

Motivation Letter Liudmila Trukhan

I want to be a member of the Steering Committee of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association in order to participate in promoting sustainability and public funding for harm reduction programs in the region, taking into account the needs of the community of people who use drugs, with active involvement of the community in advocacy and decision-making processes.

I am a co-founder of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA). I have experience in developing and implementing harm reduction programs in the Republic of Belarus from searching for employees, purchasing supplies, and advocating for government funding of harm reduction programs and changing regulations on state contracts in the field of HIV. I participated in the development of a comprehensive package of services for IDUs, MSM, SR in the EECA region, in the assessment of the quality and accessibility of harm reduction services for IDUs, in organizing and conducting bio-medical research among IDUs, in monitoring the financing of syringe exchange programs and substitution treatment.

I am ready to share my experience, to achieve the institutionalization of harm reduction programs in the region, to participate in the decriminalization of drug policy with the active involvement of the community of people who use drugs.