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 in order to keep up with the trends
   • Promoting and encouraging the evolution of services
   • To develop information on addiction based on evidence from the grassroots level
   • To take part in Healthcare and social research at the European, national and regional levels
   • To improve the effectiveness and consistency of their actions

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/advice for project development and advocacy through key resource persons

4. To represent members with the policy makers
   • To be involved in the drafting 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 addiction 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

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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 grassroots action based on a participatory method. 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.

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 decomartmentalize 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 their situation, the history and the rhythm of the users, avoid judgment and stigmatization, and encourages 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:
  • Preventive approaches 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 Addictors’ field.

4. Focus on collective responses
• To commit to represent the collective political interests of the members, 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.

• The network’s accountability is in its work with the hospital and the healthcare professionals.
• Evaluation is used to improve the professionals’ personal practices.

The Federation Addiction was formed by the merger of an F3A and a national federation born of the merging of two networks.