



*Association for the assumption of responsibility
and the reduction of infectious risks*

STRATEGIC POLICIES

THE REORGANISATION OF THE SCDAT COLMAR

The renovation of the whole association to make it available to drug users has led to a decision to reorganise the CSST [Center of Specialized Care for Drug Addicts] in Colmar, with an equipped and convivial reception area open on the city. This shows the aim to become on a medium-term, **true resource centre for the assistance network of drug users and addictions within the departmental plan, and in the near future on a regional level too.**

This reception area will be made up of **socialising area** dedicated to **giving advice** on the different internal and external services, such as care and drug substitution in particular.

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This concerns enabling users to deal with their own therapeutic development within this context and offer them the widest possible range of services required to take such a step. All this work will obtain the maximum progress possible within the context of common law.

Supporting **opinion from the National Aids Council concerning harm reduction, written in the circular letter dated 30th of January 2002 concerning drug substitution, and in the texts herein**, Argile specialises in the reduction of harms.

In this respect a study on the distribution of medicalized heroin, where the substances are consumed, on de-penalisation, even the legalisation of substances, will be carried out with the associated groups, hopefully, in order to embark upon a variety of experimental and innovative projects.

A clear tendency towards the **growth** in the range of harm reduction tools and also the marketing of Strawbags (Argile is the owner of the mark) has become a public health priority, especially when considering the documented studies which we have obtained on the contamination risks related to the inhalation of substances.

In the same way, **the study on the opening of a reception area and on drug use with fewer risks** must be realised through a feasibility and acceptable survey by joining the associates and policies.

Moreover the issue of installing a **Totem** (a distributor to recuperate syringes) in Colmar must also be considered, focusing on the colmarienne square.

Furthermore it is means , **in the evolution of the CSST, all the consequences of HCV, HIV and STI epidemics**. In fact, the global assistance to drug users cannot only be considered in terms of drugs. These people have a life like every one else but because of their vulnerability they are more prone to the aforementioned pathologies.

Within the context of the **relating to the rights of the sufferers and the quality of the health system**, published in the Official Journal dated March 6th 2002; the word "care" is replaced by the word "health" within the meaning of WHO in all texts.

It states that from now on a real study on the prevention near the public must also be included

in the Argile policy which should not only be confined to matters dealing with the curative care, but also focus, from the very beginning, on **project of harm reduction and the prevention of addictive risks.**

It will therefore be necessary **obtain and install a real prevention sector linked with a departmental plan of action.** In the meantime, we have registered these actions through our reorganisation, in an attempt to join all the volunteers and employees of Argile in the study and with their support and help we also aim to satisfy all the needs.

The development of a **training centre for the social and medical workers** based on harm reduction and prevention is being studied as well.

Lastly, taking advantage of the denomination of the medical-social establishment, we intend to **one real health network dedicated to the drug problem.**

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