**Vocational training in illicit drug addiction: Equipping health care practitioners with addiction treatment competences and techniques (CARE4SUD)**

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Universidade do Porto (UPORTO), Portugal and The Social and Medical Services Directorate of Cluj-Napoca, Romania (DASM) will be hosting the international conference, online, on April 30th, 2025, starting at 10:00 CET.

Thepurpose of the final conference is disseminating and multiplying the outputs of the Care4sud project and also of the Care4sud platform, to reach out to a broader network and also to ensure the commitment and engagement on behalf of the stakeholders and health care practitioners, in the partner countries.

During the event, the partners will present the project and EU funding, the project activities, the achievements of the project, the capacity building programme created withn the project, the common policy briefs elaborated by partners and will introduce the online CARE4SUD platform to the participants.

The event will be conducted in English, bringing together approximately 50 participants from different European countries in the field of substance use, as well as partner representatives.

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