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## Pompidou Group conference in Porto to discuss role of families in drug prevention

Strasbourg, 14.11.2007 – Getting families to help prevent drug abuse is the topic of an international conference organised by the Council of Europe Pompidou Group (\*) and hosted by the Institute for Drugs and Drug Addiction of Portugal in Porto on 19-20 November.

The conference, entitled "Families, lifestyles and drugs - reaching families in prevention", also aims to serve as a platform for discussing new ways of prevention work, sharing good practices and proposing future actions.

Drug prevention and social work professionals from 28 countries will form four working groups: targeting vulnerable groups, universal prevention, working with migrant communities, and 21st century lifestyles.

The [conference programme](#) also includes four parallel sessions which will examine current approaches to involving families in prevention, the cultural social and economic context of prevention work, social marketing and its applicability to the drug prevention field and future intervention methods and techniques.

Pilot projects such as developing new TV programme formats, drug prevention activities for leisure parks and the development of manuals for resorts and tourist towns will be also discussed at the event.

A set of recommendations on how to involve families in prevention activities is due to be developed as a result of the event.

The conference will be open to the press.

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