



MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE:

Reducing Risk While Promoting Recovery



12 MARCH, 2026
16:30-17:30 CET
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This side event explores how **Therapeutic Communities (TCs) are increasingly integrating risk reduction principles within recovery-oriented addiction treatment.** Drawing on international perspectives and practical examples, the session **challenges the perception of risk reduction and recovery as opposing paradigms,** highlighting their shared goals of reducing suffering, improving health, and upholding dignity and autonomy for people with substance use disorders.

The discussion will demonstrate how TCs apply harm reduction across different stages of recovery, **showing how structured treatment and risk reduction can coexist along a flexible continuum of care.** Presenters will also explore practical strategies used within TCs **to enhance engagement and retention, reduce stigma and preventable harm, and strengthen long-term recovery** through collaboration with broader risk reduction services.



Join us Online or In-Person

THIS SESSION WILL EXPLORE:



Risk Reduction Across Recovery



International Perspectives



Concrete TC Strategies



Dignity-Centered Care

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Sushma Taylor, WFTC President

Speakers:

Wing Ki, ARTM

Paulo Lopes, Ares Do Pinhal

Massimo Barra, Fondazione Villa Maraini

Robert Budsock, Integrity House

Peter Sarosi, Drug Reporter

Moderator:

Phaedon Kaloterakis, WFTC Managing Director



SCAN HERE to attend online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83423397826>

FOR IN PERSON: ROOM M6

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