

## **REPORT**

### **Drug Policy Dialogue in Southeast Europe January- December 2011**

The current report describes the initial activities of the Association after the formal establishment of the organisation in October 2010.

#### **Main activities**

##### **a.**

##### **Action plan SEE Drug Policy Network**

The first draft of the concept work plan based on the discussions at the Thessaloniki meeting has been send to the organisations of the SEE Network on April 11, 2011 asking for comments and further suggestions. All organisations reported that they agree in general with the proposal and suggested minor changes. The work plan has been finalised on May 11, 2011 (see Attachment I). The implementation of some of the activities has already taken place; other aspects of the programme will be implemented in the coming period.

##### **b.**

##### **The Drug Law Reform project**

Beginning of May a working paper has been written in order to discuss the idea of a project on Drug Law Reform in the countries of South East Europe (see Attachment II). The paper has been send to the dean of the Law faculty of the University of Thessaloniki for comments and suggestions. His reaction was positive, he recommended two researchers who could do the research work for this project. The initial idea was to have a meeting with representatives from several organisations from the SEE region in Thessaloniki, but it was not possible –because of agenda constraints- to organise it. We have decided to contact people individually and via E-mail. We contacted several NGOs of the Drug policy Network and received suggestions and names of researchers who could possibly do the research

##### **c.**

##### **Set up a Website of the DIOGENIS Association**

This activity has been realised. The website is online. See [www.diogenis.info](http://www.diogenis.info). We are grateful to OSI that made this possible with its Grant. With the website, we can

facilitate communication and have a means of presentation of our work. Now, the languages of the website are limited to English and Greek. The next period we have to consider whether it is possible to add more languages from the countries in SEE.

#### **d.**

##### Office equipments

We bought a computer, a scanner and printer, ordered printed-paper with the logo of Diogenis and business cards. In addition, other office supplies have been purchased.

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##### Project outcomes

- The work plan of the SEE Drug Policy Network is agreed
- Persons have been identified to set up and implement a Drug Law Reform project in SEE
- The website [www.diogenis.info](http://www.diogenis.info) is realized.
- Office equipment is purchased

#### **5.**

##### Evaluation

All goals listed in the workplan have been achieved.

#### **6.**

##### Sustainability

A grant from OSI has helped to set up the website and organise the office. Diogenis' activities have a history that starts in 2004. The informal dialogues, an initiative of the Andreas Papandreou Foundation and TNI have been taken over by Diogenis due to the fact that the director of Diogenis was the initiator and coordinator of the project by the Papandreou Foundation. TNI has the formal responsibility for the dialogues, but the organisation of the Informal Drug Policy Dialogues continues as joint initiative of both Diogenis and TNI. The SEE Drug Policy Network is a new challenge. We hope that we will be able to continue this work and expand our activities with the realisation of the new project on drug law reform.

#### **7.**

##### Co-funding

Diogenis has contacted the UNODC Regional Office for South East Europe. Our proposal has been to consider possibilities of co-funding activities in the SEE region. The initial reaction of the UN Regional Office is positive. We got a small grant of 6.000 USD for this year. Part of this grant was spent for the organisation of a

workshop during the European Conference in Correlation in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 12-14 December 2011.

## **8.**

### Miscellaneous

In April, we had a discussion with Correlation Network in Amsterdam. After this contact, Correlation asked Diogenis to be part of the organising committee of their European Conference that will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Diogenis was co-partner of Correlation for the Ljubljana Conference and shared the responsibility for the organisation of a main session on drug policy developments in Europe and worldwide and organised the above mentioned workshop.

### **The report of the Global Drug Policy Commission**

Diogenis Association has supported the campaign of the Avaaz online petition, translated the petition in Greek and sent it to journalists. The Greek press has reported extensively about the report, partly because Prime Minister G. Papandreou is member of the Commission. The organisations of the SEE Drug Policy Network have been informed about this campaign and have signed the petition.