



Further Enhancing the
Implementation of Quality
Standards in drug demand
reduction across Europe

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Welcome & introduction to this Quality Champions Event

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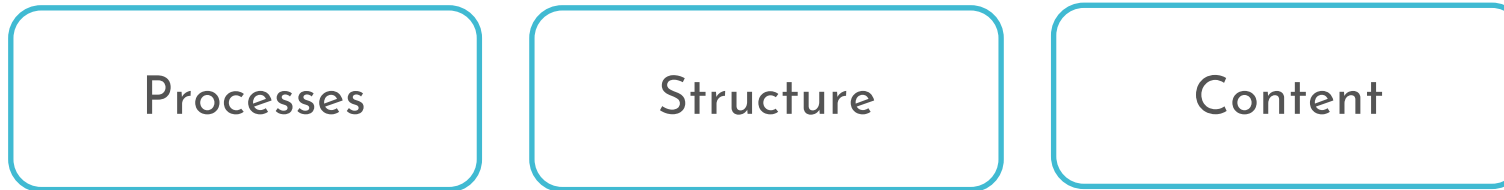
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What are Quality Standards (QS)?

- 'Generally accepted principles' or 'sets of rules for the best/most appropriate way to implement an intervention' (EMCDDA, 2013).



- Expected requirements for a (minimum) level of quality
- E.g. Minimum Quality Standards (2015):
 - Harm reduction
 - II. c. Interventions are available to all in need, including in higher risk situations and settings;
 - Treatment
 - III. e. Treatment is provided by qualified specialists and trained staff who engage in continuing professional development;



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Why Quality Standards?

On the need of QS implementation

- Increasing focus on evidence-based practice and guidelines
- Tool to bridge the gap between science and practice, but:
 - National & international initiatives
 - Between- and within-country variations
 - Differences between and within drug demand reduction (DDR) areas (prevention, treatment, harm reduction)
- Part of the EU Drug Strategies (2013-2020, 2021-2025)

On the need of QS implementation

Why are they needed?

- To enhance accountability & provide minimum quality guarantees across and within countries
- To improve quality of service delivery
- To improve transparency & facilitate evaluation and feedback
- To increase degree of QS implementation in daily practice



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The FENIQS-EU project

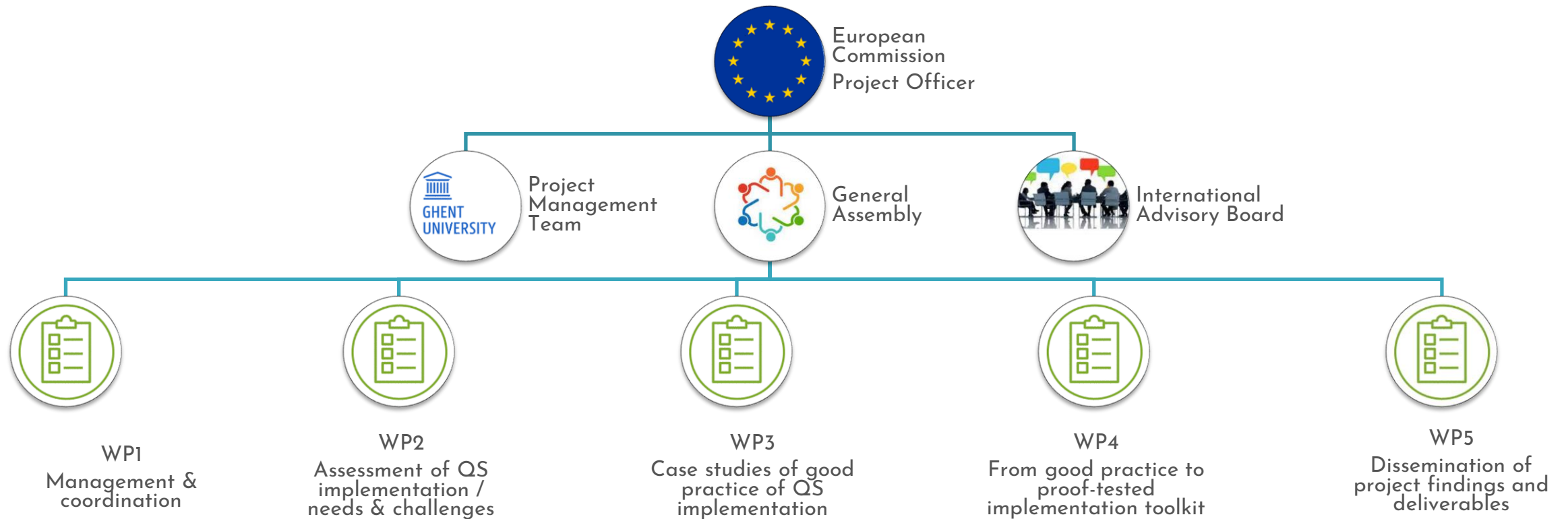
Overview of the FENIQS-EU project

Duration: 01/04/2021-31/03/2023

General objective:

