

How cities can work together in prevention:

Experiences from the

Three Cities Project in Sweden







### **Today:**

1. Swedish context

2. Three Cities Project

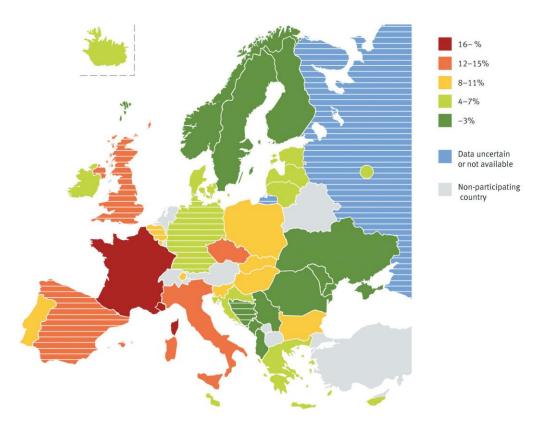
3. Challenges of the future





#### Swedish context: Cannabis use

Use of marijuana or hashish last 30 days. All students. 2011. Percentages

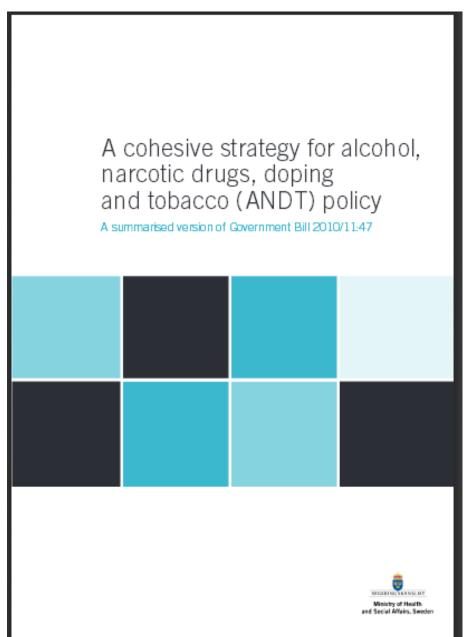


Summary 2011 ESPAD report Substance use among students in 36 European countries





### **Swedish context: A national cohesive strategy**



#### An infrastructure for prevention:

#### **National level**

- Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
- Public Health Agency of Sweden

#### Regional level

- County Councils
- County Administrative Boards

#### **Local level**

- Cities, municipalities
- NGO's



## The Three Cities Project

- a multi-sector community approach

#### Purpose:

Quality development of effective actions to prevent and decrease cannabis consumption among young people

2012-2014, 2015

Ministry of Social Affairs - national ANDT-strategy

Prevention, Early intervention, Treatment

14 Sub-projects





## The Three Cities Project - a coherent structure

- Three Cities working together: Why and how?
- Political anchoring
- Research connection
- Documentation and dissemination







#### **Prevention, Early intervention and Treatment**

Primary prevention Malmo	Primary prevention Stockholm	Primary prevention Gothenburg
European Drug Prevention Quality Standards	European Drug Prevention Quality Standards	Tobacco: Effekt project
Tobacco: Effekt project  CTC Communities That Care	Tobacco: Effekt project	
	Prevention Profile	
Early intervention Malmo	Early intervention Stockholm	Early intervention Gothenburg
Develop cooperation towards risk groups  Competence development among	"Youth in Big City"  "MUMIN" police & social services	Report: Cannabis and youth in Gothenburg 2012 Community readiness
professionals		Competence development
Care/treatment Malmo	Care/treatment Stockholm	Care/treatment Gothenburg
Followup and analys via UngDOK	Followup and analys via UngDOK	Followup and analys via UngDOK
Webbsite	Webbsite	Webbsite
		Treatment Study

## **Challenges of the future:**

- 1. Upholding and developing present work
- 2. Legalization debate medical marijuana
- 3. Social policy + drug prevention (risk/protective)
- 4. Adults present for guidance and support; norms
- 5. Professionalisation
- 6. Cooperation no one knows everything





### **Thank You for Your attention!**



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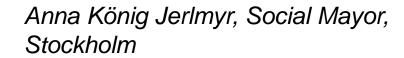
## Cities working together: Why and how?

- Enhance quality
- Broader competence, mutual inspiration
- Do learn
- Close watch learn



## **Political Anchoring (2012)**







Dario Espiga, Councillor, Gothenburg



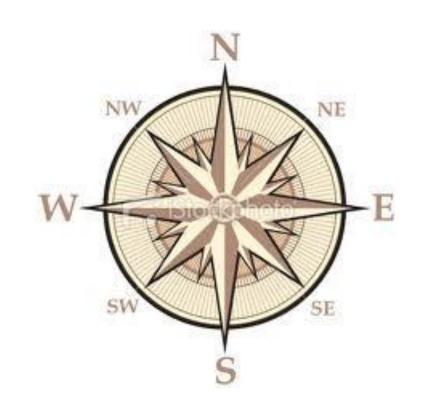
Carina Nilsson, Councillor, Malmo





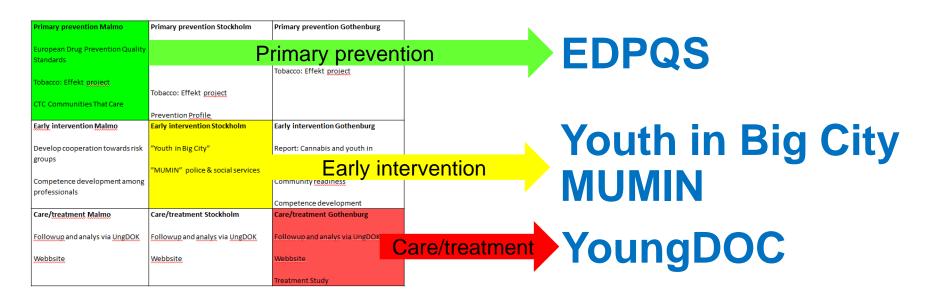
## Work based on Prevention & Communication Sciences

- Focus on universal prevention
- Community prevention in multiple settings
- Universal, selective, indicated
- Risk- and protective factors
- Demand reduction
- Credible senders
- Prevention and promotion
- Close collaboration with researchers.















