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HEPATITIS CARE IN SUBSTANCE USERS

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INHSU 2018: the largest meeting with over more than seven hundred participants



EMCDDA points out the need to address late diagnosis for hepatitis C among people who use drugs

As the main goal, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) wants to "provide evidence for better decisions and for action, for policy makers and for practitioners". In an interview for News Farma, **Alexis Goosdeel** presents the major focus of action for the organization, based in Lisbon since 1994.

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Models of care for HCV infection from all over the world improve the health of people who use drugs

The session "Models of care for HCV infection", that took place on the first day of INHSU 2018, had nine different speakers, from six different countries, from three different continents, with the aim of sharing personal experiences and projects. In an interview for News Farma, **Mojca Maticic** explains that all of them used already existing facilities to create innovative methods to improve the life of people who use drugs.

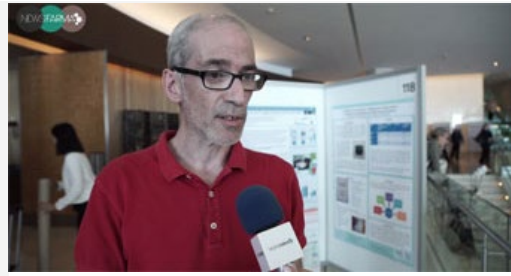
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Seeing the person with hepatitis C through a holistic perspective provides a more complete treatment

During the 18th September, the "Hepatitis C Community Summit" took place, an event that counted with the presence of about 160 participants, including **Rui Tato Marinho e Ricardo Baptista Leite**. One of the main conclusions of the meeting was the necessity of "holistic work". As **Erin O'Mara**, from the European Network of People Who Use Drugs, says "we all need to be working more in partnerships".

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"Drug consumption rooms" may be a way to improve the health of people who use drugs

"It is all they said it would be? Drug user experience of Portuguese decriminalisation" was the name of the session led by **Rui Miguel Coimbra Morais**, from Consumers Associated Survive Organised (CASO). According to him, one main action that should have already been done is the creation of drug consumption rooms. Besides, he points out a very serious problem with the stigma and the marginalization felt by people who use drugs.

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