

## SIDE EVENT

# EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. 8 – 8:50 a.m.  
Conference Room BR-A

United Nations  
63<sup>rd</sup> Commission on Narcotic Drugs  
Vienna International Center



Organized by the Association Proyecto Hombre and co-organized by the Government of Spain, the Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, World Federation of Therapeutic Communities, Turkish Green Crescent Society and Dianova International.

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### About

Drug Use Disorders (DUDs) constitute a public health, developmental and security problem both in developed and developing countries worldwide. Nowadays, scientific evidence has indicated S/DUDs are a multifactorial disorder and associated with health problems, poverty, violence, criminal behaviour, and social exclusion. Strengthening prevention and treatment for people with DUDs is an essential demand reduction strategy of significant public health importance.

The UNODC-WHO International Standards for the Treatment of Drug Use Disorders encourage all Member States to consider expanding the coverage and improving the quality of drug treatment systems, interventions and policies based on scientific evidence as an integral part of the health system. The Standards recommend comprehensive and balanced approaches, and suggest science- and human rights-based treatment modalities such as outreach, outpatient, inpatient and residential treatment programmes. As one of the implementation tools based on the International Standards, UNODC, in collaboration with WHO, has been developing a quality assurance mechanism and tools for drug treatment, which are applicable globally with a generous and strong contribution from the Government of Spain. Furthermore, UNODC undertakes fruitful collaboration in research with non-profit organizations and their drug monitoring centers.

This side event will focus on the latest science in the field of drug-dependence treatment and rehabilitation, by exploring significant studies from relevant, international researchers.

### Speakers

- Oriol Esculies, International Commissioner, Association Proyecto Hombre. Chair moderator.
- **Dr. Gilberto Gerra**, Chief, Drug Prevention and Health Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
- **Azucena Martí**, Government Delegate for the National Plan on Drugs, Spain.
- **Fernando González**, Researcher, Association Proyecto Hombre, Spain.
- **Dr. Pablo Kurlander**, General Director, Brazilian Federation of Therapeutic Communities, Brazil.
- **Dr. Mehmet Dinç**, Acting President Turkish Green Crescent Society, Turkey.
- **Dr. Sushma Taylor**, President, World Federation of Therapeutic Communities, United States.

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**Simultaneous interpretation into Spanish will be provided.**

**Breakfast will be served after the event.**