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◆ INTRODUCING THE NEW KNOWLEDGE SHARE LAYOUT: ELEVATING YOUR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

At ISSUP, we are thrilled to unveil the exciting transformation of our Knowledge Share platform. We believe that this fresh layout will not only enhance your experience but also empower you to navigate the vast landscape of substance use research effortlessly.

The Knowledge Share remains your steadfast companion, dedicated to delivering the most up-to-date news, cutting-edge research, best practices, a collection of valuable resources, and plenty of publications from the dynamic world of substance use. With the evolution of our layout and user interface, we aim to ensure that our ever-expanding library of over 5,000 items becomes an even more powerful tool for your continuous learning journey.

Here's a glimpse of what's new:

Vibrant Makeover: A splash of new colours and a refreshed logo bring a contemporary vibe to the Knowledge Share, making your exploration not just informative but visually engaging.

Thematic Organisation: Our new theme-based grouping system organises articles, making it effortless for you to dive deep into the subjects that intrigue you the most.

Enhanced Search Functionality: Discovering the precise information you seek is now simpler than ever. Our upgraded search function comes armed with improved filters, ensuring that you can pinpoint the exact resources you need.

Streamlined Article Layout: We've fine-tuned the article layout to make your reading and learning experience enjoyable and user-friendly.

Effortless Contribution: Posting your own articles is now more straightforward with our simplified submission form. While it retains the familiarity of the initial process, we've made key refinements for an enhanced experience.

We invite you to embark on this enhanced knowledge-sharing journey with us. The new Knowledge Share layout promises an enriched experience, providing you with the tools you need to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of substance use research.

Your expertise are valuable contributions to our growing community, and we encourage you to continue posting and sharing your invaluable insights on the Knowledge Share.

Embrace a fresh change in the field of substance use research, now conveniently at your fingertips. [Click here](#) to begin your exploration!

Your Feedback Matters: If you have any feedback, please let us know in [our network discussion](#), or by emailing info@issup.net.

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◆ **START YOUR ISSUP MEMBERSHIP**

ISSUP provides access to a wide range of benefits to help develop your knowledge and career. Membership is free and we have grades that suit everyone from experienced prevention, treatment, and recovery support professionals and researchers to students, volunteers, or anyone with an active interest in this field.

Why join ISSUP?

Join an international network of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery professionals undertaking and promoting high-quality, evidence based, and ethical practice. We are always refining features and adding to the 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.

Get 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.

Apply Online

For more information and to submit an online application please see our [membership page](#).

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◆ INTERACTIVE PLATFORM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND RISK BEHAVIOUR PREVENTION: ONE YEAR OF PILOT OPERATION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Interactive Platform for Mental Health Support and Risk Behaviour Prevention (iprev.cz) is a tool to promote quality in prevention and to support prevention professionals both in schools and among external providers of prevention programmes for children and adolescents. The platform consists of three main components: a catalogue of evaluated prevention programmes, education support for prevention workers and professionals, including a range of training activities and courses, and a component focused on quality assurance and safety in prevention.

During the past year, the team has managed to establish cooperation with a number of experts, schools and educational institutions. The platform is based on community prevention approach and connecting communities with resources. The platform is growing thanks to feedback from the field and reacts on the current topics in the field of risk behaviour and mental health. The team regularly participates in national and international conferences (EUSPR, ICUDDR), organise field visits to regions and works closely with prevention providers, especially school prevention methodologists. IPREV digitises, updates and communicates the results of a number of projects in line with open science. It serves students as a source of study materials, prevention methodologists as a service platform for their work, and families, carers, adolescents and educators as a source of evidence-based information.

In the section on quality in prevention we disseminate the evidence on effective prevention, evaluation, quality standards and quality assurance. IPREV also includes a database of evaluation tools, integrates the online course Introduction to evidence-based prevention (INEP) and the national System for recording and monitoring prevention activities in schools (SEPA).

Based on the feedback, materials on current topics in drug abuse prevention were developed (HHC, kratom, nicotine pouches, psychoactive drugs). Topics such as suicide prevention, sleep hygiene and digital wellbeing were developed in the context of mental health support. In addition, a methodology was developed to support the implementation of the school's prevention plan and the selection of quality and safe prevention programmes provided by external providers.

Along with the web platform, social networks, Facebook and Instagram, have been created to build a community and reach out to other potential interested parties. The content of social media posts is customised to the community. Based on the analysis, it was found that Instagram followers are of younger age, including students. The posts are therefore mainly directed towards mental health related topics. On Facebook there is a community of educators and prevention professionals and posts are mainly related to upcoming webinars and conferences, news on the platform and education.

The pilot operation of the platform has shown its importance in the domestic prevention system and infrastructure. The support of users and their participation in the creation of content prove that such a project has its place and value. A number of activities are planned for the next year. The platform will serve as a dissemination channel for the results of projects focused on prevention and quality standards. The content is going to be developed with regard to the current needs of practice, the collaboration with practitioners is planned to be extended and some parts of the platform are going to be translated into English so that it can serve as a source of evidence-based information for professionals. An evaluation study of the implementation of the project activities in practice is also planned.

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The pilot operation was launched in the autumn of 2022 and the platform was created thanks to the financial support of the Prague City Hall and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. It is operated and developed by the team of the Department of Addictology, First Faculty of Medicine and General University Hospital in Prague in cooperation with a consortium of organisations.

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