



Director's Report

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Running an NGO in Romania has become administratively more, not less, time-consuming since accession to the EU. Moreover, the bureaucratic and relational requirements of retaining access in the Child Protection and Justice Systems are uniquely demanding. During the past 12 months our projects benefited from progress in fabric, revenue and especially personnel. Adriana Talpos our Senior Social Worker had carried a heavy burden of responsibility, almost single-handedly running the Arad Centre for Social Development. With young people in our houses presenting daily legal, educational, social, medical and psychological challenges we needed to strengthen the permanent team.

Therefore, it was a major advantage when Mihaela Miculit returned from France and accepted a full-time contract with our Association. Not only had she previously played a significant volunteer role in our Penitentiary, educational-development, and rural initiatives, but her qualifications, character and experience significantly add to the vision we share as a team. Since her appointment as Executive Director and coordinator of Educational programmes we've been able to extend the scale and scope of our services to beneficiaries. This includes improvements to the organisational capacity of E2E (such as remote financial management and grant writing), and strategic objectives for cost-effective projects, especially with vulnerable youth, justice reform for victims, prisoners and penitentiary officers.

Centre for Social Development

Throughout the year both residential 'refuge' homes in Arad were fully occupied. Beneficiaries included young men and women with severe social needs including physical/psychological disabilities, homelessness, post-institution and post-penal rehabilitation. We continued to follow our established system of social contracts requiring growth in skills, work and character, individualised to new and long-term residents. It is of credit to our team that all these young people found and maintained paid employment. They also made monthly contributions towards gas, electricity and water charges. A German charity working with the same client-group sought collaboration from us regarding some of their most difficult cases. They also invited our consultation and provision of placements to assist with training and employment advocacy.

To provide extra accessible and flexible accommodation and to fulfill statutory requirements we completed the site renovation to our boy's house. This was a major internal building, plumbing and installation exercise which was largely achieved with local expertise. However, the final important contribution, a suitable set of kitchen furniture with room-length work-surfaces, was designed and expertly fitted by our E2E Treasurer Peter Scrase.

Penitentiary Projects

Each week we continue to provide Social Work, Basic Skills training and Education projects in the Arad Women's Prison, and the Maximum Security Penitentiary. These sessions are highly valued by inmates and the staff. Perhaps our most important initiative is the development of the first adult literacy course in Romanian. Currently the only published materials are those used in kindergarten. When completed with a methodology manual for mentors our aim is to field-test the project in other prisons and with adults in the community. It has been shocking to discover the communication-poverty amongst victimised and imprisoned women. Considering their vulnerability, powerlessness and propensity to self-harm, these interventions have literally been life-saving.

Jucu

After assessing the needs of former beneficiaries who were residents at the State home for disabled boys in Jucu de Sus, we reestablished on-going communication with 10 of them. This group, now young adults, were struggling to survive together by renting an apartment and seeking work in the

city of Cluj Napoca. They indicated a desire to return to the villa we built in Jucu which has full accessibility for wheel-chair users. Essential repairs to water pipes, windows and doors have been made, enabling these young men to spend week-ends in the villa. Vegetables have been planted in the garden. When means permit, and a new heating system is introduced, they plan to occupy the house, which played such an important role in their early development. Nokia, the telecommunications company, has also opened a factory nearby which can provide secure work.

Due to our refusal ever to pay bribes to resolve legal and bureaucratic obstacles in Eastern Europe registration of the Jucu property has taken many years. Since the initial contract our guarantor moved to Austria which added to delays in the court system. However, this year we finally convinced a judge to enforce the land registration and expect definitively to secure both villa and land in the Romanian Charity's name. Fortunately, the vendors of the site always assisted us and now support the disability project, run by their neighbours and new occupants.

Funding and Forward Planning

Concerts and fund-raising events were diligently organised and enthusiastically performed by our volunteers. As before all administration and management of the Charity in Britain was undertaken free of cost. Nevertheless, donations were evidently not sufficient to cover Romanian staff salaries, taxes, renovations and essential education, advocacy and residential services to beneficiaries. The growing short-fall from E2E was made up through gifts of thanks to the Director from American friends following his drug detox missions, also through sale of a capital asset in Romania.