- To enhance implementation of QS in drug prevention, treatment and harm reduction throughout the EU
- More services, organisations & EU countries applying QS in daily practice
 - Focus = application of QS and factors stimulating/hindering implementation

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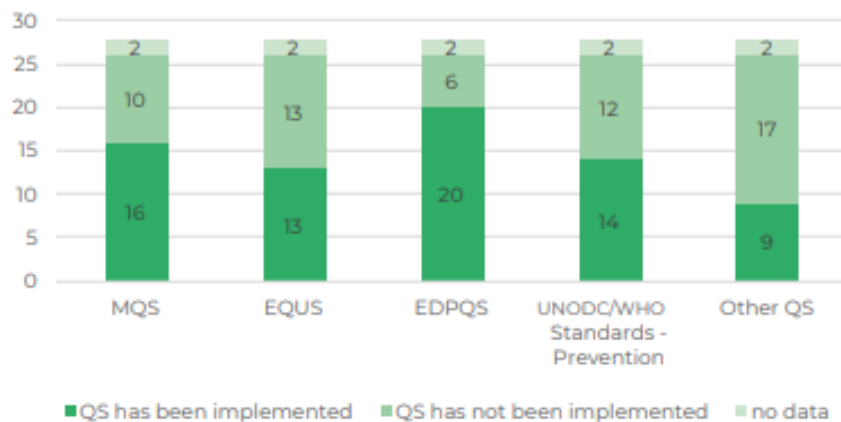


Main activities & preliminary findings

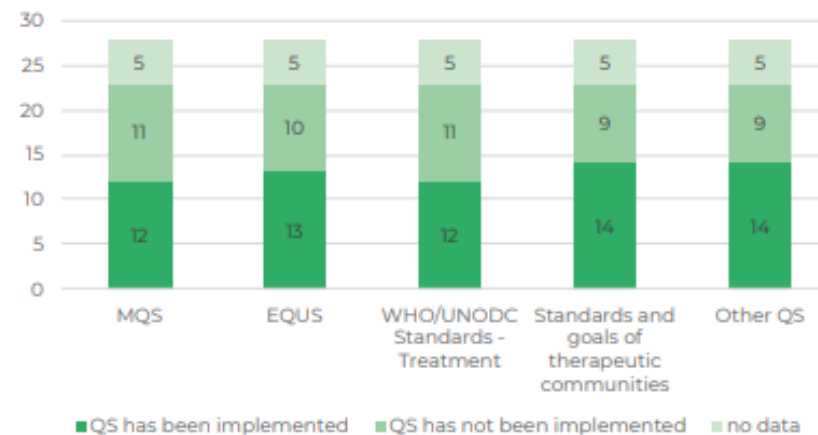
WP2: Assessment of QS implementation / needs & challenges

- Online survey & interviews

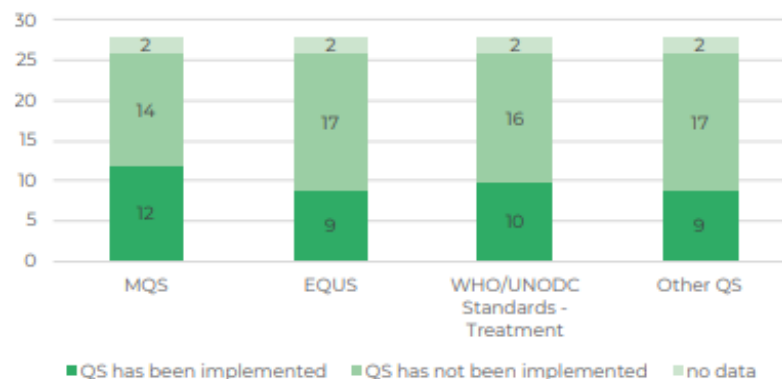
Prevention



Treatment



Harm reduction



WP3: Case studies of “inspiring” practices of QS implementation

- Selection of “inspiring” practices (all DDR areas)

Quality of methods
and tools

Quality of services
and delivery context

Quality of workforce

Ethical Standards

- 12 case studies (Form B)

WP4: From good practice to proof-tested implementation toolkit

Methodology:

- Scoping review of implementation models
- QS event
- Delphi study
- Implementation toolkit



Implementation testing criteria:

- Commitment & availability
- DDR area
- Geographical spread
- Level of implementation
- Type of service

Feedback & evaluation



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WP5: Dissemination of project findings and deliverables

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