

MOTIVATION LETTER

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Dear EHRA Members,

On behalf of PREKURSOR Foundation for Social Policy I would like to express my interest in becoming a member of the Steering Committee for Central Europe region.

I have been working in the field of drugs and drug policy for over 15 years - initiating and developing harm reduction services organization, supporting community building and advocating for quality and sustainability of services. I am a founder and Executive Director of PREKURSOR Foundation for Social Policy - a leading NGO, based in Warsaw, which runs the biggest harm reduction program in Poland and the only one in the capital, providing support and needs-based assistance offers for people who use drugs. The PREKURSOR Foundation is a coalition of non-governmental organizations and individuals working in the field of public health and social policy, aiming to initiate debate on crucial policy issues like the crossroad of psychoactive substance use, sexual health, public health, social policy and social exclusion. The organization conducts activities in the area of harm prevention and harm reduction in the context of substance use and sexual behaviours, HIV/HCV and STIs prevention and treatment, drug policy, homelessness, sexual education, mental health. PREKURSOR works with various vulnerable populations – PWUD, sex workers, migrants, youth at risk, inmates.

Many years of experience in harm reduction - on the national and international level - allow me to navigate in the field, develop and implement activities regarding the community of people who use drugs, promote human rights of vulnerable groups. I have a good understanding of the situation of PWUD in the region which is crucial in searching for and implementing the most effective solutions.

My plans for involvement in the EHRA Steering Committee include strengthening focus on the key population of people who use drugs in the region, monitoring and implementing strategies within the region, participating in the drug policy agenda making and contributing to EHRA strategic goals realization.

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