



Large scale Implementation of community based mental health care for people with severe and enduring mental ill health in Europe

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**RECOVER-E Workshop at EPA virtual Congress 2021**

**12 April 10:00-11:20 CEST**

RECOVER-E is giving a workshop about advancing community-based mental health care in Europe where RECOVER-E partners present early findings and reflections in the final year of the project.

The overall goal of the RECOVER-E project is to contribute to the implementation of and research on an evidence-based community-based service delivery model for recovery-oriented care in five sites in middle-income countries (Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, and Romania) to improve functioning, quality of life, and mental health outcomes for people with severe and enduring mental ill health (such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and/or severe depression).

After an introduction to the project by Dr. Laura Shields-Zeeman, all five implementation sites will present RECOVER-E from a different angle where you will learn more about how the mental health systems in RECOVER-E implementation sites have changed since the start of the project in 2018, the involvement of a peer worker in a community mental health team, how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted people with severe mental illness in the RECOVER-E project sites, lessons learned from having to adapt the intervention in the pandemic, policy dialogues for sustaining the project, and more.

The workshop will end with a live 20 minute Q&A session, giving chairs and audience the opportunity to ask the speakers further in-depth questions.

Chair: Prof. Hans Kroon, Trimbos Institute, The Netherlands

Co-chair: Dr. Laura Shields-Zeeman, Trimbos Institute, The Netherlands

**Speakers:**

Dr. Martina Rojnic Kuzman, Zagreb University Hospital Center, Croatia

Dr. Miloš Milutinović, University Clinic of Psychiatry, UCPS Skopje, North Macedonia

Dr. Vladimir Nakov, National Centre of Public Health and Analyses, Sofia, Bulgaria

Dr. Aleksandar Tomcuk, Health Institution Special Psychiatric Hospital Dobrota Kotor, Montenegro

Dr. Tiberiu Rotaru, Siret Psychiatric Hospital, Romania

If you haven't registered yet, you can do so at: <https://epa-congress.org/register/>



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**EPA Virtual 2021**

A circular logo with a globe in the center, surrounded by the words 'VIRTUAL' at the top and 'CONGRESS' at the bottom, with small stars on either side.

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The 're' logo from the top left, followed by the text 'recover-e' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, all contained within an orange rectangular box.

**WORKSHOP at EPA 2021**

Advancing community-based mental health care in Europe: Early findings and lessons learned from the RECOVER-E Project

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