

Subject: RE: PDU expert meeting Norway

From: "Burdzovic, Jasmina" <Jasmina.Burdzovic@fhi.no>

Date: 16/05/2017 06:54

To: Thomas Seyler <Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu>

CC: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Thomas,

11.30 my time this Friday is fine – I will give you a call then.
Looking forward to it.

Best,
Jasmina

From: Thomas Seyler [mailto:Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu]

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 1:18 PM

To: Burdzovic, Jasmina <Jasmina.Burdzovic@fhi.no>

Cc: [REDACTED]
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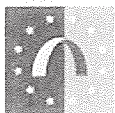
Subject: Re: PDU expert meeting Norway

Dear Jasmina,

Many thanks for your email, and thank you for proposing to present the new Norwegian PWID estimate.

I will be available this week for a chat: would Friday at 10.30 Lisbon time (11.30 Oslo time) be an option for you?

Kind regards,
Thomas.



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On 15/05/2017 10:20, Burdzovic, Jasmina wrote:

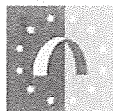
Dear Thomas,

Thank you for your email and my apologies for not responding sooner. I was out of the country, and needed to coordinate with Ellen before I committed to any presentation. But having talked to her, I think it would be OK if I had a brief presentation on our Norwegian data. Of course, I will appreciate any help you can offer and it would be wise if we could have a short chat sometime before the meeting. I am out of the country (again) most of this week, but am available this Friday (May 19) and Wed-Fri next week (May 24-26) any time. Please let me know what would work for you, and thank you again.

Looking forward to the meeting.
Best,
Jasmina

Greetings to the Norwegian team.

Best regards,
Thomas.



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On 28/04/2017 12:15, Burdzovic, Jasmina wrote:

Dear Sofia and Thomas,

Attached please find the National Abstract for Norway for the June PDU expert meeting.

Also, please note that I will be taking over this task from Ellen Amundsen, whose experience and expertise will be difficult to match. I am very much looking forward to joining your group and to the next meeting.

Best wishes,
Jasmina

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Subject: SV: PDU expert meeting Norway

From: "Amundsen, Ellen Johanna" <ellen.amundsen@fhi.no>

Date: 05/05/2017 12:08

To: Thomas Seyler <Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu>, "Burdzovic, Jasmina" <Jasmina.Burdzovic@fhi.no>

Dear Thomas,
with copy to Jasmina

Jasmina and I have not had the time to transfer and discuss high-risk drug use estimation in Norway, so I 'invade' your communication from a period of sick leave.

Nothing new has happened regarding estimation since my two presentations at last year's meeting (see attachments, Jasmina). We hope, however, to be able to finance a new survey in several cities among high risk drug users this autumn. This will give us new material for updating the treatment indicator of the number of high risk opioid and stimulant drug users. I am sure that with Jasmina's expertise we will find better ways of estimation. Estimation of the number of PWID (MMM) and high risk cannabis users (from GPS) will be carried out as before.

Yours sincerely

Ellen J. Amundsen

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Fra: Thomas Seyler [mailto:Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu]

Sendt: fredag 5. mai 2017 12.26

Til: Burdzovic, Jasmina <Jasmina.Burdzovic@fhi.no>

Kopi: 
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Emne: Re: PDU expert meeting Norway

Dear Jasmina,

I hope this email finds you well.

The yearly PDU meeting is a good opportunity to share experiences on estimating prevalence of high-risk drug use with colleagues from the EU and Turkey. It allows countries with less experience to benefit from more experienced ones.

Norway is a very active and important member of the network, and we value your inputs. I have attached a very first draft of the agenda. The guiding principles are: consolidate (core estimates), integrate (PDU with other indicators), innovate (look at new methods and data sources).

The network would benefit a lot from the Norwegian experience. Would you be interested to present briefly the new PWID estimate for Norway, with a focus on the method you used? That would fit in session 2. PWID is of particular importance for the network since the completeness of this estimate is still low at the European level despite its importance for public health.

Subject: PDU web-conference - draft report
From: "Flesland, Liv Holmefjord" <liv.holmefjord.flesland@bergenclinics.no>
Date: 21/04/2017 12:08
To: 'Thomas Seyler' <Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu>

Dear Thomas,

Attached a revised draft report from the PDU Web-conference.

I have also attached two relatively new articles from Norway and Bergen for more in-dept understanding of the distribution of naloxone nasal spray and ambulance overdose calls/activity. May be it's of interest for you?

