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Motivation letter for the Application to become a member of the Steering Committee of EHRA

SANANIM NGO was member of EHRN and nowadays is member of EHRA with all the possible support we can provide as an established NGO in Czech Republic. I find very important to form and be part of "umbrella" organizations. In Czech Republic we created ANO – Association of NGOs of Czech Republic. We as organization always thought it's very important to be part of similar structures in international level of Europe and worldwide. The role of NGOs in the development, incorporation and evolution of drug policy of each country is important and we try hard to accomplish this role of NGO in Czech Republic. Drug policy is not a question limited to one single country. The drug policy situation nowadays differs across the regions. I am always in favor of rational drug policies and find important to abandon false strategies as was "War on drugs" etc. I like to understand addiction not as disease but deficiency of healthy relationships. From my own experience recovery is possible. I work in the field of addictology since 2003. I started as Outreach worker. I was also working in therapeutic community SANANIM – one year long treatment. I was working in the drop-in center SANANIM all the time. I am manager of this facility for few years now. I always found very important to incorporate humane approaches toward the work with drug users. I always found important to educate the society and try to destigmatize the community. Those are also topics I would like to focus on as member of the Steering Committee of EHRA. I am also able to share the knowledge of NGOs in Czech Republic in the addictology field, which has rich history and big evolution after the Velvet Revolution (1989). I can also provide human approach based on my experience and long term practice in direct work with drug users. I am big promoter of Harm Reduction interventions and can share the knowledge or help to incorporate such approaches in other regions. I also do lectures on this topic and can train workers. I look at EHRA as association with similar values and beliefs as I do. I look forward to meet similar people and together work on common goals. I am applying not only as professional but as someone with deep dedication to the cause and compassion for the community.

Thanks for your consideration!

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