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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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# SOLIDIFY PROJECT

## SUPERVISED DRUG CONSUMPTION FACILITIES

Instill Harm Reduction and Social Cohesion at Local Levels



## BACKGROUND

Most European cities face public health and safety problems related to drug use and trafficking.

The dismantling of traffic is long and repressive actions have shown their limits. Consumers are often in a very precarious situation (homeless ...) and sometimes without any contact with medical structures, what contributes to increase their vulnerability to drugs.

Supervised drug consumption facilities (SDCF) allow them to be reintegrated into institutional framework by providing a safe environment, access to care and listening. This is the opportunity to take a first step towards a treatment of their addiction.

### WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FOR URBAN SECURITY?

Drug use in public space can be at the root of many disturbances: nuisances, tensions with local residents, acts of delinquency or traffic. It generates a feeling of insecurity in the population. The establishment of Supervised drug consumption facilities makes it possible to reduce these phenomena. However, it is necessary to involve residents, specialised associations and law enforcement to build consensus around the project and ensure public tranquillity.

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

The Solidify project aims to support cities in the deployment of a risk reduction policy. It will give them concrete, efficient and concerted tools to accompany the installation of SDCFs.

### KEY DATA

First Safer consumption room (SCRs) opened in 1986 in Bern, Switzerland

90 SCRs in Europe

64 European cities have at least one SCR

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Analysing the process of installing a Supervised consumption drug facility
- Promoting the exchange of practices between cities that already host SDCFs and others that are contemplating opening one
- Better equip local authorities to facilitate the acceptance of such structures by the population
- Assessing the effects on the territory in the short, medium and long term
- Strengthening partnerships at local level, between local authorities and civil society

## PROJECT PROCESS

A shared methodological foundation will be designed in order to promote the understanding and analysis of specific local circumstances. This will enable the presentation of varied experiences and will facilitate the evaluation of drug consumption rooms and their impacts on the territories. It will include issues such as security and delinquency, feelings of insecurity, dialogue and acceptance of the scheme by local stakeholders.

On this basis, qualitative and quantitative criteria and an assessment grid for evaluation will be defined. Field visits and audits will enable observation and analysis by peers and experts.

A collection of recommendations and practices will be produced. It will be presented at a final event which will gather the project partners and the organisations who host these schemes in the partner cities as well as experts, practitioners and policy makers from local, national and international institutions.

