

MHPSS-EN

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support European Network

First Announcement of the MHPSS-European Network Forum 2024

Hosted by the Croatian Red Cross in
Petrčane, Croatia

Workshop: Monday 14 October 2pm – 5pm (Central European Time, CET)
Tuesday 15 October 9am – Midday (CET)

Forum: Tuesday 15 October 1pm to 5pm (CET)
Wednesday 16 October 9am to 5pm (CET)
Thursday 17 October 9am to 1pm (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” at 2pm on Monday 14 October until 5pm and Tuesday 15 October from 9am until Midday.

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 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 Petrčane, Croatia. More information about the venue will follow in the next announcement. If you like to take part in the organisation of this Forum, for example by organising a presentation or facilitating a group discussion, please contact a member of the Steering Committee (see the contact details at the end of this announcement). **No more than two people per National Society are able to join us.**

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. Further information re this will follow.

Application

**The Second Announcement will have the links to register for the Forum and Hotel.
Travel**

Petrčane, is located at the south of Croatia, close to Zadar and Zadar airport. You can reach Petrčane by bus from the airport, by taxi or hotel transfer (detailed instructions will be in the Second Announcement). If you are travelling to Zagreb or Split airport, you can reach Zadar by bus and then travel with the local bus to Petrčane.

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 cover 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:

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Many thanks,

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