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IMPROVING DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION: EUROPEAN, LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CITIES IN PARTNERSHIP



Improving drug treatment and rehabilitation: European, Latin American and Caribbean cities in partnership

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Project goals

European cities will partner with cities in Latin America or the Caribbean to:

- Exchange best practices on treatment and rehabilitation of drug-dependent persons
- Promote cooperation among cities to improve drug treatment

Facts about the project

- Funded by the European Commission for three years (US\$1.9 million approx.)
- Direct beneficiaries: city mayors, Chief Medical Officers, drug treatment officials, family court judges
- Executing agency: CICAD
- Linked to CICAD's project supporting decentralization of demand reduction programming to municipalities

Main activities of the project

- Inter-regional forum in autumn of 2007 in a Latin American or Caribbean city (TBD) to develop twin city partnerships and plans
- Exchange visits with mayors and city officials responsible for drug treatment
- Standardized methodology for assessing drug treatment capacity in participating cities

Main activities of the project (contd.)

- Drug-dependent offenders: exchange visits to examine alternatives to incarceration (e.g., drug courts)
- Development of on-line shared workspace for cooperation on specific technical subjects
- Wrap-up inter-regional forum at end of project
- Outside evaluation

Opportunities offered by the project

- Raise public awareness of the **need** for drug treatment and rehabilitation services
- Advocate improved training and certification for drug treatment counsellors & treatment center managers
- Explore different modalities of drug treatment beyond the residential TC model (e.g., brief interventions, outpatient programs)

Opportunities offered by the project (contd.)

- Develop and strengthen lasting partnerships to improve the quality of drug treatment and improve coverage & availability
- Understand in situ the operations of drug courts in Europe (principally in the UK)

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