akzept e.V.

akzept – federal association for acceptance orientated drug work and humane drug policies was founded in 1990. akzept is the national umbrella organisation on acceptance orientated harm reduction in Germany.

Currently about 50 organisations of drug counselling services, 120 individual members (staff of drug counselling services, doctors, scientists, lawyers, police and self help associations (users and parents of users) are members of akzept.

akzept arose as a countermovement to the repressive drug policies of the late eighties when ideas of harm reduction were widely rejected and the abstinence approach was predominant in drug services and policies.

The intention of akzept was (and still is) to develop and implement measures of harm reduction with regard to i) the improvement of health of drug users and ii) change of the view of general society.

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Overall akzept aims at the decriminalization of possession and use of drugs by means of legally controlled trade and distribution for individual use (of adults).

Keywords for the demands and efforts of akzept are:

- Integration of the views and expertise of users
- Prevention by means of
  - Substitution treatment
  - Needle exchange
  - Consumption rooms
- Access to treatment of co-infections (HIV/HCV)
- Designing a drug policy that respects human rights and dignity

Akzept pursues this policy by different activities:

1) Conferences
- 9 international conferences on drug policies since 1991
- 4 international conferences on health promotion in prison (a fifth is planned for September 2010 in Hamburg)
- 4 national conferences on improvement of substitution treatment
- 4 international conferences on Hepatitis C and drug consumption
- several conferences and public meetings on special issues (Legalisation of Cannabis actual drug policies etc.)

2) Publications
Journal "AKZEPTANZ"
Additional published 'materials' on current issues (e.g. guidelines for consumption rooms, the legalisation of consumption rooms, guidelines for psycho-social care, guidelines for akzeptance-oriented drug counselling)

3) website and newsletter
www.akzept.org
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newsletter with 500 addressees spreading information about practical issues, conferences and other events, developments in drug policies, results of research etc., covering all german speaking countries.

4) Advocacy
Akzept has been very involved in the legalisation of heroin for controlled medical provision. Also the guidelines for substitution treatment have been elaborated with the help and support of akzept. At all levels akzept supports the views of the concerned.

Partners
akzept aims for cooperation in all its activities. Several partners cooperate regularly with akzept:
- German Association of AIDS-services
- German Society for Addiction Medicine
- German Association of Parents and Relatives of drug users
- German Association. JES (Junkies, Ex-Junkies and users in Substitution Treatment)

Other Partners depend on the issues pursued.

akzept e.V. invites sustaining members to support our work either by regular payments or by supporting special projects.
The minimum annual fee is 100.00 € (contribution receipts)

HOW TO JOIN AKZEPT?
Individuals, Organizations of Drug Counselling and Self Help as well as all persons interested in the goals and the work of akzept may apply for membership.

The annual Membership-fees are
- Individuals 80.00€
- Individuals (reduced) 40.00€
- Organizations 307.00€

akzept e.V. is member of the
- DeutscheParitätischeWohlfahrtsVerband, the
- German Centre for Addiction Issues (DHS), the
- international Networks CORRELATION, ENCOD und International Drug Policy Consortium

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