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dar.12451/full>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28182982>

If you need anything more or have any questions about my comments/revision, do not hesitate to contact me.
Wish you a nice week-end in Lisbon J

Kind regards

Liv

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Sendt: 5. april 2017 16:48

Til: [REDACTED]

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Kopi: [REDACTED]

Emne: PDU web-conference - draft report

Dear colleagues,

I hope this email finds you well.

Please find attached the draft report of the PDU Web-conference based on your first round of feedback. This version integrates the 7-country overviews and tries to provide European-level conclusions.

I would be very grateful if you could read it and send me your comments and suggestions by Friday 21st April. In particular:

- make sure you agree with your country-specific conclusions and the overall conclusions.
- make sure your name and institutions are correctly written on the first page and in the methods section
- kindly answer the questions corresponding to your country marked in yellow in the Annex section

The next step - if you agree - is to share this report to the PDU network as a whole.

Thanks again for your contributions and do not hesitate to come back to me if you have any questions.

Subject: SV: PDU web-conference
From: "Flesland, Liv Holmefjord" <liv.holmefjord.flesland@bergenclinics.no>
Date: 10/03/2017 14:08
To: 'Thomas Seyler' <Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu>

Dear Thomas,

I have attached the draft report of my session in the PDU webconference. Hopefully it's understandable and what you need for your further work of the report.
Feel free to mail or phone me if you have any questions. May be my feedback gives more questions than answers???

Wish you a nice weekend in Lisbon,

Kind regards
Liv

Fra: Thomas Seyler [mailto:Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu]
Sendt: 7. mars 2017 15:41
Til: Flesland, Liv Holmefjord
Emne: Re: SV: PDU web-conference

Sure! Friday is fine.
Many thanks Liv,
Thomas.



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On 07/03/2017 14:35, Flesland, Liv Holmefjord wrote:

Dear Thomas,

I intend to answer your questions, but have a very busy week and have problems doing it by Thursday. I hope it's okay that you get it during Friday this week?

Kind regards
Liv

Fra: Thomas Seyler [mailto:Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu]
Sendt: 3. mars 2017 18:39
Til: Flesland, Liv Holmefjord
Emne: Re: SV: PDU web-conference

Dear Liv,

Thank you again for your active participation to the PDU web-conference. Your presentation was greatly appreciated.

I have attached a very first draft report of your session based on your ppt, that i will include in the common report after your feedback. I have put in red a few questions and comments. Feel free to modify the draft.

Please also find attached the PDU revision summary document (i refer to it in some of my comments).

I would be very grateful if you could send me your feedback by next Thursday (9th March).

Many thanks and have a nice weekend in Bergen,

Kind regards,
Thomas.



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Subject: SV: PDU Thematic Teleconference - preliminary steps
From: "Amundsen, Ellen J." <ellen.amundsen@fhi.no>
Date: 10/01/2017 08:38
To: Thomas Seyler <Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu>

Hello Thomas,

Thank you for your letter and your efforts to keep the discussion alive between meetings.

I am sorry to say that due to reorganization of the institute, more responsibilities and a lot of work lagging behind, I do not see that I have the time to join your discussion.

I have attached the two abstracts corresponding with my presentations last year, adjusting them slightly for a hopefully better readability. I admit that the text may not be easy to grasp, however, so a reference to the PDU prevalence guidelines may be sensible.

Yours sincerely

Ellen J. Amundsen

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Fra: Thomas Seyler [<mailto:Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu>]

Sendt: fredag 23. desember 2016 15.31

Til: Amundsen, Ellen J. <ellen.amundsen@fhi.no>

Emne: PDU Thematic Teleconference - preliminary steps

Dear Ellen,

I hope this email finds you well.

Based on the recommendations of the 2016 PDU expert meeting, we propose to organise a teleconference (TC) at the beginning of next year among members of the PDU network who are interested and available.

The first step is to choose a topic that is relevant to your work. Please find below a list of potential topics. We kindly ask you to send us by email your preferred option (by 10 January if possible). You can also propose a topic that is not on the list.

1. Is the EU immune to the current US heroin epidemic?
2. Is an increase in opioid-related deaths in the EU reflecting an increase in the number of high-risk opioid users?
3. What do we know about high-risk NPS use among marginalised populations (e.g. Roma, vulnerable migrants) in the EU?
4. What is the added value for policy makers of estimating (yearly) incidence of high-risk drug use?
5. *Any other topic of your choice*

The second step is to choose a date for the TC. Please find below a link to a doodle calendar where you can put your availabilities (to be filled by 10 January if possible). The TC will last for 1h30 max.