It is hoped and planned that our on-going and future projects for Eastern Europe's neediest children and youth will benefit more from resources raised there. During the year we submitted two strategic grant proposals to the European Union. The first addresses the request of the Romanian Ministry of Justice to extend our Basic Skills Education throughout the Penitentiary system. The second seeks to activate our Siria farm project - popularising and extending access to the rich local cultural, archeological and historical legacy.

"FREEDOM TO LEARN, WORK AND LIVE" PROJECT

Basic Skills in Romanian Prisons. Alleviating a cause of victimisation, recidivism and poverty.

This proposal which is being submitted jointly by Europe to Europe, Europa pentru Europa and the Romanian Prison Directorate, applies for an EU Grant to achieve the following aim: "To raise awareness of the need for Basic Skills provision in the Romanian prisons, to determine the scale of need and to devise a cost-effective strategy for meeting such needs."

The proposal would bring about the following benefits:

- To research and raise awareness of the scale of the problem throughout Romanian Society, i.e. for adults in prisons and in the wider community.
- To place the provision of Basic Skills on the national agenda in the light of the harmful effects of education deficits on individuals, families, society and the economy.
- To enable a cost effective, measurable strategy to be devised that would reduce the scale and scope of this need over time.

These benefits are of enormous significance in a new democracy that is seeking greater integration into Europe. Basic skills are essential for citizenship, social development, political participation, and economic growth. Our project will be of significant value for prisoner reintegration but also in other social sectors where vulnerable people, minority families and poor neighbourhoods are unable to benefit from Romania's membership of the European Community.

Poor Basic Skills create considerable disadvantages for the individual, for the family, for local communities and society in general, as well as for the economy. Romanian prisoners with such deficiencies are further disadvantaged and are more likely to reoffend. 'Freedom to learn, work and live' can be strengthened and potentially transformed once basic skills deficits have been overcome.

"CASTLE OF LIGHT" PROJECT

Where the Zarand Mountains meet the Western Carpathian Plain there nestles a crescent of hills, which shelters a scattering of villages. This forms the fertile and beautiful Podgoria Aradului, renowned for the exceptional flavour of its grapes and wine production, diligently cultivated for centuries by local peasant farmers. Podgoria is also rich in its cultural-historic inheritance, which witnessed a prolonged, colourful and agitated history.

At the centre of the Podgorie lies Siria, guarded and over-shadowed by an ancient fortress built on the highest hilltop. This medieval castle was constructed on a Daco-Roman foundation, considered to be the famous Țiridava. Ruins of surviving Roman walls can be visited in the village. Near the castle is a bi-millennial silhouette of a boundary wall built by Roman emperor Trajan. Another cultural legacy is the local Museum housed within Bohus Castel. This exhibition is dedicated to two brilliant former sons of the village, the author Ioan Slavici and musician Emil Montia.

About all these local treasures very little is known by potential tourists or visitors. There are few sources of public information. Nevertheless, those who visit Siria speak with enthusiasm about the beauty and importance of these sites and regret the lack of care for them and their European value. Moreover, the village faces severe socio-economical problems such as young families leaving for the city, lack of rural economic initiatives, shortage of jobs, and rising delinquency including vandalism. We believe that a key solution is to popularize and promote the cultural-tourism potential of this area.

The goal of our project is to revitalize the legacy value and implicitly the economic value of the Siria village and valley, promoting access to local historical-cultural treasures. Therefore, we want to mobilize our activities in three directions (inter-connected and mutually necessary for success): Our strategy involves activity objectives regarding:

- the local community: raising awareness about local legacy sites, and how they can be utilized for the wider benefit of the community,
- the visitors: preparations to welcome them: a tourist information office, guides and maps, access to the castle for disabled or elderly people; organising recreational-educational discovery programmes for groups of children, young people (pupils & students),
- our organisation: developing sustainable activities in the neighbourhood, making our presence permanent, modernising our extensive centre as a cultural resource.

