

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE OF DRUG USE IN EUROPE

**Rome Consensus Europe Conference
Madrid 26-27 March 2009**



Background Information

The Rome Consensus for a Humanitarian Drug Policy co-chaired by the Italian Red Cross and the International Council on Security and Development (ICOS) now commits 115 National Societies of the Red Cross-Red Crescent worldwide. The Consensus acts as a catalyst for the Red Cross-Red Crescent Movement to promote and implement public health oriented drug responses and programmes.

The Rome Consensus aims to bring together Red Cross National Societies in Europe to promote health based solutions to drug related suffering in the region. To this end, the Rome Consensus Europe initiative was established with the support of the European Commission.

The Rome Consensus Europe Conference, an initiative supported by the European Commission and the International Council on Security and Development (ICOS – formerly known as The Senlis Council), will be hosted in Madrid by the Spanish Red Cross on the 26-27 March 2009.

The Rome Consensus Europe Conference will bring together National Societies of Red Cross and Red Crescent in Europe, European Union institution representatives and other leading practitioners to exchange best practices in prevention, treatment and care, and explore concrete ways for National Societies to contribute to drug policy responses in Europe.

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WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

*20:00 Welcome Dinner at
Conference Hotel, Meliá Avenida de
América*

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

10:00 - 11:00
Opening Ceremony

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 13:00
Session I

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00 - 17:00
Session II

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

Dr Juan Manuel Suárez Del Toro Rivero • *President, Spanish Red Cross, President International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent*

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The Rome Consensus and the EU: an opportunity for making a difference in drug policy in Europe

Dr Massimo Barra • *Co-Chair Rome Consensus, Italian Red Cross*

Mr Emmanuel Reinert • *Co-Chair Rome Consensus*

Mr Timo Jetsu • *Anti-Drugs Policy, Directorate General of Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission*

The European Dimension of National Societies' work in drug prevention, treatment and care

Chair: Mr Oscar Zuluaga • *Special Representative, The Rome Consensus*

Mr Timo Jetsu • *Anti-Drugs Policy, Directorate General of Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission: EU Drugs Strategy and Action Plans*

Mr Toni Bruel Carreras • *General Coordinator, Spanish Red Cross: Spanish Red Cross activities in the field of drug addiction*

Mr Aitor Murciano Moreno • *National Director of Youth, Spanish Red Cross: Prevention, a challenge for the youth*

Dr Fabio Patruno • *Training Project Coordinator, Italian Red Cross: Villa Maraini training project*

Ms Virginie Streit Guérinel • *International Relations, French Red Cross: Harm Reduction Activities of the French Red Cross*

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17:15 - 18:30
Session III

Joining forces for health-based solutions to drug related suffering in Europe

Mr Emmanuel Reinert • *Co-Chair Rome Consensus: Introduction*

Mr Thomas Kattau • *Executive Secretary A.I. Pompidou Group, Council of Europe*

Ms Elisabeth Saenz • *Expert Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Unit, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)*

Dr Nicolas Clark • *Medical Officer, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, World Health Organisation (WHO)*

Official Dinner
Buses leave Hotel Lobby at 19:45

Welcome Introduction by Sir Keith Morris, Former Ambassador to Colombia for the UK

Dinner speech by Mr Raymond Kendall, Former Secretary General of Interpol

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

9:00 - 11:15
Session I

Rome Consensus Europe: A Proposal for Red Cross – Red Crescent concrete action

Chair: Mr Emmanuel Reinert • *Co-Chair Rome Consensus: Introduction*

Dr Massimo Barra • *Co-chair Rome Consensus, Italian Red Cross: Introduction*

Area I: Prevention

Mr Alejandro Vigil Morán • *Spanish Red Cross Asturias: "Education in the Street" project*

Ms Barbara Nadasiova • *Slovakia Red Cross: Prevention Programme presentation*

Mr Jakub Rybář • *Czech Republic Red Cross: Prevention Programme presentation*

Area II: Treatment and rehabilitation

Mr Antonio Díaz-Rubín Suárez-Pazos • *Spanish Red Cross Madrid: Social reintegration and employment*

Mr Pablo Villarino Torrado • *Spanish Red Cross Orense: Treatment and care in penitentiary centers*

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11:15 - 11.30 Coffee Break

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Session II: Focus Sessions
(continued)**

Area III: Harm Reduction

Mr Rafael Aranda Jiménez and Juan Luis Pérez • *Spanish Red Cross Almeria: A home for drug addicts*

Dr Elena Eftimovska • *Macedonian Red Cross: Harm Reduction programme presentation*

Ms Milena Panayotova • *Bulgaria Red Cross: Harm Reduction programme presentation*

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch

**15:00 - 18:00
Session III: Conclusions and
actions**

Discussion on Focus Session outcomes led by Dr Massimo Barra and Mr Oscar Zuluaga

Proposals for Action

**19:00 Closing cocktail
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América**