



**Lifelong Learning in the sectors of
youth, social work and addiction**

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Events



Anniversary of Solidarnost (Bulgaria)



Solidarnost celebrates its 15th anniversary. In 2003 the project was set up with the help of Trepoline - at the level of fund raising, methodological help, training of team members, supervision. In 2003 the Bulgarians carried out the first internships in Belgium and it was an experiment of journeymen model.

The Solidarnost project now manages a therapeutic program for drug addicts, a national infoline (anonymous service) for information on drugs, alcohol, gambling, orientation to treatment centers; and a low threshold social center for drug users.

The Anniversary is double, because the infoline celebrates 10 years from its creation, and all that with a minimum help from the Government (3.000€ per year).

If you want to support us, visit our website :

<http://www.solidarnost-bg.org/en/donate/>



The drug-free life can be intertwined with powerful art, joy, excitement, emotions and fun. That and more is what Kulturfest teaches us about.

The annual festival of therapeutic communities KULTURFEST organized by Magdalena,o.p.s. has celebrated its 20th year in September 2018. The unique opportunity to experience such an amazing and exciting festival without drugs is appreciated by many. It is appreciated especially by clients learning how to cope in a drug-free environment, but also by their friends and family members from grandparents to children who also come and enjoy many art, sport and other activities including awesome home

Kulturfest in Czech Republic



-made food.

This year's Kulturfest brought together each and every therapeutic community from the Czech Republic and one therapeutic community was represented by clients and staff from Monar in Poland. On Friday when Kulturfest officially begins, Magdalena's compound in the middle of forest changes into a tent city,

the ex-military bunkers change into theater stages, concert halls and galleries, candle lanterns twinkle in the night and visitors mingle around, admire clients work exhibitions and sing along. During Saturday therapeutic communities and visitors enjoyed sports matches and art competitions and evening was spent by a bonfire, roasting traditional Czech grill sausages with the sounds of guitars and singing. This year's Kulturfest proofed once again, that our work makes sense.

For more information :

<http://www.magdalena-ops.cz/>

RHESEAU, a new development of Ecett's journeymen model



RHÉSEAU is the Hainuyer Network for the Development and Mental Health of Children, Adolescents and Related Users. The "Consultation and intersectoral link" (CLI) program is one of RHESEAU's programs aimed at exchanging and valuing expertise and field experiences. This concerns professionals in the areas of mental health, health care, social action, assistance to people and society.

The particularity of the Ecett-RHESEAU exchanges is that they are national exchanges in Belgium. We have therefore opened a RHESEAU "course" on the e-learning platform with an internship file that has adapted to

national exchanges. More informations on www.ecett.eu.

Good Practices

Evaluation of working climate. Place: GruppoCeis, Modena, Italy.

Authors: Xavier De Waele and Roselyne Flahaux

The good practice observed is centered around two main points:

- ◆ A tool (questionnaire) used annually with all CEIS workers.
- ◆ Specific supervision by function.

Regarding the Workplace Climate Assessment Tool, this is a questionnaire that has been thought through and created to analyze the institutional working context for all the different services of the institution. The tool includes a questionnaire that is submitted annually to all staff members. The answers give rise to a scientific analysis that gives the state of good institutional health.

More information on the Ecett e-learning:

http://www.ceisformazione.eu/moodle_ecett/mod/data/view.php?id=51&rid=1941



Empowerment of young people placed in institutions and their contribution to community life.

Place: Il PONTE, Civitavecchia, Italy.

Authors: J. Michiels, A. Fellah and S. Honoré

The institution "IL PONTE" welcomes young people presenting essentially an addiction problem. Young people arriving at the institution are generally quite destructured both on the family and personal level and require a certain amount of pedagogical support.

Upon the arrival in the first structure, the young person is isolated from his or her home environment (this includes family contacts and schooling). The objective is to integrate optimally into the life of the community and to immerse oneself in the philosophy of the institution. Beside this, the empowerment of young people in the tasks of daily life (cleaning, cooking, planning management) is already very present. This first stage lasts six months and is followed by a second stage of longer duration, up to two years.

The passage of each new stage of the evolution of the resident is ritualized by a gathering including the young person, his family and the interveners of the institution in one of the halls of the structure dedicated to this purpose.

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Testimonials

Jennifer Michiels from ASBL COO Van Durme, Rhode Saint-Genèse (Belgium) after the visit at Associazione Il Ponte, Italy

This internship at "IL PONTE" was an excellent experience for me both personally and professionally. The different structures visited were very interesting and invited me to follow this internship in order to propose new things within the institution where I work (type of care, advanced use of statistics etc).

Julie Claes from Maison Maternelle Brabant Wallon, after the visit at Coolmine House, Dublin, Ireland.

In Ireland and especially in the institution, we have noticed that the education received and the way of working is totally different from ours. There is a real partnership work in place, almost total trust between the institution and the people hosted. We were able, during our stay and even later, to consider to put in place some very interesting things learned / retained during our internship in Dublin.