In order to achieve this we formed a partnership with 'Veritas' another Arad association, experienced in organizing recreational-educational camps; qualified people who cherish local culture, literature and history. We also collaborate with local schools, the County Schools Inspectorate, the Directorate for Culture and Patrimony, and elected local authorities.

Sale of Bucharest Apartment

We seized the opportunity to secure a much needed 'revenue endowment fund' through the sale of our Bucharest apartment to the widow of our colleague the former Assistant Chief Probation Officer of Inner London. She is continuing to voluntarily manage the project for abandoned girls which they initiated, while sustaining the property for family as a long-term investment. This was a win - win - win arrangement benefiting 'Europa pentru Europa', the girls who she cares for, and Dana herself. Our intention is to invest the Euros gained from this asset sale and to hold as much as possible towards required contributions for European Grant applications. (Current 'Banca Transylvania' interest rates are in the region of 5% for Euros and 10% for Leu).

Invested capital held by 'Europa pentru Europa' in Romanian banks should enable us to sustain existing projects despite reduced UK donations during the deepening global recession. We will also be able to retain sufficient funds to co-finance bilateral collaboration, to maintain our rural properties (Siria, Santana, Dezna, Jucu) and to undertake further residential care and developmental services for the foreseeable future.

OTHER INTERNAL STRATEGY PLANS/REPORTS

"Europa pentru Europa" - Acion Plan Romania 2007-2008

Centre for Social Development Arad

12 month shortfall in revenue needs \$,17,000

The "Europa pentru Europa" base in Arad was opened to support the most disadvantaged children and young people with special needs, victims and ethnic minorities.

Our centre has two houses for homeless 16+ young people. These girls and boys came from State-run orphanages or residential homes. Some of them have started to work, while others continue their higher education. Our young residents take care of themselves and are learning to live independent lives. They receive advocacy and counselling to help them resolve personal, social or legal problems regarding their disabilities and human rights. We assist them to achieve their dreams through character development, education, professional skills, financial responsibility and employment.

Those we help are also actively involved in sports activities and social development projects. We encourage our young people to support one another. Also, they all participate in building renovations to maintain and improve their own rooms and other facilities. Foreign and local volunteers, mainly from Britain and America share in the mentoring of these young people to help them become mature, ambitious and successful. Our aim is to offer each child in our care a healthy life sustained by love, good character, on-going education and personal values.

It is sad but inevitably true in Central Europe that these young people, often coming from overcrowded children's homes, prisons or the streets, are potential victims of human trafficking, drug dealing and prostitution. We offer a second chance to those, for whom the only 'shame' was being physically or emotionally disabled, abandoned by their families or born into a despised minority. At our main Centre for Social Development we now have the opportunity to construct an outdoor sports area for young people to play wheelchair basketball and tennis.

Rural Centre for Creative Education

Projected running costs \$2,500 monthly

Annualized revenue needs £30,000

Phase Two, Barn renovation into accommodation for 40 guests}
estimated costs \$150,000.

Our ambitious action plan, for 2007-2009

Creation of a permanent creative education, training and recreation centre for rural and urban children and youth to encourage character development through activity camps, weekend courses, horse-riding, hikes to local historical & archeological sites, hang-gliding, canoing, orienteering, countryside environment-care and exploration. Also, to provide a sympathetic and safe environment for youth who lack parental support in their studies, spiritual growth, or inter-personal behaviour.

Several substantial buildings and land belonging to the charity in beautiful countryside near Arad, NorthWestern Romania, are being renovated to offer a wide range of creative education, traditional and non-traditional work experience and challenging outdoor recreation. Building repairs and improvements require a three-year start-up phase 2007-2009. As each stage of renovation is completed the site will be occupied to initiate a permanent programme of child and youth-centred activities. We aim to open Phase One in the Summer of 2007.

