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Enhancing quality of psychoactive substance use prevention interventions in Croatia

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Since 2010, Office for Combating Drug Abuse of the Government of the Republic of Croatia (OCDA), and University of Zagreb, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, Department of Behavioural Disorders, (today PrevLab team) (UNIZG-ERF), have been conducting collaborative project “Enhancing quality of drug prevention interventions in Croatia” with the purpose of improving Croatian drug use prevention efforts, programs and strategies. The main focus of the project is to create environment for development of prevention programs through continuous needs assessment, program providers’ and evaluators’ trainings, by performing the program assessment and feedback on areas of strengths and improvement, and by providing other type of support to program providers (e.g. educational institutions and NGOs). The mentioned effort is mainly based on European Drug Prevention Quality Standards (EDPQS) and is generally inspired by models of translation of innovation to practice. Recently, the OCDA officially endorsed a Committee for prevention program quality enhancement with the task of development of quality criteria and accordingly assessing the prevention programs entered in Prevention program national registry run by OCDA. Long-term goal of this initiative is to promote quality in prevention by certifying the programs with highest standards of quality, as additional support to all previously mentioned continuous activities.