

## **EHRN at the 25th International Harm Reduction Conference**

Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN) will present the issues related to the region of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia during the 25th International Harm Reduction Conference “At the Heart of the Response“, 14-17 May, Montreal (Canada).

This is the list of the sessions, in which EHRN will take an active part:

### **Monday, 15 May**

- **Olga Belyaeva**, Manager of Membership and Community Strengthening Team at EHRN, will give a presentation about region-specific issues to set global priorities for action at the plenary session "GLOBAL PRIORITIES FOR ACTION", from 09:00 to 10:30.

- **Anna Dovbakh**, EHRN Acting Executive Director, will be the Chair of the session “RURAL AND GEOGRAPHICALLY REMOTE HARM REDUCTION”, CONCURRENT 8, from 16:00 to 17:30.

### **Tuesday, 16 May**

- **Ivan Varenstov**, Sustainability and Transition Team Advisor at EHRN will be the Chair of the session “KEY AND NEGLECTED POPULATIONS”, MAJOR 5, from 11:00 to 12:30.

- **Anna Dovbakh** will be speaking at the session dedicated to WOMEN WHO USE DRUGS about “Punitive drug policies and women’s rights: Empowering women who use drugs to address violence in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia”, CONCURRENT 14, from 14:00 to 15:30.

### **Wednesday, 17 May**

- **Ivan Varenstov** will be speaking at the session dedicated to FUNDING HARM REDUCTION: TRANSITION AND SUSTAINABILITY about “The impact of transition from Global Fund support to governmental funding on the sustainability of harm reduction programs”, MAJOR 11, from 11:00 to 12:30.

- **Igor Gordon**, Head of Membership and Community Strengthening Team of EHRN will be speaking at the session dedicated to USER ACTIVISM & RESISTANCE about project "From street to government": How to use PWUD community-based street lawyers’ testimonies for advocacy on a national level; created by PWUD who are CCM members in EECA countries”, CONCURRENT 23, from 14:00 to 15:30.

Together with the UNODC, EHRN will make a **poster presentation** “Sharing of experiences and good practices in harm reduction: Facilitated by multi-agency partnership” about a study trip that a delegation from Kazakhstan took to Iran to learn about harm reduction programs.

EHRN is also hosting an information stand where it presents some of its current projects: Drug Policy Impact Assessment, Budget Advocacy, and the campaign of the human rights of people who use drugs “Hats are different, but human rights are universal”.