Objectives at the Camp

- 1 To improve the educational potential of children and young people. Especially to encourage disadvantaged youth to continue their learning through informal and formal training methods.
- 2 To assure equal access to information technology (computer classes, reading material in foreign languages, internet access etc.), and to initiate extra-curricula activities offering ambitious opportunities for adventure, team-building and environmental protection.
- 3 To develop the abilities and knowledge of children from poor rural districts around Arad, from dysfunctional families or youth from orphanages.
- 4 To support young people confronting crisis or conflict. Especially, through prevention, treatment and compassion initiatives for children with complex social and health problems including substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, family breakdown and the post-traumatic shock of victimization.
- 5 To demonstrate the viability of Organic Agriculture as an example of effective and profitable crop production in this strategic area on the unstable SouthEastern frontier of the European Community. We also want to support traditional skills: pottery, glass-painting, embroidery, wood sculpture, etc.
- 6 To extend reconciliation and regeneration through agro-tourism in collaboration with the newly democratic local authorities. Ioan Slavici who lived in this village became the Transylvanian Dickens. Also, Siria Castle which overlooks our site is a significant regional landmark. Extreme hill sports are becoming popular (requiring youth hostel accommodation for visiting Romanian, Hungarian and Serbian youth).
- 7 To initiate income-generating activities, by working the land; opening a rural dentist surgery; and an eye-care centre staffed by unemployed young people learning business management and entrepreneurial initiatives

Centre for Demonstrating Drug Detoxification - a programme for poly-dependent drug addicts

12 month 'DDD' initiative to link Romania-Scotland-Kentucky in an Opiate treatment research project requires £40,000 (approximately \$90,000).

Drugs are the latest crisis with which the Romanian society is troubled. A former Prime Minister called it "a plague". Our main concern is the sudden appearance of illicit substances (solvents, cannabis, heroin, cocaine, & metamphetamines) which are being targetted directly at children and young people.

Our association is actively involved in the development of prevention and treatment facilities including help to those who want to break free from cigarettes, alcohol and other drugs. At the end of 2004 with approval from the National Anti-drug Agency (A.N.A.), we launched a unique project for the rapid detox of drug addicts utilizing a ground-breaking treatment.

The detoxification treatment demonstrated by "Europa pentru Europa" and our interdisciplinary volunteer team is a non-invasive, non-pharmaceutical technology (NET). The apparatus was invented by Dr. Margaret Patterson a distinguished surgeon from Scotland. It was originally developed and designed in Britain and then digitalized in the USA. Previous beneficiaries included Pete Townsend, Eric Clapton and a host of other celebrities from the worlds of sport, politics and music.

During 30 years of trials it has been shown that this NET device has no negative side-effects. In each of our holisitc detox sessions with youth and adults (dependent on nicotine, alcohol, heroin, cocaine, methadone, metamphetamine, & amphetamine) the results were very encouraging.

Detox with this technology takes between 3 and 10 days depending on the type of the drug or drugs consumed. Each person in our pilot project successfully tolerated their withdrawal and lost their craving for drugs. They also gained other benefits such as restoration of normal sleep, illimi-

nation of paranoia, anxiety, anger and depression, restored concentration and new motivation for life.

We hope to initiate a public-private partnership in collaboration with other specialists and NGO's from Europe and the USA. Having created a qualified trained and dedicated team in Arad, Romania, we're able to provide all the necessary medical, emotional and spiritual assistance for complete recovery. We can also provide training and supervision of others who want to become involved in this urgent mission. Recently we opened discussions with all the doctors in the nearby TB hospital who need a safe and effective treatment to help their chronically sick patients to stop smoking. Officers who work in the extremely unhealthy Penitentiary corridors also want access to our assistance for themselves and their inmates.

Various sources report that Romania already has more than 100,000 heroin addicts. The number of these addicts is growing rapidly because dealers know very well the demographic vulnerability of Easter Europe's population. There are now disproportionately large numbers of 14-25 year olds. Western Europe's heroin market is saturated making prices low. Therefore, new dealers focus their 7 Billion Dollar "business" in the post Communist transitional countries.

Romania now has it's first generation of drug addicts but we believe that appropriate action can reduce the terrible economic, moral and social consequences before drugs make our turbulent transition even more dangerous. Fortunately, there are strong arguments for the international community to lend its support. Romania lies on the main route of drugs from Russia and Afghanistan (where 90% of the world's heroin is now being grown). Fighting corruption, terrorism, drug-dealing and organized crime are closely interlinked. If we lose the fight in this country many others across the World will be the victims !

