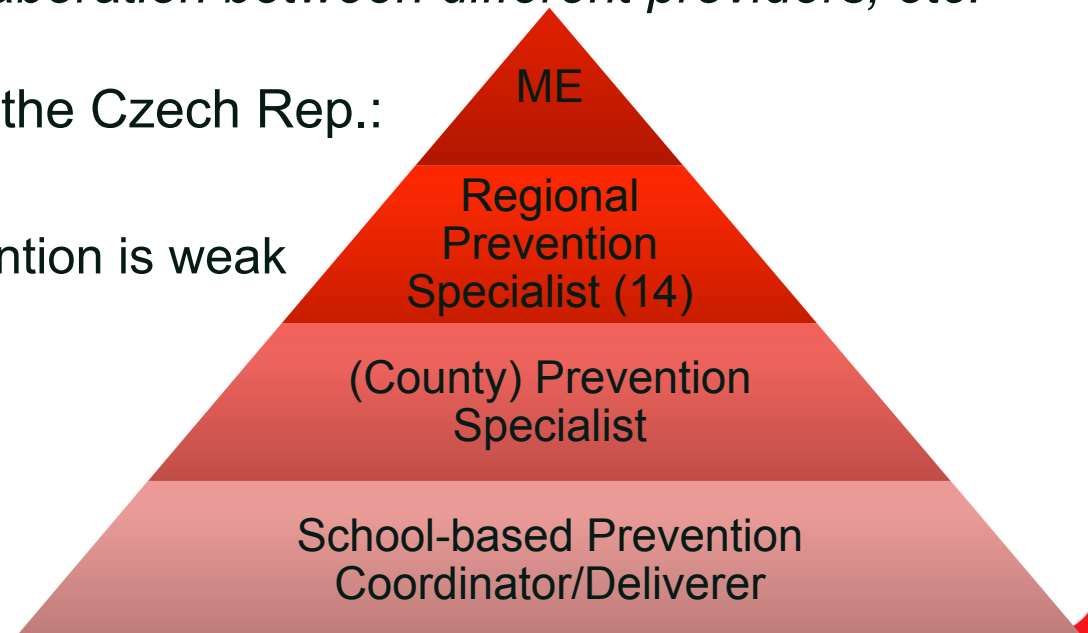


Conditions for standards implementation

Potential barriers? [5]

Establish and strengthen central prevention agencies

- *...the importance of government-funded regional and national coordination bodies that implement drugs strategies, commission and coordinate drug prevention work, conduct needs assessments, promote adherence to quality standards, issue best practice guidance, organise training and networking events for prevention providers, facilitate collaboration between different providers, etc.*
- Vertical coordination in the Czech Rep.:
 - Recent situation...
 - Environmental prevention is weak
- **NGOs**





Conditions for standards implementation

Potential barriers? [6]

Consider differences in prevention practice

- *Drug prevention practice differs between countries, localities, and professional fields...*
- Obvious...
- But, the example from the Czech Rep. vs. other countries:
 - Coordinator: Ministry of Education (easy to implement school-based interventions vs. harder to implement environment/health care prevention...)
 - Standards are focused on School-based Prevention
 - Etc.



Conditions for standards implementation

Potential barriers? [7]

Create synergies

- *...lack of coordination and collaboration between professional groups and stakeholders in the drug prevention field.*
- **Communication is the key**
- A lot exists on the national level
 - PPRCH
- A lot exists on the EU level
 - EDDRA
 - EUSPR
 - Science for Prevention Academic Network (SPAN)
- **Sharing (public domain) is the key**
 - Mine vs. others'



Conditions for standards implementation

Potential barriers? [8]

Develop professional attitudes and skills

- *...the competence and willingness of staff to put the standards into practice. Knowledge gaps in the prevention workforce were reported in relation to, for example, evidence-based approaches, evaluation, adaptation, or strategic project planning.*
- Four-level Model of Qualifications for the Practitioners involved in the Primary Prevention of Risk Behaviour in the School System



Thank you for your attention

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