

Kristiansand – Yearly Award 2011

THE ECAD AWARD

ECAD has instituted a yearly award for member cities, persons or organizations that has made remarkable achievements or has had certain successful activities in the work against illicit drugs. By the institution of this award, ECAD strives to encourage member cities, persons and organizations with engagement and commitment and to stimulate increased activities within our member cities.

The criteria's for the award is extensive and can be

- creation of best practice, role models and good examples
- spreading of good examples
- activities that involves new actors in the work against illicit drugs
- successful implementation of best practice, such as well-functioning action plans
- actions that has created substantial differences in a positive meaning
- contribution to ECAD as an organization
- other improvements in our topic filed

Every member city, as well as policy makers, civil servants, experts and voluntary actors within member cities are welcome to nominate candidates for the Award. Every nomination shall include a short description of the referred activities in the nominated city and the reason for the nomination.

The ECAD Award for the year 2010 is issued to the City of

Kristiansand, Norway

It is extremely important to have engaged and skilled people working in our field of interest to make progress happening. The **City of Kristiansand** is a very good example of that.

Kristiansand has since years been taken dynamic actions against illicit drugs and they are furthermore very engaged in ECAD and ECAD's activities. In its way of attacking the problem, it is true to say that **Kristiansand** is proactive, rather than reactive. **Kristiansand**'s work could be characterized as a balanced, structured and distinct approach towards drugs, based on knowledge, well tried experience and a good portion of common sense. In addition to that, **Kristiansand** dares to take new paths and to learn from others, maybe best manifested in the city's plan to start a version of *San Patrignano community* in Norway.

All together, the **City of Kristiansand** is what could be considered as a role model for other cities in the struggle to get as few as possible starting with drugs, and to help as many as possible to stop with drugs.

By giving the Award to Kristiansand, ECAD

- *draws attention to the dedicated anti-drug work carried out in the city on many levels by different actors;*
- *praises the city's consequent drug policy and efficiency of its drug action plan;*
- *marks its efforts in the anti-drug fieldwork, particularly in the area of primary drug prevention among the population, young people in particular.*

Behind these short lines lies a big work carried out by a lot of people in Kristiansand. It is gratifying to know that each project which is realized in Kristiansand is not a formality but brings positive outcomes and enjoys support of the city's decision makers!