We want children to grow up in a healthy community without drugs. Various kinds of support are needed for our actions to be widely effective. By working with local and national leaders we are designing a comprehensive action-plan to protect neighbourhoods, schools and families by reducing the supply and demand of narcotics while it is still possible. This may not be the most popular mission, but for the future safety of children in and beyond Europe, it may be the most important.

Europa pentru Europa - 3 Year Plan 2007-2010

2007-2008

Centre for Social Development - continue to:

- upkeep and redevelopment of Boys House and Girls House.
- implement Social Contract objectives with residents.
- provide developmental and advocacy interventions with non-residential beneficiaries.
- develop 'Eye Care' Project.
- develop educational and visitation programs in the Penitentiary System.
- networking with other collaborators and associations.

'Camp St David', Centre for Creative Education:

- 'Flying Farmers Association' consultancy visit to evaluate organic, livestock and logistical needs.
- Complete renovation in Stage One: Farmhouse.
- Install Heating system.
- Install Kitchen
- Install Furniture.
- Install Computers and educational equipment
- Appoint Director and design program priorities.
- Select beneficiaries for special education and extra-curricular activities.
- Begin planning phase of Stage Two development: Coach House and Barn renovations for guest accommodation.

Jucu Villa

- Repair and renovate building for use with local children and pre-schoolers
- Clean and cultivate garden
- Hold discussions with mayor regarding future needs and collaboration.

Bucharest Girls Apartment

- Continue to provide accommodation and support for 5 girls discharged from local orphanage.

Santana House Project

- Hold project planning consultations with local and international collaborators
- Prepare house for occupation: cleaning, tidying, repairs.
- Acquire furniture
- Initiate social reintegration project for vulnerable girls.

NET Demonstrating Drug Detoxification

July - September 2007

Opening Seminar / Scientific Forum to present DDD project to Leaders and Practitioners
Development of DDD Website and training modules
ANA & National Police training College presentations: NET and drug demand reduction.
Phase 1: Treatment of 25 heroin/methadone addicts
Study visit to compare outcomes with State of Kentucky NET pilot program.
ANA & National Police training College presentations: NET & non-custodial options.

October - December 2007

Phase 2: Treatment of 25 heroin/methadone addicts
Mid-way review of results (quantitative / qualitative audits)

January - March 2008

Phase 3: Treatment of 25 heroin/methadone addicts
Study visit to compare outcomes with Scottish Assembly NET pilot program.
ANA & National Police training College presentations: NET & Neighbourhood Policing

April - June 2008

Phase 4: Treatment of 25 heroin/methadone addicts
Closing Seminar / Scientific Forum. Preliminary analysis of DDD project.
Publication of final research analysis, conclusions and recommendations.

2008-2009

- Extending of NET drug detox and recovery program
- Extending of Prison mission and visitors project
- Continuation of Arad Centre for Social Development
- Continuation of Bucharest Project for abandoned girls
- Extending of Camp St David Centre for Creative Education

Selection, appointment, agreeing job descriptions and contract signing of new project staff.
Install new technology for developing websites, database and network management logistics.
Hold press conference to release project information / action plan to local and national media
Begin to construct regional and national network of N.G.O.s and agencies connected with drug addicts, offenders & victims, target youth beneficiaries. Post / publish invitations to join our training course for trainers.

Finalise interdisciplinary course curriculum and begin to prepare materials for publication.
Release details of Conference for practitioners on '*NET, Drug Demand Reduction in Policing, Justice and Social Development*'. Complete invitations to participants.
Establish criteria for developing support and indigenous funding mechanisms in EptE Centres for Social Development. Open next stage of interactive web-site.

Select trainee-trainers for extending the management capacity for new Projects and Centres. Distribute pre-course literature and strategic planning materials. Conduct Regional Conference with full media coverage of presentations by Romanian and visiting participants. Install new audio visual apparatus for open access training centre. Begin first regional 'Creative Education' Prison Visitation' and 'Demonstrating Drug Detoxification' training programmes.

