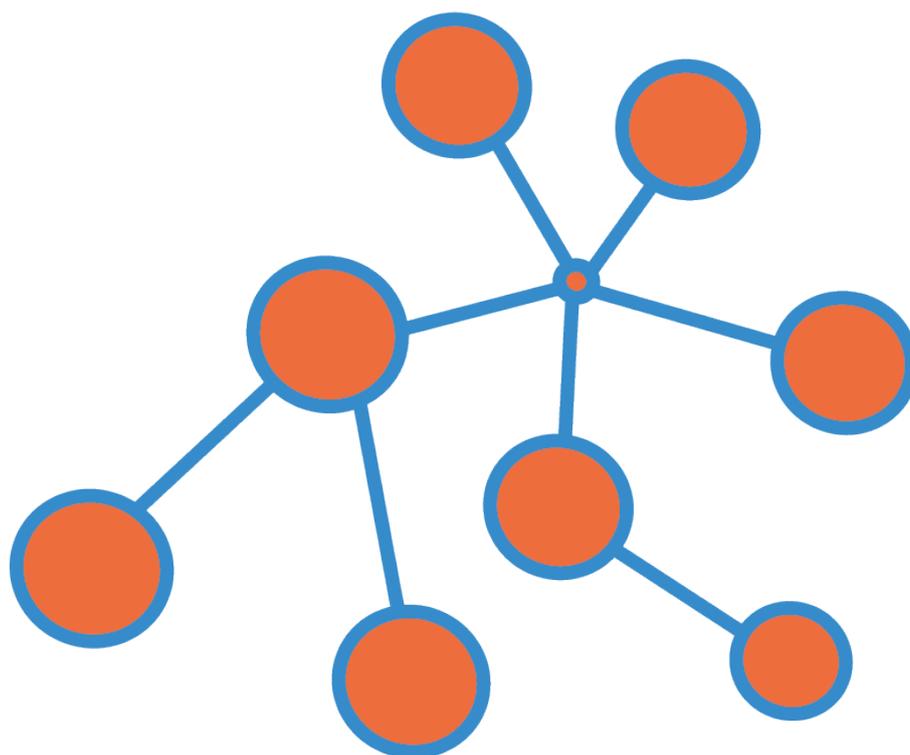


The HARENE network

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ABOUT US

Who are we ?

The HARENE network (HARm reduction REsearch NEtwork) is an interdisciplinary and community-based research group working on harm reduction (HR) related to drug use. It was born out of a desire to pool academic and experiential knowledge in order to respond appropriately and effectively to the needs of people who use drugs (PWUD).

The proposal by the French Public Health Research Institute (IReSP) to finance structural measures for “research on drug use and addictions” in 2021 motivated the creation of this network.



OUR MISSION

Taking into account the experiential knowledge of PWUD lies at the heart of our scientific approach, as we want to give central importance to the people most concerned by our research themes.

The idea is to create a space for discussion and for the creation of ideas and projects, where researchers and people from the PWUD community bring relevant research questions to light.

This network conforms fully to community-based and participatory research, and will mobilize the expertise of PWUD at each stage of its research projects.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- 1 Knowledge**
Develop knowledge about HR through the pooling of scientific skills, and encourage scientific collaboration between the network’s different research teams and peer-based associations.
- 2 Visibility**
Promote research on HR in order to strengthen its visibility and recognition by different actors (academics, institutions, professionals in the field, students, PWUD, etc.).
- 3 Training**
Encourage training relating to HR research, in particular by giving priority to researchers starting out on their careers, including those from the PWUD community.

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ABOUT US

How the network operates

The SESSTIM research team (INSERM-IRD-AMU UMR1252) will supervise and coordinate the research group. The network's five collaborating associations - Nouvelle Aube, Plus Belle La Nuit, Techno+, PsychoActif and ASUD Mars Say Yeah - will participate in all discussions as will all participating academic researchers.

STEERING COMMITTEE

A steering committee, comprising representatives of the ten participating research teams and the five partner peer-based associations, will form the heart of the group, with meetings organized on a quarterly basis. As there are fewer participating associations than research teams, their influence will be proportionally increased so that decision-making is equally shared between the academic and association-based worlds.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A management committee (smaller than the management committee) comprising the scientific director, the study director, and an academic and association-based representative, will be responsible for coordinating the network's activities, promotion, and training. This committee will make the organizational decisions.

How to join us ?

The HARENE network is open to anyone from an independent or academic research team working on harm reduction (HR) issues related to drug use, and to anyone involved in peer-based associations.

By joining the HARENE network, you will be able to participate in the development of research questions and projects related to HR, as well as in seminars and webinars.

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MEMBERS

Peer-based associations

The HARENE network is based on a community-based and participatory approach to research. It involves the active participation of people concerned by the problems of the consumption of psychoactive substances. These people are represented by members of self-help associations.