## **European Drug Prevention Quality Standards (EDPQS)**

#### At the time of starting the project:

- No EU-level guidance on evidence-based drug prevention for policy makers and practitioners
- National or regional guidance available in some countries applicable to wider EU?
- USA standards of evidence applicable to European context?

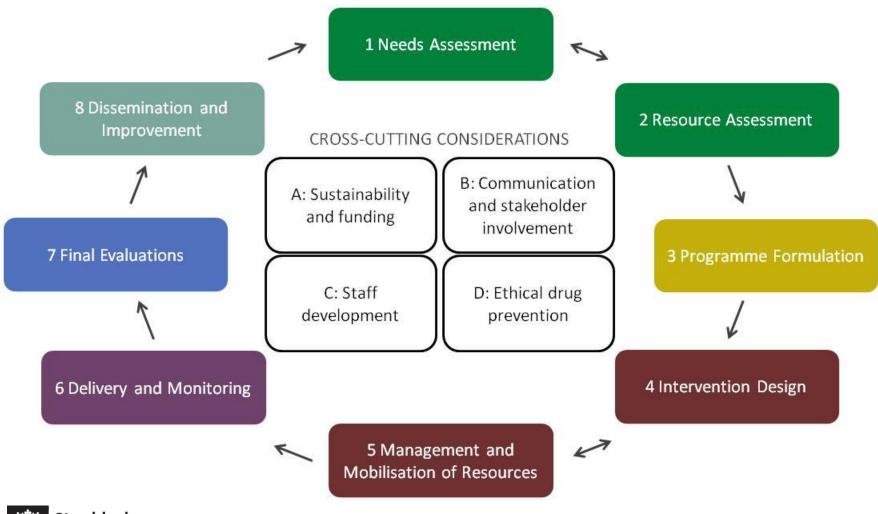
#### Aims:

- To bridge the gaps between science, policy and practice
- To produce a set of evidence-based drug prevention standards for use in the EU
- Phase I and Phase II projects co-funded by European Commission





## **European Drug Prevention Quality Standards (EDPQS)**









### Subproject "Youth in Big City"

100 000 good reasons!







## Subproject "Youth in Big City" + regular work

Customized training for different professional groups

Training in up to four levels.

Reference groups

Course evaluations from all training sessions Focus Group Study among parents

Deep interviews among parents

Media
Campaigns
towards
parents

Booster sessions, Newsletter, Intranet page, Regional training

Local work in the city districts

2nd follow-up Questionnaire; evaluation by researchers



Questionnaire among professionals

Focus Group Study among youths





## **Subproject MUMIN**

#### Developing an ongoing function

- Social services and the Police
- Aims to motivate and immediately offer the youth and his/her family councelling/treatment
- Channeling to local social services
- Evaluation and dissemination.









## <u>Subproject YoungDoc</u> <u>Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmö</u>

- A model for identifying and tracking trends of adolescent drug use and psychosocial situation in the three major cities.
- Conducted by treatment clinics in the three cities
- Data from admission, discharge and follow-up interviews
- Follow up and analysis by annual reports: UngDok trends and tendencies

- A common basis for the three cities
- A good description of the target group
- Generates important facts
- Improve methods and treatment programs
- Tracking changes over a longterm
- Learning from each other.







## Campaign "You matter as a Parent"

- Sent by mail to 40 000 parents of 13-15 year old youths
- Aims to empower parents, knowing the impact of their stance when it comes to youths and cannabis
- Campaign-site:

   www.stockholm.se/nejtillcannabis

   Provides translations to other languages, local activities, facts.

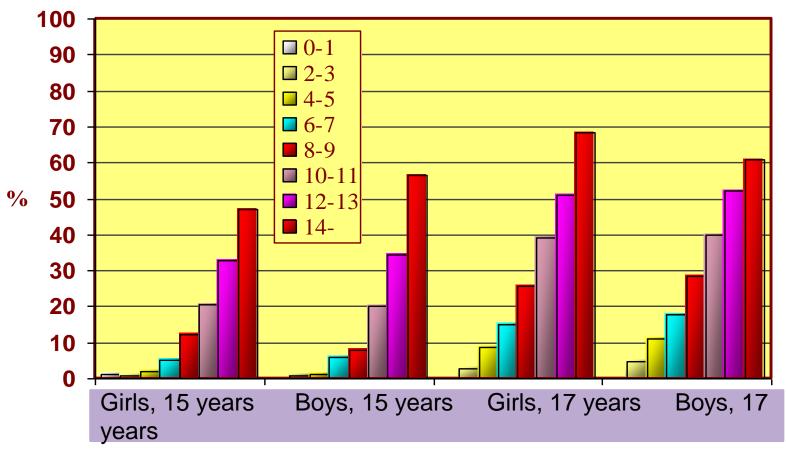








Number of risk factors and proportion of students who have used drugs some time (El-Khouri et al., 2005; presentation by Knut Sundell)









# Number of students (year 9, 15 years old) who ever tried narcotic drugs