Publish papers of seminars and conclusions for extending effectiveness of practical initiatives
Produce synthesis of training programme in digital files.

Coordinate delegation to Britain to improve organisational cooperation and exchange of experience regarding Charity and Statutory project management perspectives.

Conclude training programmes for project trainers.

Consult senior Romanian policy makers and practitioners to mobilise their commitment and support towards national project extension plans. Initiate new municipality protocols.

Hold symposium of graduated trainers to launch project teams for regional extension strategy

Develop new Centres for Social Development with standardised operating procedures for ensuring consistency of anti-discriminatory training and service delivery to target groups.

Select candidates for second training sequence and distribute published course materials.

Consult project coordinators to endorse implementation of initiatives, eliminate errors, streamline reintegration management process, and support case-load measurement.

Annual internal and beneficiary evaluation of progress towards achieving project goals and objectives. Completion of second phase in refurbishment of residential training centre.

Demonstrating Drug Detoxification - Project Proposal

Project Strategy Summary

Purpose: Our aim is to demonstrate the capacity of a ground-breaking British detoxification technology NET which addresses the root-causes of drug abuse alongside community policing activities. This can be achieved if addicted offenders are offered an effective one month treatment alternative to incarceration. Detoxification, by this non-invasive British scientific break-through has been shown to have highest retention, greatest cost-effectiveness, and lowest recidivism levels for all drug groups. Compared to incarceration or expensive long-term agonist or antagonist 'treatments' (Methadone, Naltrexone etc) the therapeutic outcomes of this non-invasive NET therapy are beneficial to the physical, relational and behavioural recovery of addicts and their families. Economically, politically and socially application of this British technology can provide the scale and scope of treatments necessary to give the Romanian Police, Medical, and Social Services a comprehensive and affordable strategy for drug demand reduction.

Background: Success against the destabilizing influence of drug-financed corruption and organized crime requires effectively addressing both demand and supply in sufficient volume. NET (NeuroElectricTherapy) is the only proven method of detoxification that reliably and realistically holds the potential for high volume, low-cost drug demand reduction. This was developed for 30 years, by distinguished Scottish surgeon Dr. Margaret Patterson MBE. It is now a safe, digitalized and rapid method for setting addicts free from multiple dependencies including heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, alcohol and nicotine. Follow-up research indicates that nearly 100% of beneficiaries completed treatment (on average 16 days), of these less than 20% required re-treatment.

All other methods of demand reduction have significant risks and limitations that make them ineffective in addressing the wide scale and scope of today's poly-drug using population. Moreover, existing approaches have poor retention in treatment and high recidivism following treatment. NET, as developed in Dr. Patterson's ground-breaking technology, deals with the physical root-causes of drug dependency, not just the symptoms of withdrawal. Therefore, NET results in sustainable high levels of recovery and the elimination of drug demand (cravings). The Right Honourable Lord Harlech, former British Ambassador to the USA wrote: *“Meg Patterson has now devoted many years to refining her NeuroElectric method of treatment. I have seen it work, and I believe it should play an important role in the strategy of all governments, who are wrestling with the drug problem.”*

Main Activities: 'Europe to Europe' has been requested by 'ANA' the Romanian National Anti-drug Administration to conduct a Demonstration of Drug Detoxification using the break-through British NET technology. This will be conducted and evaluated by the staff of Agentia Nationala Antidrug, under its President, Secretary of State, General Pavel Abraham PhD (Ministry of Interior), and Dr. Cristian Bengescu, Director of the Romanian Methadone Maintenance Program, (Ministry of Health). This 12 month pilot project will demonstrate the effectiveness and safety of NET with a minimum of 50 Heroin/Methadone addicts as a community-based alternative to arrest and incarceration. Seminars with leaders, doctors and policy makers will present case-studies, epidemiological analysis and follow-up data. Together we will explore the strategic potential for replicating this model in clinical and non-clinical settings as the basis for creating a national drug-demand reduction service capable of recovering 1000s of addicts each year. Results will be presented for publication in professional journals, to International Conferences (ICAA, NIDA, CPDD) and in an Anglo-Romanian media documentary. Training materials for practitioners and policy makers will be produced, with a view to extending the pilot scheme in volume and scope. For this ethical standards for coherent cross-cultural research and service-delivery will be established.

