

EU National Drugs Coordinators Meeting

“Enhancing synergy between Coordinators: Challenges on policy implementation”

16th of June 2014 - Agenda

08.30-09.00 Registration

09.00-09.15 Welcome

Dr. Christina Papoutsopoulou-Diamantopoulou, National Drug Coordinator, Greece

Opening Address

Makis Voridis, Minister of Health, Greece

Katerina Papakosta, Deputy Minister of Health, Greece

09.15-09.30 New national challenges: New legislation (National Strategy 2014-2016), Dr.

Christina Papoutsopoulou-Diamantopoulou, National Drug Coordinator, Greece

09.30-9.40 Family photo

09.40-10.00 Coffee break

10.00-12.00 Social cost of drug abuse and balanced approach

- “Heroin addiction and harm to individuals and society: the value of treatment and recovery”, Professor John Strang
- “Drugs addiction and criminality: the futility of unidirectional approaches”, Professor Nikos Paraskevopoulos
- “The impact of economic crisis on drugs use. How it burdens the public health”, Professor Ioannis Yfantopoulos

12.00-12.30 Discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Continuum of care Minimum Quality Standards

- “EQUUS - European Minimum Quality Standards for Drug Demand Reduction”, Dr. Michael Schaub
- “Most common misunderstandings about substance use disorders - what we know from science and what we have in practice”, MD Igor Koutsenok
- “Quality standards in drugs demand reduction at European level”, Danilo Ballotta (EMCDDA)

15.30-16.00 Discussion

16.00-17.00 Challenges for National Drug Coordinators’ Coordination in Europe, Dr.

Christina Papoutsopoulou-Diamantopoulou, National Drug Coordinator of Greece

17.00-17.15 AOB

19.30-20.30 Tour of the Acropolis Museum

20.30 Dinner at the Acropolis Museum Restaurant