Subject: SV: Problem Drug Use in Europe - Invitation to expert meeting in Lisbon
From: "Flesland, Liv Holmefjord" <liv.holmefjord.flesland@bergenclinics.no>
Date: 07/09/2016 13:01
To: 'Thomas Seyler' <Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu>

Hi Thomas

Thank you for the invitation. Bergen clinics greatly appreciate being invited to the expert meeting at EMCDDA 20-21 September, and I have the opportunity to participate and present our local monitoring system, Føre Var/Bergen Earlier Warning System, with a focus on problem drug use. Do you wish that I attend both days or only on September 21?

Kind regards

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Sendt: 6. september 2016 17:56
Til: Flesland, Liv Holmefjord
Emne: Problem Drug Use in Europe - Invitation to expert meeting in Lisbon

Dear Dr. Flesland ,

My name is Thomas Seyler and I work at EMCDDA in Lisbon. [REDACTED] gave me your email address.

On **20-21 September 2016** we are organising a meeting with European national experts on the Problem Drug Use (PDU) indicator. [REDACTED] will come for the Folkehelseinstituttet.

One of the objectives of the meeting is to present national PDU estimates (e.g. PWID, High Risk Opioid users) and to find ways to increase coverage of these indicators at the European level in order to better document the European drug situation.

Another objective of the meeting is to present sources of information and methods to monitor problematic drug use at the local level. There will be presentations on drug-related emergency room visits in a network of sentinel hospitals, waste-water analysis in the same cities, and event-based monitoring in sentinel cities across France.

Subject: SV: SV: PDU expert meeting agenda

From: "Amundsen, Ellen J." <ellen.amundsen@fhi.no>

Date: 06/09/2016 08:52

To: Thomas Seyler <Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu>

Hello Thomas,

I know about Liv's work and the reports they write. I think it is a good system which gives valuable information to those in Bergen who work in the field, the administration and politicians. She took over for [REDACTED] (wrong spelling?), now at the EMCDDA.

A similar 'system' was tried out in Oslo several years ago, but the effort was not judged to be worth the resources it took. I think this has to do with the size of the city, the larger complexity of drug using venues and may be also a better developed service system for drug users at the time.

I think it is a good idea to invite her, and if she cannot come, check with Jane?

The best from Ellen

Vennlig hilsen

Ellen J. Amundsen

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Fra: Thomas Seyler [mailto:Thomas.Seyler@emcdda.europa.eu]

Sendt: mandag 5. september 2016 16.31

Til: Amundsen, Ellen J. <ellen.amundsen@fhi.no>

Emne: Re: SV: PDU expert meeting agenda

Dear Ellen,

I hope this email finds you well.

I would need your advice if you have a bit of time.

[REDACTED]

The last session of the PDU expert meeting is on "alternative data sources/methods to complement PDU". Nothing really new here but the objective is to remind us that national PDU estimates can be complemented by local studies, quantitative or qualitative in nature. Hospital ER data from sentinel hospitals, waste analysis, as well as event-based monitoring will be presented. All have in common the unit of analysis which is the city. Since i am quite new to the field I discovered recently that Bergen has an integrated model of drug monitoring (Norway is leading as usual :). I came across Liv Flesland's name. I might be able to identify some funding for one extra guest at the meeting: do you think that the Bergen model would be of interest to the PDU network and - if i manage to get extra funds - do you think that Liv would potentially be interested to join us given the short notice?

Let me know what you think,

Many thanks and kind regards,
Thomas.

2. Session 4 (21th September): "Using the mortality multiplier for estimating the number of people who inject drugs in Norway– a risky project?"

There is a total of 20 min allocated for each presenter. That includes at least 5 min of discussion. So presenters have a maximum of 15 min for the presentation itself. If they choose to make a 10 min presentation, we will have more time for discussion.

Let us know if this is ok with you. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

We believe that your experience and the studies done at the Norwegian level will be a great asset for the network and we look forward to seeing you in Lisbon,

Have a nice day in Oslo,
Best regards,
Thomas.



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On 03/08/2016 15:06, Thomas Seyler wrote:

Thank you Ellen,
If that is ok with you i will call at 10.00 am Lisbon time (11.00 am Oslo time).
Kind regards,
Thomas.



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On 03/08/2016 15:00, Amundsen, Ellen J. wrote:

It is ok to call me tomorrow, use the mobile number below. I will be present in office from 8 o'clock Portuguese time, which is 9 o'clock Norwegian time.

Yours sincerely

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