Expected Outputs (18) Initiation of an interagency rapid detoxification system on behalf of the Romanian National Anti-drug Agency (ANA) as the pilot stage of a national inter-disciplinary drug demand-reduction strategy, Interagency Community Justice reform promoting a sustainable treatment/supervision option for multiple drug users, and HIV/AIDS risk-prevention benefits.

*Demonstration of NET as a drug victim/offender treatment alternative to prosecution & incarceration, leading to implementation of existing and new laws on the policing of illicit drug abuse;

*Prevention and reduction of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, and TB infection amongst the highest risk intravenous drug-user groups;

*Training of inter-agency multi-disciplinary teams to address and effectively combat addiction with adequate scale and scope. Thereby, to make a visible, measurable and affordable impact on rapidly growing drug demand in CEE through high volume treatment and neighbourhood-supervision delivery.

Expected Impact: A new paradigm is urgently required to match efforts in drug policing with detoxification so that the supply and demand in this criminal trade can be measured, addressed and permanently reduced. If rolled out in sufficient volume, alongside existing drug supply reduction initiatives, the benefits of a national NET program would be far-reaching for the health of drug users, police effectiveness against drug dealers, and in the prevention of corrupt networks that profit from illicit trafficking and drug use.

Section B – Details for Full Project Proposal

Background/Context

Since the collapse of communism and the neighbouring Balkan conflicts, Romania has become the major European transit route for illegal drugs. With 90% of global heroin now being supplied from Afghanistan over the Black Sea and through the Caucasus, this Central European state with its six foreign borders is clearly an international artery for drug trafficking, making it vulnerable to drug-financed organized crime, corruption and terrorism. All transit countries become drug consuming countries with multiple detrimental consequences to criminal justice, human rights, security, public health and social stability. Our proposal is to pilot a new paradigm for wide-scale polynarcotic detoxification (demand reduction) which can significantly sustain and extend the objectives of drug supply reduction. We have been directly encouraged to proceed with this initiative by leaders such as the founder of American Special Forces, in support of the principle that future success against threats to national security require high volume reductions in production, supply and demand of illicit drugs. Demonstrating this capacity for drug demand reduction in Romania at this time would have strategic and regional resonance. Indeed, the results of this project will be of value to Britain at home and overseas (not least Afghanistan and the Middle East).

Work conducted in this area and coordination that has taken place regarding this project

In October 2003 'EUROPE TO EUROPE' signed a comprehensive protocol with the Romanian National Anti-Drug Agency to be its 'Primary Partner' in the research, prevention, and treatment of drug abuse. This has already included facilitating participation of Romanian delegates to the 'International Council on Alcohol and Addictions'; launching a Master Degree course on Community Justice Administration and Drugs; initiation of a poly-drug treatment research dialogue involving governmental collaboration between Romania, Scotland and Kentucky USA (130 audited case-studies).

Institutions

Capacity of Implementing Agency to implement project:

Europe to Europe and Europa pentru Europa have successfully implemented pioneering and long-term social development, academic innovation, and institutional reform projects in CEE for over 16 years. This has included the initiation of the Romanian Probation Service 1994-98; Prison & Juvenile Justice Reform since 1991; introduction of Romanian Master Degree curricula in Community Justice Administration(2002-6); Publication of more than 20 publications related to socio-political and legal reform in CEE; World Bank and United Nations Consultancies; Membership of the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions. US National Institute on Drug Addiction (NIDA) International Travel Scholarship. Twice represented at the FCO Wilton Park Drug Policy Seminar, 2005, 06.

