



Webinar on Police response to gender-based violence against women who use drugs: practices and possibilities

convened by

**UNODC Regional Programme for Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries (RP)
and Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA)**

**22nd of June 2022
11.00 – 13.30, Almaty Time**

English/Russian/Farsi simultaneous translation will be available.

The aim of the on-line webinar event is to build capacity and knowledge about effective police approaches in provision of help and protection to women using drugs in case of domestic and intimate partner violence. During the webinar there will be an opportunity to learn about internationally recommended approaches and best practices of police response focused on ensuring security and referral to health, social care services and shelters for women¹.

¹ Help impossible to ignore. Guide and materials, 2021

https://harmreductioneurasia.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/05/Help-Impossible-to-Ignore_ENG.pdf



AGENDA

10.30 – 11.00 Registration

11:00 – 11:15 **Session 1 Opening and objectives**

(Moderator: Ms. Zhanerke OMAROVA, Programme Officer, UNODC Regional Programme for Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries)

Opening speech – Mr. Jeremy Milsom, Senior Programme Coordinator of the Regional Programme for Afghanistan and Neighbouring countries, UNODC Representative in Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Opening speech – Ms. Elena Pohl, a representative of the Gender Team, UNODC HQ Vienna

11:15 – 12:00 **Session 2 Overview of challenges faced by women who use drugs**

- Help impossible to ignore: General overview of challenges and possible response in EECA countries
Panelists:
 - Ganna DOVBAKH, EHRA executive director and -
 - Maria PLOTKO, EHRA Senior Program Officer
- Community of women using drugs presenting specific cases to analyze the police response on violence Panelists:
 - Olena BYELOKON from Kazakhstan, representatives of the Forum of people using drugs
 - Anna BESSONOVA from Kyrgyzstan, leader of the NGO “Women's network of key populations”
 - Lyubov VORONTSOVA from Eurasian women’s network on AIDS (EWNA)

12:00 – 12.30 **Session 3 Presentation of international experience in the provision of help to women using drugs in case of gender-based violence; the experience of Romania**

Panelist: Ms. Ionela HORGA, Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, East European Institute for Reproductive Health

12:30 – 13:00 **Session 4 Presentation of UNODC Handbook on gender-responsive police services**

Panelist: Sven PFEIFFER, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC Vienna

13:00 – 13:10 Closing remarks