

# Civil Society Involvement in Drug Policy

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**The project Civil Society Involvement in Drug Policy (CSIDP) is an initiative of a group of organisations, active in this area on national and/or European level and closely connected to the European Civil Society Forum on Drugs.**

We aim, to stimulate inclusion of community members, NGO's and other Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) in drug policy decision making. Please contact us to get involved and share your experiences with us.

## Definitions of "Civil Society":

*"the associational life operating in the space between the state and market, including individual participation, and the activities of non-governmental, voluntary and community organisations"*

(GREEN PAPER on the role of Civil Society in Drugs Policy in the European Union 2005, Council's Horizontal Drugs Group 2005)

## What do we do?

**An assessment of civil society involvement in drug policy which will cover:**

- Definitions and meaning of CSI
- Local, national and European experiences and approaches regarding CSI
- Impact and limitations analysis
- Good practice examples of effective CSI (e.g. for initiating new services, for implementing activities, for impact evaluation, etc.)

**A roadmap with**

- General conditions and critical factors for developing and implementing effective CSI;
- Guidance for conducting national assessments;
- Guidance for developing national action plans;
- Guidance for forming CS coalitions;
- Guidance to set up feasible and sustainable CS structures.

**National action plans** are introduced by project partners in Bulgaria, Ireland, Italy, the Netherland, Portugal and Slovenia to establish better involvement of civil society in drug policy.

### Resource Centre

The resource centre will be equipped with documents, reports and papers relevant for civil society involvement in drug policy.

### CSI Conference 2018

In 2018, a conference on civil society involvement in drug policy will be organised in Brussels.

**More information at:**

[www.csidp.eu](http://www.csidp.eu)

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