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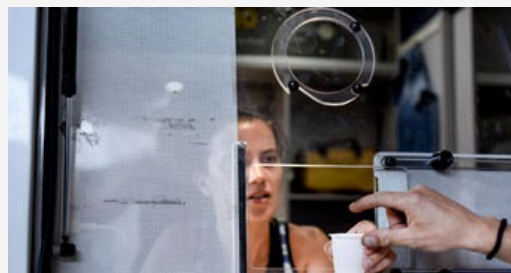
Photo gallery #1: Policy makers from all over the world meet to see how Portugal addresses hepatitis C in people who use drugs



IN-Mouraria: a Portuguese project that provides an integrated response center for people who use drugs

IN-Mouraria is a Portuguese Activist Group for HIV/AIDS Treatment (GAT) project that provides an integrated response center for people who use drugs, with a focus on HIV and HCV infection. A group of delegates, policy makers, and members of parliament from INHSU 2018 had the opportunity to visit the facilities of this project, in the heart of Lisbon. Interviewed by News Farma, **Luís Mendão**, chair of the board of GAT, shares the reasons of the success of this project and explains why the IN-Mouraria is such a peculiar initiative.

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Ares do Pinhal Association goes to the street to meet and treat dependent population

Ares do Pinhal Association is a Private Institution of Social Solidarity (IPSS) that has the mission to assist people in situations of social exclusion. One of the intervention areas of this project is meet the heroin-dependent population (with or without consumptions of other illicit or licit substances), through an outpatient public health surveillance and psychosocial support program, with methadone administration under low threshold requirement. **Hugo Faria**, Ares do Pinhal Association's psychologist and coordinator team, explains what the mobile units do.

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"We have to absorb more the experience of Portugal"

"The mobile clinics and the peer counselling groups that is definitely what is working and we have to absorb more the experience of Portugal". The opinion is from **Mariam Jashi**, from the Parliament of Georgia in Asia, after visited IN-Mouraria and Ares do Pinhal Association and "actually see how program works for the beneficiaries".

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"I want to transfer this experience from Portugal to my country, Mozambique"

Saimone Macuaina, from the Parliament of Mozambique, was one of the delegates from INHSU 2018 that visited IN-Mouraria and Ares do Pinhal Association. For the deputy, these Portuguese projects are an example, but they are very difficult to introduce in their country, since Mozambique penalizes people who use drugs. "I want to transfer this experience from Portugal to my country", says the specialist in an interview with News Farma.

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