PsychoActif

PsychoActif: an online community promoting solidarity and mutual aid between PWUD.



TECHNO+

Techno+: a community health association that provides information about and tools to reduce the risks associated with party scene practices.



Nouvelle Aube: A Marseille-based self-help group that works on HR issues with young, disadvantaged, and stigmatized persons particularly exposed to the risk of HIV and hepatitis transmission, and to the use of psychoactive products.



Bus 31/32 «Plus Belle La Nuit»: This is a program run by the Marseille-based association Bus 31/32. Its actions are carried out on digital community networks, at physical welcome desks - specifically through Chill'in, an intervention that focuses on young drug users - and at HR stands during party events.



ASUD Mars Say Yeah: This is a specialized care center for addiction which provides drug consumption equipment, offers HR advice, works to promote social and administrative support, and implements actions in the party scene.

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MEMBERS

Research teams

The HARENE network is characterized by a large diversity of scientific disciplines: public health, epidemiology, law, economics, sociology, political science, anthropology, and social psychology researchers.



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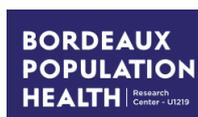
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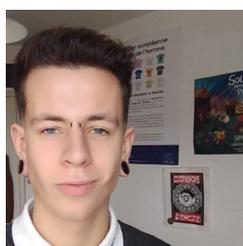
MEMBERS

Research associates

The HARENE network includes non-academic and independent researchers.



Anne Coppel : A sociologist in the field of drugs, whose work on experimental community health projects contributed to the adoption of the current harm reduction policy in France.



Alexis Grussi: A researcher in party scene and community-based health, focusing on the different forms of advocacy engagement in various settings (party scene, clinical, digital and urban) and on the imaginations of the judicialisation of free parties.



Salim Mezaache: Researcher in epidemiology and public health

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EVENTS

Launch seminar

The launch seminar of the HARENE network (HArm reduction REsearch NEtwork) was held on December 9, 2022 in Marseille, France, in order to present its various members and to highlight the orientation and thematic axes of its work. This seminar was the starting point of this interdisciplinary and community research network, which brings together ten research laboratories and five self-support associations, and whose objective is first and foremost to work together to promote the emergence of joint research projects with community associations and PWUD.

During the launch seminar, thematic group-based workshops followed by collective feedback were implemented around issues related to the definition of harm reduction, gender and intersectionality, as well as the criminalization of the use of drugs.



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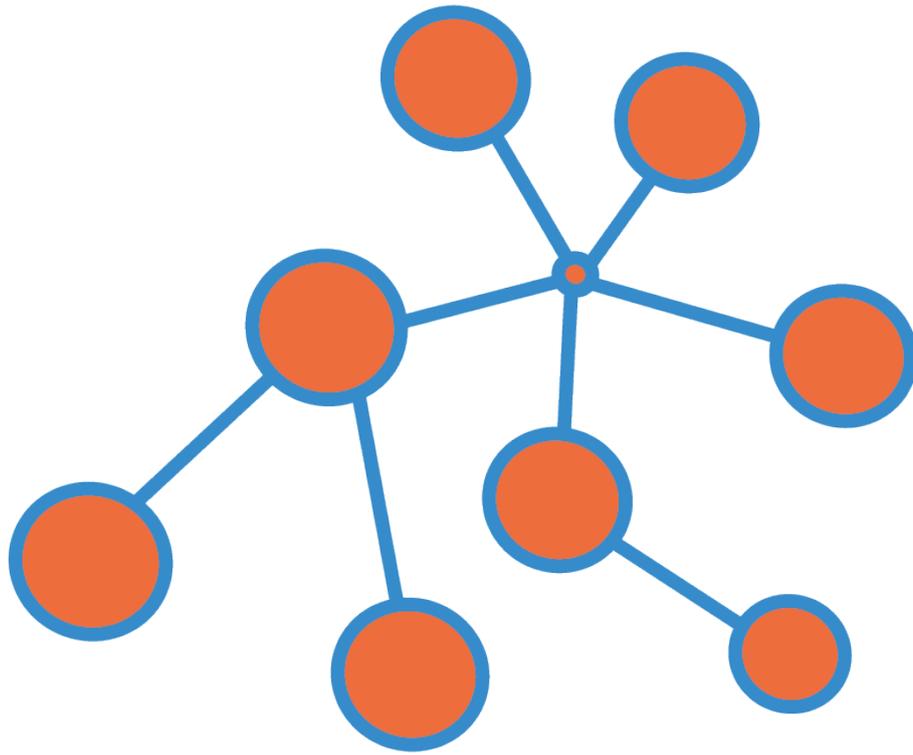
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