Level of participation of the beneficiary organisation(s) in the project planning process

The President and other senior directors of the Romanian National Anti-drug Agency (within the Romanian Ministry of Interior) have requested this initiative. Ministry of Interior Secretary of State Dr. Pavel Abraham, and other representatives of the Romanian government have participated in the planning of this proposal. The Director for International Relations and Scientific Director, at the Romanian National Anti-drug Agency have also supported and participated extensively in facilitating this bid. The preparation of this proposal is based on very close collaboration with the beneficiary organisation for over three years. Beginning with the ANA/'Europe to Europe' Protocol signed in 2003 and preliminary investigations of NET in Romania and North America.

Risk Analysis, Risk Probabilit, Impact Management

The risks of delivering drug demand reduction and related disease prevention programmes are well known, especially to those managing police, social and medical services to offenders and victims. The needs for training, monitoring and extending this project at the local, national, and regional level have been anticipated. Service-delivery protocols have been drafted and developed to avoid unnecessary dangers to beneficiaries and service-provider liability. Ministerial level and practitioner level negotiations have been initiated to manage all associated risks for the health and safety of beneficiaries and service providers. However, the NET technology itself has no undesirable side-effects, as demonstrated in its 30 years of development. Any risks that do exist have to do with policing/criminal justice issues and co-morbidity which this project is designed to manage within the cultural and legal environment of Romania.

Cross Cutting Effects of Project (Positive or Negative) Expected Effects/Consequences

Human Rights

The prevailing attitude towards drug users in CEE is discriminatory and dismissive. Demand is judged a bad choice rather than an intractable disease. Addicts have been described by politicians as 'the scum of the earth'. Very limited initiatives to provide recovery and treatment services in Romania suggest that the growing population of those seeking to be freed from drugs will face threats to their freedom rather than effective help. This project is a statement of the human right to best treatment and best practice.

Gender

NET is a measurable and adaptable detox tool that provides responsive recovery options suited to the various withdrawal characteristics of both genders. Women are the most likely gender to face discrimination when seeking detoxification. Their biology makes them less tolerant of the physical and psychological symptoms of withdrawal. Also, women face drug induced sexual exploitation in abusive relationships human trafficking and the sex industry. Efforts will be made to provide equal access to men and women.

Media activity/Expected Public Diplomacy effects/Project promotion activities

A Documentary will be prepared by Romanian National TV in collaboration with British and US TV producers. Press Conferences will be presented at the start and conclusion of the project.

Monitoring and Evaluation

A peer-reviewed Scientific Report will be published with recommendations at the conclusion of this 12 month project. Monitoring and evaluation will be the responsibility of an interdisciplinary team of drug treatment specialists, social scientists and medical professionals from Britain and Romania.

Project Outputs and Benefits

Project Purpose - as stated earlier

Peer Reviewed Pilot Study and Report on Dr. Margaret Patterson MBE's break-through NET technology for multi-drug detoxification in the context of Romanian Justice reform and the high security and health risks from recent and anticipated future increases in the transit and consumption of drugs through CEE. Production of comprehensive Training Programme materials for law-enforcement and health practitioners including authorship of a text book relating Drug supply and demand to Justice Reform, Policing and HIV/AIDS prevention in Romania.

Indicators of Success

How will the project be monitored?

The Romanian National AntiDrug Agency (Ministry of Interior) and National Methadone Maintenance Unit (Ministry of Health) with Europe to Europe will appoint a scientific and ethical review board.

When and by whom will the evaluation of the Project take place?

Throughout the planning, implementation and follow-up stages by all participants and their Ministries. Independent scientific analysis will also be commissioned in Romania, and Britain. Peer-reviewed social-science and epidemiological research will be submitted for consideration in relevant international professional journals. Narrative and Statistical analysis/conclusions will be submitted to cross-cultural and interdisciplinary consideration before international conferences (ICAA; NIDA; CPDD).

What benefits do expect to last beyond the project and how will the project ensure these benefits are sustained?

Policy-makers have expressed their support for developing the post-pilot stage of this project. There is a commitment to secure a new paradigm once NET is demonstrated to be effective in this context, and to present this as a national standard treatment for drug detoxification (demand reduction). Two Senators from different parties are prepared to draft a law for national implementation of NET in Romania following successful trials.