

the mission

«To foster a culture of cooperation by encouraging the active participation of members»

1. To bring together the stakeholders of the Addiction's field

- To promote mutual knowledge, cultural expression and exchanges, in order to produce an **inter associative culture**
- To gain commitment of the partners by encouraging their **active involvement** with the national and regional working groups
- To support the Regional Unions by formalizing the mandates of the regional representatives and to foster **cooperation between regions** to improve the effectiveness and consistency of their actions

2. To reflect on future developments and the meaning of the action

- Developing **monitoring** and data collection in this field
- **Promoting transdisciplinary professional practices** and **to keep up with the trends**
- Developing **interactive studies** in order to support the Association's positions on Addiction treatment and research
- Promoting and encouraging the **evaluation** of services

3. To support the organization of the network

- Guiding the network through the evolution of practices, with **national and regional retreats**
- Improving the professionalization of stakeholders through **trainings**
- Offering support/advise for project development and advocacy through **key resource persons**

4. To represent members with the policy makers

- **To be involved** in the crafting of public policies at the national and regional level
- To advocate for the users **when** analyzing their needs and the existing services provided
- **To provide information** on addictions based on evidence from the grassroots level
- To take part in Healthcare and social research at the **European, national and regional levels**
- To convey the Federation's positions to **the public opinion**, by developing media outreach

« To act as intermediary with the public authorities on the issue of Addiction »

The Federation in action

• Information and publications

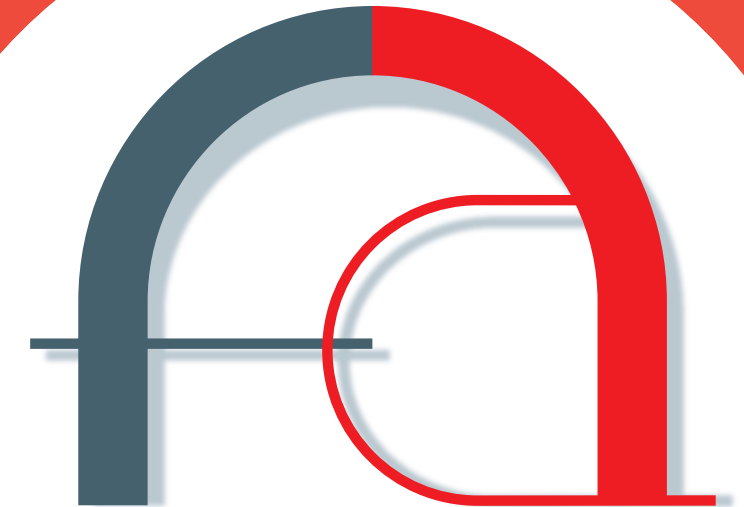
- *Biannual letter*
- Technical supplements on the news, the framework, the professional practices...
- Regular mailings on current events
- Internet access to the Federation's website with some contents reserved for members
- Information and downloadable publications of the Federation
- A biannual magazine: Actal
- Practical guides
- Frameworks...

• Exchanges and trainings

- On site, national and regional training units
- An annual conference
- National and regional seminars
- "One day workshops" twice a year for members
- National and regional focus groups



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fédération addiction

prévenir - réduire les risques - soigner

The **Federation Addiction**'s goal is to form a network of professionals working with a **transdisciplinary, medical and psycho social approach** to addictions.

To create a national network representing the Addictions field, the association brings together systems of care, education, prevention and harm reduction professionals.

It carries out a **grassroots action based on a participatory process**. The Federation is organized in regional unions; the Regional Delegates are elected by the local members for a three year period and become full members of the Board of directors. The staff of the Head Office is using skills focused on project methodology and the reframing and promoting of experience.

Federation Addiction was formed by the merger of **anitea** and **F3A**

broad policy lines

For the Federation Addiction:

- Addictive behaviors are part of life: they are the result of a set, a drug and a setting
- Society needs to generate appropriate responses, because the addiction phenomena cannot be isolated from the social, cultural, political and economic context in which it arises.

To achieve this, it aims:

- To **decompartmentalize** the approaches, existing practices and structures
- To take into account the **plural dimensions** of addiction rather than fight against the substances themselves
- To promote **"the user", recognize him as a citizen; improve the quality of his life and his environment**, by offering him comprehensive care and support

1. Building expertise to challenge society's biases

- The Federation will develop a dynamic and collective body of **expertise**, through the pooling of experiences, **participatory brainstorming**, and the **skills** of members, to contribute to the **evolution of practices**.
- It will **generate public debates**, get involved in the **drafting of public policy** and take part in the discussions on the problem of addiction.

2. Acknowledges the significance of the role of users

- All the services are tailored for the users and they must be able to access them **freely**
- The services for users are **flexible**, based on their needs and expectations, to reinforce their capacity to choose and act.

- The professional intervention **respects the situation, the history and the rhythm** of the users, avoid judgment and stigmatization, and encourage access to treatment, care and support.
- **Confidentiality** and **cost free** services should be maintained for all users.

3. Renew the outlook and practices of the professionals

A professional activity centred on:

- A **preventive approach** to addiction, mainly based on education,
- **Therapeutic alliances** that are consistent and enduring,
- **Transdisciplinary** practices, no matter what addiction is treated,
- The **sharing of expertise** and partnership with the other relevant actors of the Addiction's field,

- The network's **accountability** in its work with the hospitals and the city's healthcare professionals,
- **Evaluation** as a tool to improve the professionals overall practices.

4. Focus on collective responses

- To commit to **represent the collective political interests** of the membership, in accordance with its fundamental principles. To this end, the Federation does not run its own institution or program for users.
- To work closely with other stakeholders and networks to **build policies and systems** that will improve the quality of the services offered to users..
- To develop its national action to **ensure local and democratic functioning**.

a national
federation born
of the merging of
two networks