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# 6th WORLD FORUM AGAINST DRUGS

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## ECAD XXV MAYORS' CONFERENCE

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MAY 14-15, 2018  
GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

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**European Cities Against Drugs** and **World Federation Against Drugs** have the honour to invite you to the **25th ECAD Mayors' Conference** and the **6th World Forum Against Drugs** on **May 14-15 in Gothenburg, Sweden**.

The UN drug control system stands strong but is faced by many challenges. How will the ambitious targets agreed to internationally be reached?

The conference gathers the world's leading experts in preventing drug use, treating and rehabilitating drug abuse and addiction as well as controlling drug related crime and supply of drugs.

We will go in depth on best practices for prevention by presenting new and revised international standards for prevention.

The concept of full recovery from addiction will be explored. How can communities, local governments and civil society contribute towards an environment in which people with addiction fully recover from addiction?

Why does it matter to take gender into consideration when providing treatment services and in what ways can law enforcement interdiction be linked up with treatment?

The conference will also explore the links between the drugs trade and crime and insecurity as well as terrorism.

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# PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

## **Recovery Communities**

**How do we create communities where everyone can access the necessary tools to recover from substance use disorder and associated high-risk behaviors? Examples and models are presented from different parts of the world.**

## **The implications of a changing marijuana landscape**

**Kevin Sabet, USA**

Dr. Sabet is the Director of the Drug Policy Institute at the University of Florida and an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. He is currently Executive Director of Project SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana), which he co-founded with Patrick J. Kennedy. He is the author of *Reefer Sanity: Seven Great Myths About Marijuana*. From 2009-2011, Dr. Sabet served in the Obama Administration as a Senior Advisor at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

## **The role communities and peers play for successful recovery**

**Prof. David Best, UK**

Prof. David Best is trained psychologist and criminologist and has worked in academic and policy research around recovery for the last 20 years in both the UK and Australia. Prof. Best had done a lot for the addiction recovery field and for the recovery movements in the UK and Australia. He has worked in policy research at the Police Complaints Authority, the National Treatment Agency and the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit. His PhD thesis was about the explanations drug and alcohol users provide for their addictions and how this shapes their perceptions of what is possible in the future.

## **Female perspective in treating addiction and for recovery movement**

**Asia Ashraf, Pakistan**

Despite over 1,5 million female drug users in Pakistan, drug abuse is typically considered a male problem. Drug treatment services are highly deficient, covering just 30,000 persons and are basically male-oriented. This lack of female-friendly services and women's reluctance to access drug treatment due to cultural inhibitions, family reputation, marital risks and social stigma makes them suffer in silence or be exploited by non-professionals.

## **Social Entrepreneurs Advancing Nationwide Recovery Movement**

**Justin Luke Riley, USA**

Justin Riley is a President & CEO of Young People in Recovery (YPR). YPR envisions a world where everyone can access the necessary tools to recover from substance use disorder and associated high-risk behaviors. Mr. Riley has been in long-term recovery from a substance use disorder since 2007. Most recently, Justin Riley was featured as 1 of the 4 Social Entrepreneurs Advancing the National Recovery Movement in *Forbes* and another time in *Forbes* for his leadership and entrepreneurial acumen.

## **NGOs from all over the world share their grassroots' experience on prevention and treatment.**

NGOs from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro will share their experience on how they work with state structures to develop an environment that motivates people to enter and stay in recovery.

As an answer to the current situation with a lack of coordination within the system of care they are giving personal support from the first contact to treatment and reintegration.

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