REITOX Heads of Focal Points (HFP)

40th meeting

27 - 29 May 2009, Prague

Agenda item: RTX/40/01a FINAL CONCLUSIONS

(Adopted in plenary session of 18-11-2009)

1. Feedback and updates (for info & discussion)

a. Reitox Spokesperson

AL to transmit AG a Word version of the feedback, that will be made available on the RTX Extranet.

b. Challenges and perspectives 2009-2010: EMCDDA

To make the presentation of WG available on the RTX Extranet.

c. Challenges and perspectives 2009: European Commission

Presentation to be made available on the RTX Extranet.

15:00 - 16:00

3. 2010-2012 EMCDDA work programme: Overview (for info & discussion)

a. Outlines WP 2010-2012

NFPs welcome the draft WP 2010-2012 and found the new programme quite encouraging as far as the role of the NFPs is mentioned. Some points have been identified that would deserve further clarification, such as the role and place of research, and the relations between EMCDDA, NFPS an dnational experts.

b. Contribution EMCDDA to the monitoring of the EU Action Plan 2009-2012

NFPS take note of the contribution of the EMCDDA and Reitox network to the monitoring of the EU Action Plan 2009-2012, and would appreciate to have an in-depth overview of what may be the impact on their work and workload.

Three categories are being identified: things that are already collected, to ask to pay a special attention to some sections of the NR, and new indicators, new things to report on (for which NFPs do not have necessarily the competence or access to the information).

CCL:

EMCDDA and NFPs need a joint debate on new data needs when appropriated and needed, according to different targets of the Plan, different fields of intervention/data sets, through normal revision/cooperative procedures.

Standard procedure means: announcement/first assessment of information needs for specific topics/issues to be presented at May RTX meeting, consultation/assessment to be implemented during the Summer, if/when possible some technical meetings; then conclusions and proposal at the November RTX meeting.

c. Follow-up conclusions EMCDDA Conference

Ask RDS a copy of her presentation for the RTX Extranet.

a. Selection of topics for 2011 selected Issues - Selected Issues 2009 (being drafted by EMCDDA) and plans for consultation of NFPs

Selected Issues: NFPs understand the pressure that is put on EMCDDA staff for the production of SI this year as a result of the decisions taken at RTX meeting of November 2007, but would appreciate if a better and more flexible timing for NFP consultation could be found in the future.

Social reintegration

The NFPs took note of the agenda for the revision.

Volunteers: PT, UK, IT, NL, FR, FI, DE, AU, IE

Policy and institutional framework

No comments, the NFPs took note of the agenda for the revision. Agreed that if there is a RTX Academy it should not be in October. In such case, RTX Academy will be combined with a one-day technical meeting with a small group of NFPs the day before.

Alternative to imprisonment

The NFPs took note of the agenda for the revision.

Treatment data collection strategy

NFPs are invited to provide comments on this first draft document by mid-september 09 at the latest.

5a. Quality Assurance: Quality criteria implementation 5KI (for info & discussion)

- a. General introduction
- b. Quality criteria for 5KI results of test application to 2008 data
- c. Open discussion

NFPS welcome the work done by EMCDDA staff for the preparation of the country implementation profiles for the test phase.

CCL

- template and criteria adopted.
- EMCDDA to draft a template for summary report, to submit to NFPs before it is applied and drafted. Then short summaries to be sent to NFPs for consultation.
- EMCDDA report to MB and EC on the progress made by the data collection system as a whole will not present summary tables with scores per country, but a general overview of the functioning of the systems, areas where improvements are needed and suggestions about indicative measures.
- EMCDDA to draft a charter on principles for cooperation and communication between NFPs, EU Experts and EMCDDA (following request NFPs and preliminary document presented at RTX meeting of November 2007). Deadline: Nov 09.

5b. Quality Assurance: Quality Reports (for info & discussion)

- if problem happens about complementarity SQ/NR, NFPs are invited to consult/inform the EMCDDA who will help them to clarify this issue and will copy the clarification to all NFPs.
- questions TR to be sent to all NFPs who will answer through forum, putting in copy SSL and XP.
- To create a small working group to meet the afternoon before the next RTX meeting to explore further the issue of permanent delays in the reporting, as well as the follow-up of the recommendations. Objective: to present at November meeting some perspectives and way forward to address this issue over the next three-year period. Volunteers:

12:00 - 13:00

6. FONTE implementation and developments (for info & discussion)

- NFPs welcome the improvements in the cooperation and communication between them and the EMCDDA on FONTE.
- EMCDDA to inform NFPs about development strategy for FONTE, in particular for those aspects that may have an impact on the data collection by NFPs.
- NFPs representatives to Steering Group to be appointed before end of September.
- the feasibility of establishing on ad hoc basis a user group meeting will be considered by the EMCDDA.

7. Reitox Development Strategy 2010-2012 (for info & discussion)

Conclusions of the workshops to be published on the RTX Extranet by end of June.

Draft proposal for a RTX Development Strategy to be prepared by RTX unit for the November RTX meeting.

Small technical meeting with some NFPs to be organized if funds are available either in October or the day before the November RTX meeting.

9. International cooperation and technical assistance (for info & discussion)

- a. CARDS national activities: presentation by the National Correspondents & Reitox Coaches
- b. IPA national activities: presentation by the Heads of National Focal Points
- c. EMCDDA Technical cooperation: situation and perspectives

NFPs will be invited to participate to next IPA project for RTX Coaching System, through a Call for Tender at the end of the Summer.

NFPs involved in TA assistance with IPA beneficiaries will be consulted in the preparatory phase of the technical proposal, so as to ensure that activities are complementary and mutually reinforcing.

Information on IPA Conference "Community Agencies: partners in Accession" will be sent to NFPs by end of June at the latest.

d. Joint Manual on "Building National Observatories": State of play + presentation outlines of the manual

NFPs that have not yet been consulted/associated in the process of drafting the manual will be further contacted by RTX unit.

Planned meetings:

- Athens 16 June 09: GR, BG, AU, IT, SK?
- Nordic countries: DK, SE, NO, FI, EE, LT (tbc)
- Brussels: BE, LX, NL, IE (tbc)

e. German-Greek Twinning Project with Turkey

PPT presentation will be made available on RTX Extranet.

10. SPICE Meeting (for info & discussion)

- a. Conclusions and perspectives following the meeting on SPICE
- b. Open discussion

11:50 - 12:20

12. Trimbos- Rand Global Market Study (for info & discussion)

- a. Conclusions of the study
- b. Comments from EMCDDA perspective
- c. Open discussion and way forward

12:20 - 12:40

13. RTX Academies (for info & discussion)

- a. Perspectives and needs for 2009, including needs for targeted support at national level.
- b. Open discussion

12:40 - 13:00

14. Summary & conclusion