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## Inventory of harm reduction in prisons

As part of the EU-funded ACCESS project “Access to treatment and harm reduction for drug users in custody”, the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences is carrying out an inventory of harm reduction measures in European prisons. We kindly would like to ask you for your support to this inventory which is conducted among all 27 EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland.

We would very much appreciate your help in obtaining detailed information. Thus, we would be grateful if you could either fill in the attached questionnaire or pass it on to other experts providing the requested data for this inventory.

All responses will be treated anonymously and confidentially.

The questionnaire is designed to be filled in electronically. If you have any questions, please contact us. Please save your entries and return the questionnaire by email to [zurhold@uke.de](mailto:zurhold@uke.de).

Thank you very much for your support!

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Date		(DD/MM/JJ)
Country		
Länder / State / or autonomous region		
Number of penitentiary institutions		

### A. Is there an initial screening of prisoners?

For drug use problems related to opiates, cocaine and amphetamines ☐ Yes ☐ No

For mental health disorders ☐ Yes ☐ No

For infectious diseases such as HIV, HCV ☐ Yes ☐ No

**B. What is the proportion of problem drug users (opiates, cocaine, amphetamines) in custody?**

Proportion %

Is this proportion given ☐ on basis of monitoring data (prisoners records) or ☐ an estimation

C. Which of the following **drug services are provided** to drug users in the national/regional prisons / institutions? Please indicate if they are available or not.

If services are available, how **widespread** are these? Could you please specify in how many prisons the respective services are available by indicating the coverage **in percent**.

C1	Drug treatment services implemented in prisons	Not available	Available	Coverage in %
1	Detoxification with drugs (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Provision of opioid antagonists (e.g. naloxone)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Opioid substitution maintenance treatment (OST) (e.g. methadone, buprenorphine)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	OST continued for prisoners already in OST before entering prison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	OST is initiated after entering prison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	OST is initiated before release	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

C2	Information, communication and education implemented in prisons	Not available	Available	Coverage in %
1	Information and education on drug-related health risks (such as overdose)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Health education to prevent the risk of drug-related overdoses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Information on risks through tattoo and piercing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Measures for safe tattooing, piercing <u>If available</u> , which measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Health education to prevent the transmission of drug-related infectious	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Health education to prevent the transmission of sexually transmitted infections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

C3	Prevention of sex- and drug-related risks implemented in prisons	Not available	Available	Coverage in %
1	Measures to combat sexual violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	<u>If available</u> , which measures			
3	Distribution of condoms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	If distributed, where and by whom			
4	Distribution of lubricants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Training on safer sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Distribution of bleach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	If distributed, where and by whom			
7	Training on safer use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Needle and syringe exchange programmes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

C4	Prevention and treatment of infectious diseases	Not available	Available	Coverage in %
1	HIV testing and counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	HCV testing and counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Vaccination for hepatitis A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Vaccination for hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) after needle stick injuries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Prevention and diagnosis of tuberculosis for all vulnerable groups through X-ray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Treatment of tuberculosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Antiretroviral therapy for HIV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9	Antiviral therapy for hepatitis C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

D. What were the driving factors for **introducing** the following services in prisons? Could you provide information on the conditions for implementing these services?

If one or more of the following services have **not been introduced** so far, could you please describe the main reasons and barriers for this?

1. Detoxification with opioid drugs (e.g. methadone)
2. Opioid substitution maintenance treatment
3. Distribution of condoms
4. Needle and syringe exchange programmes
5. HIV and / or HCV testing and counselling
6. Treatment for HIV and / or HCV

**E. Which of the following services is delivered by staff of external agencies or NGOs?**

Health education to prevent the risk of drug-related overdoses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Health education to prevent the transmission of drug-related infectious diseases	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Health education to prevent the transmission of sexually transmitted infections	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Training on safer sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Training on safer drug use	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Counseling for HIV and / or HCV	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**F. From your experience, what kind of services for drug users in prison is lacking and needs to be implemented? Is there currently a discussion going on of introducing these services?**

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

**G. Is there a legal framework for health care of drug users in prison?**

Legislation or regulation for the drug treatment of prisoners ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes**, could you please specify and provide basic information about the year and content of the legislation or regulation?

Guideline or strategy for harm reduction in prisons

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If yes**, could you please specify and provide basic information about the year and content of the guideline or strategy?

Guideline or strategy for testing, prevention, treatment of infectious diseases

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If yes**, could you please specify and provide basic information about the year and content of the guideline or strategy?

Strategy for harm reduction measures on prison release

☐ Yes

☐ No

(e.g. overdose prevention)

If yes, could you please specify and provide basic information about the year and content of the strategy?

*If there are guidelines or national strategies etc., could you please provide a copy?*

Further comments

Thank you very much for your support!