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Welcome to the FESAT Christmas Newsbrief

This is a mini newsletter to update you on current FESAT news and also to wish members a Happy Christmas

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Lifelong Learning Programme, Leonardo Da Vinci FESAT Best Practice Exchange Partnership (FBPEP)

The Learning Exchange Visits are been planned and all will be completed by the end of May 2009. We have set up a Ning.com forum so that partners can communicate and access information on all aspects of the project on an interactive forum. Plans are now afoot for the first partners meeting in Jan/ Feb 2010 during which a Conference Programme will be drawn up for the Autumn Conference and other plans for meeting the project goals will be discussed. For more information watch the www.fesat.org or contact Aileen Dooley, Project Co-ordinator at The Drugs/HIV Helpline, Dublin, Ireland

Spring 2010 Newsletter

In January we will be launching a call for inputs for the 17th FESAT Newsletter. If you have any news about your service or the drugs issue in your country please keep this in mind when you receive the FESAT email. There are many fluctuations and challenges in both the types of calls that we are receiving and also the environment within which we work at present and solutions and trends can be very helpful when shared.

The European Commission Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security

"Drug Prevention and Information" Programme (2007-2013)

Grant Application, Specific Transnational Projects, (JLS/2008/CFP/DPIP/2008-2/AG)

In April 2009 FESAT applied for funding under the above Programme. Our submission was entitled FEDSTAR (Foundation of European Drug Helplines Strategies Towards Avoiding and Reducing drug related harm). We submitted a strong application with 7 Partners (each pledging €3000) and 12 Associate Partner organisations from the FESAT network. Our proposal had 3 aspects: Establishing a quality standard and training seminar on Online and Mobile Helpline support services; the development of a European Ethical Charter for Drug Helplines towards minimising drug related harm and also devising a Best Practice model for recording and evaluating data generated from calls. These topics were identified by FESAT members and they remain relevant. In November we received confirmation that our submission was unsuccessful. We hope to submit further applications again in the future.

FESAT commitment to European Action on Drugs

On the 26th of June 2009, FESAT along with several other partners from all across Europe made a voluntary commitment to engage in the support of The European Action on Drugs (EAD). The spirit of the EAD is closely related to FESAT's own ethical charter. Therefore FESAT will actively promote the EAD, encourage all participants to commit and get involved as well as further promote the EAD in their daily drug helpline work. All related publications will of course bear reference to the EAD." Moreover, we will continue our work on developing co-operation between drug helplines, to facilitate the exchange of experience in order to promote best practice, to search solutions to common problems, to offer training and exchange sessions, to improve the quality of information, help and prevention services. These will include activities such as monitoring and evaluation data from drug helpline calls and on-line answers; holding conferences, and training sessions; organizing staff learning visits; producing resource materials on best practice for drug helplines.

*Patricia, Tom, Hans, Daan, Sturla and Aileen from the FESAT board
wish all of you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a great 2010!*



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