

Second Announcement

MHPSS-European Network Forum 2024

Hosted by the Croatian Red Cross in Croatia, Petrčane

Workshop Monday 14 October 14:00 to 17:00 (Central European Time, CET)
Tuesday 15 October 9:00 to 12:00 (CET)

Forum Tuesday 15 October 14:00 to 20:30 (CET)
Wednesday 16 October 9:00 to 19:00 (CET)
Thursday 17 October 9:15 to 13:00 (CET)

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Migration and Displacement

**Forum
Program**

The objectives of the 2024 MHPSS Forum are:

- > To share insights and practices on the delivery of mental health and psychosocial support relating to migration and displacement.
- > To consider how National Societies can integrate these insights and practices into their programmes and support activities.
- > To share good practices and lessons learned when delivering mental health and psychosocial support in migration and displacement.

**Workshop
Program**

We will organise a workshop on “**Promoting quality in MHPSS: staff and volunteers supervision and support**” on Monday 14 October from 14:00 to 17:00 and Tuesday 15 October from 9:00 until 12:00.

Style

The Forum is as engaging, inclusive and interactive as possible. We use various methods of sharing information, including presentations and small group discussions in which examples of Red Cross and Red Crescent practices, interventions and evaluations are shared. The Forum and the Workshop will be held in English.

Participation

MHPSS focal persons from Europe and Central Asia are invited and will have the opportunity to meet each other and discuss next steps for the Network. This year we invite you to **Croatia, Petrčane**. If you would like to take part in agenda of this Forum, for example, you would like to deliver a presentation or facilitate one of the workshops, please indicate this in the registration form. **No more than two people per National Society are able to join us** in order to ensure a wide representation.

**Solidarity
Fund**

We kindly ask you to consult your management to contribute to the **MHPSS European Network Solidarity Fund**. This fund provides opportunities for MHPSS colleagues of National Societies with limited resources to participate in the training and forum. The suggested contribution is € 600 or any other amount that your National Society can contribute. Financial contributions can be sent to: Croatian Red Cross; Bank: Zagrebačka banka d.d.; IBAN HR7323600001101396032; BIC/SWIFT: ZABHR2X; reference to be used for payment: HR00 776; please mark: MHPSS-EN Solidarity fund 2024.

Application

Registration is open! The accommodation for the Forum is reserved at the Pinija Hotel, Petrčane. The costs for the overnight stays should be covered by your National Society. If this is impossible, please consult the Steering Committee. Please register and book your stay through the [link](#) at the **Registration form**.

IMPORTANT: accommodation and discount at the hotel are guaranteed **only until 1st August**.

Location

Petrčane is located in the south of Croatia, close to the City of Zadar. If possible, we recommend you book your flights to Zadar airport from where you can take a shuttle bus to Zadar main bus station and then taking the local bus to Petrčane, hotel Pinija. It's also possible to book transfer arranged by hotel, from Zadar airport to hotel (you need to indicate this at your hotel reservation). Detailed instructions on how to reach the hotel will be available in the welcome pack that will be shared with you at the later stage. If you are travelling to Petrčane from other airports in Croatia, please contact CRC team at psp@hck.hr if you need support around travel.

Steering Committee of the MHPSS European Network

We welcome you to join the MHPSS European Network Steering Committee! Joining this Steering Committee will provide you with the opportunity to enhance your role in our network and to contribute to its development and strengthen your position as a MHPSS Focal Person within your National Society. You will need to commit to joining us for four years, starting after the Forum in October 2024 and have your National Society covering all your expenses.

The aims of the MHPSS European Network are:

- 1) To promote the sharing** of experiences and practices in mental health and psychosocial support between the European and Central Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies.
- 2) To communicate** the specificities of MHPSS in the Red Cross Movement at the European level, including understanding of the different contexts of National Societies, and the way they intervene in the prevention, activation and follow up of crises and various psychosocial interventions, programs and training.
- 3) To enhance cooperation** between the National Societies, other parts of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, European authorities and institutions, and within/between communities and associative partners such as (but not limited to) the European Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), the World Health Organisation (WHO) Europe, and variety of research institutions.

The duties of the Steering Committee are:

- > To facilitate the mission of the MHPSS-European Network
- > To support the administrative management of the MHPSS-European Network
- > To keep agendas and notes from the meetings
- > To establish the program for the annual MHPSS-European Network Forum
- > To follow-up on co-operation within and transcend the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
- > To maintain an overview of MHPSS-European Network digital platforms and resources within the network
- > To liaise between the experts and external partners.

Steering Committee members must be self-financing and able to commit to joining these meetings, the annual Forum and to undertaking some related activities to support the success of the MHPSS-European Network.

If you are keen to be considered to become a member of the Steering Committee, or wish to find out more, please email Sara Hedrenius, sara.hedrenius@redcross.se or Sarah Davidson SDavidson@redcross.org.uk co-chairs of the MHPSS Steering Committee. The current Steering Committee is composed of the following members:

Chairs	Members	Standing members	Scientific Advisor
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Many thanks,

Sara and Sarah, on behalf of the MHPSS European Network Steering Committee