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### ◆ INTRODUCTION

The International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) is a membership organisation that connects, unites, and provides knowledge to the global substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support workforce. ISSUP currently has over 30,000 members in more than 190 nations and territories worldwide. ISSUP connects and supports individuals working in the field of drug demand reduction across the world.

The opportunity for ISSUP to build a partnership with Addictology and develop a strong connection to Charles University in Prague, contains great potential. It is our ambition to provide a unique contribution to the field of drug demand reduction that will present real value to researchers, policy makers and practitioners.

By serving this audience and developing an international journal devoted to publishing peer-reviewed interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary scientific research on psychoactive substance use, ISSUP seeks to become a significant provider of evidence, insight and knowledge to the workforce.

Each edition of the Journal has a section from ISSUP to keep readers informed about its events, scientific contributions, conferences, trainings, news, membership, and National Chapters.

ISSUP thanks the Addictology team and everyone who has made this collaboration possible. We also thank our readers and hope you will find the material presented here relevant, accessible, and informative.

For further information about ISSUP please visit [www.issup.net](http://www.issup.net)

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### ◆ **ISSUP ORAL PRESENTATION FOR LISBON ADDICTIONS 2022: FACILITATING AN INTRODUCTION TO EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION: INEP PLUS**

The fourth European Conference on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies took place in Lisbon from 23–25 November 2022.

Under the overarching theme of Global Addictions, LxAddictions22 showcased cutting-edge research to help characterise, understand and respond to addiction and addictive behaviours today.

ISSUP Team participated in an oral presentation highlighting the main outcome of the INEP Plus “Introduction to Evidence-based Prevention” programme; the facilitated online training programme led by ISSUP trainers to support the delivery of the INEP content provision.

The training was offered to 69 facilitators from 28 countries over a six-week period.

ISSUP underscored the main outcome of the INEP Plus programme which was the training of international multipliers of preventive evidence-based knowledge. The result of scientific evidence was brought to the ground and made available to those working in the field of drug prevention, thus contributing to the dissemination of prevention science and practice.

Here, you can view the poster entitled: “Facilitating an Introduction to Evidence-based Prevention: INEP Plus”.

[https://www.issup.net/files/2023-01/Poster-INEP-issup%20Final\\_0.pdf](https://www.issup.net/files/2023-01/Poster-INEP-issup%20Final_0.pdf)

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## Facilitating an Introduction to Evidence-based Prevention: INEP Plus

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### Background

**INEP** is a beginner's self-led online course on prevention provided by Charles University in Prague.

**INEP Plus** is a facilitated online training programme led by ISSUP trainers to support the delivery of the INEP content provision.

**Target:** ISSUP National Chapters facilitators and their in-country attendees.

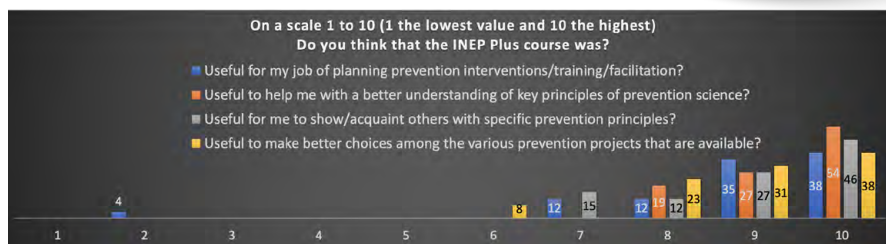
**Aim:** Allow a better understanding of evidence-based prevention science concepts.

### Methods

The training was offered to 69 facilitators from 28 countries over a six-week period.

The training sessions included group discussions and collaborative learning to deepen the understanding of complex topics and to allow participants to collaborate and learn with peers around the world. Support material was provided to assist the trained facilitators to pilot the INEP Plus course in their own countries.

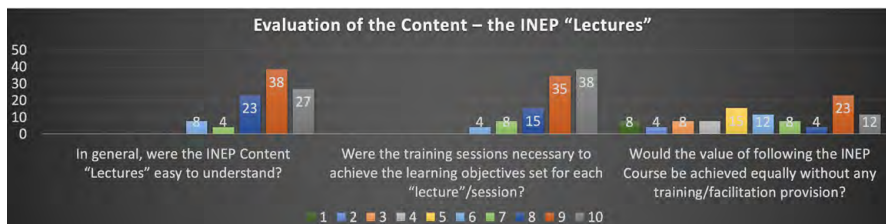
### Results



The general questions about the value of the course reflect a strong positive response to the view that it was useful to help with planning prevention interventions, and for the training and facilitation of prevention inputs.



This set of questions explored how participants felt during the training. The responses show that people felt highly engaged and understood the language used with the content being clear.



These questions aimed to identify how participants felt about the content of the INEP “lectures”. There was a spread of responses but in general the first two questions reflected a positive response to the content being easy to understand but with increased support for the need for the training provided to achieve the content objectives.

### Conclusion

The main outcome of the INEP Plus programme is the training of international multipliers of preventive evidence-based knowledge. The result of scientific evidence is brought to the ground and made available to those working in the field of drug prevention, thus contributing to the dissemination of prevention science and practice.

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## ◆ BECOME AN ISSUP MEMBER

ISSUP represents a thriving international network of professionals and practitioners, from a wide variety of backgrounds, undertaking and promoting high-quality, evidence based, and ethical practice.

### Why join ISSUP?

ISSUP is free to join, and we have grades of membership to suit everyone from experienced prevention, treatment, and recovery support professionals and researchers to students, volunteers, or anyone with an active interest in this field.

We are always refining our services and adding to the wide range of benefits available to our members. ISSUP membership enables you to:

- ◆ Take courses (face-to-face and online) developed by our partners and gain qualifications through the ISSUP Professional Development Hub.
- ◆ Create your own member profile and share your work, projects, and events via our website.
- ◆ Join regional and topic focused discussion groups.
- ◆ Receive our twice monthly Newsletter and get regular event notifications.
- ◆ Find national and international networking opportunities.
- ◆ Attend annual ISSUP workshops with benefits for members.
- ◆ Contact other members using the ISSUP Member Directory.
- ◆ Sign up to a code of ethics.
- ◆ Receive information and resources for students and early career professionals.

### Individual Membership Categories

We offer a choice of four categories of membership:

#### **Drug Demand Reduction Professional Membership**

for those who have specific qualifications, expertise and experience directly linked to the drug demand reduction field.

#### **Professional Membership**

for those that are undertaking a role that contributes to the drug demand reduction field, even if not necessarily a specialist.

#### **Regular Membership**

for interested, non-professional applicants (can include volunteers, family members or non-accredited community members).

#### **Student Membership**

for those attending an educational institution or attending training (in any field) containing a drug demand reduction component.

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