



ALICE RAP breaks silence in the addiction field

ALICE RAP is a new dynamic trans-disciplinary EU project which aims to help scientists, policy makers and society “rethink and re-shape” current and future approaches to addictions and lifestyles in Europe.

Over the next five years the project will weave the work of over 100 scientists from 67 institutions in 25 countries into a integrated evidence base for informed policy action. The research programme includes a wide range of quantitative and qualitative scientific disciplines.

The project aims to critically examine and analyse currently fragmented research and strengthen scientific evidence to inform a new dynamic platform for public and political

dialogue and debate on current and alternative approaches to addictions.

Policies governing addictive substances and behaviours need to balance individual freedom and social responsibility, while taking into account social, economic and ethical considerations. But scientific evidence points to the fact that the classification and legality of addictive substances is not always related to the relative harm that these substances can cause to individuals or to society.

ALICE RAP will work to change this by analysing the potential economic, health, and social consequences of new or alternative approaches to govern and manage addiction using

foresight methodologies and expert working groups to identify more effective and efficient EU and national level policy options.

ALICE RAP is a €10million project co-financed by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Commission, and coordinated by a team in the Hospital Clinic Foundation of the University of Barcelona.

The project formally started on 1st April 2011, and has its kick-off meeting during the week 23-27 May, in the CosmoCaixa Science Museum, Barcelona, Spain.

About the Bulletin



The ALICE *Rappers* will be kept up-to-date on the project’s latest news every two months by this Bulletin. But, for the next 7 editions, one area will be presented in a special issue each month. Area 1 comes first!

Media and Global Science Groups

- * The media and communications group will help to make the project’s findings and outcomes available in real-time, providing spaces for continuous public input.
- * The global science group will bring together renowned scientists from around the world to embed the project in a global context.