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## PUBLICATIONS

„Living with Drugs“ (reprint)  
working paper (1. akzept-conference 1991)  
„Human Dignity in Drug Policies“  
working paper (2.akzept-conference 1993)  
„Drugs across Borders“  
working paper (3.akzept-conference 1994)  
„DrugVisions“  
working paper (4.akzept-conference 1996)  
„The Times They Are A Changin“  
working paper (5.int. akzept-conference 1998)  
„Society with Drugs – Acceptance is Changing“  
working paper (6.int.akzept-conference 2000)  
„Against the best of Knowledge“ (not in stock)  
Hypocrisy in Drug Policies  
**Working Materials Nr.1 – Working Paper Number 1**  
“Practice Standards for Psychosocial Services as Part of  
Substitution Therapy”,  
**Working Materials Nr. 3**  
“Guidelines of acceptance orientated drug work”  
**Working Materials Nr. 4**  
„Guidelines for the operation and use of Consumption rooms“  
**Working Materials Nr.5**  
“Cannabis reform in Germany: Arguments und Facts”  
  
Journal **AKZEPTANZ** volume 16

## CONFERENCE REPORTS

**1<sup>st</sup> International Conference Hepatitis C Berlin 2004**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference Hepatitis C Bonn 2006**  
**4<sup>th</sup> International Conference Hepatitis C Hamburg 2007**  
**Manual Hepatitis C and Drug use‘,**  
1<sup>st</sup>.and 2nd edition 2006  
**1<sup>st</sup>.Expert meeting Improvement of Substitution treatment**  
Berlin 2007’  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Expert meeting Improvement of Substitution treatment**  
Berlin 2009’  
‘Strategies for Scaling Up Substitution treatment’ Berlin  
2009  
Study IMPROVE – barriers to opioid substitution treatment  
access, entry and retention - a survey on improvement of  
substitution treatment in Germany - 2009  
**1<sup>st</sup> Expertise on §5 BTMVV – 2008**  
**8<sup>th</sup>.International akzept-Conference Berlin 2006**  
**9<sup>th</sup>.International akzept-Conference Frankfurt 2009**  
**1<sup>st</sup>. Expert Meeting ‘scaling up substitution treatment in**  
prison settings’ Berlin 2010

**akzept e.V.**

**akzept – federal association for acceptance orientated drug work and humane drug policies**  
was founded in 1990. akzept is the national umbrella organisation on acceptance orientated harm reduction in Germany.

Currently about 50 organisations of drug counselling services, 120 individual members (staff of drug counselling services, doctors, scientists, lawyers, police and self help associations (users and parents of users) are members of akzept.

akzept arose as a countermovement to the repressive drug policies of the late eighties when ideas of harm reduction were widely rejected and the abstinence approach was predominant in drug services and policies.

The intention of akzept was (and still is) to develop and implement measures of harm reduction with regard to i) the improvement of health of drug users and ii) change of the view of general society .

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Overall **akzept** aims at the decriminalization of possession and use of drugs by means of legally controlled trade and distribution for individual use (of adults).

Keywords for the demands and efforts of akzept are:

- Integration of the views and expertise of users
- Prevention by means of
  - Substitution treatment
  - Needle exchange
  - Consumption rooms
  - Access to treatment of co-infections (HIV/HCV)
- Designing a drug policy that respects human rights and dignity

Akzept pursues this policy by different activities:

### 1) Conferences

9 international conferences on drug policies since 1991  
4 international conferences on health promotion in prison (a fifth is planned for September 2010 in Hamburg)  
4 national conferences on improvement of substitution treatment  
4 international conferences on Hepatitis C and drug consumption

several conferences and public meetings on special issues (Legalisation of Cannabis actual drug policies etc.)

### 2) Publications

Journal "AKZEPTANZ"

Additional published 'materials' on current issues ( e.g. guidelines for consumption rooms, the legalisation of consumption rooms, guidelines for psycho-social care, guidelines for akzeptance-oriented drug counselling)

Reports on all conferences

### 3) website and newsletter

[www.akzept.org](http://www.akzept.org)  
[eAKZEPTANZ](mailto:eAKZEPTANZ)

newsletter with 500 addressees spreading information about practical issues, conferences and other events, developments in drug policies, results of research etc., covering all german speaking countries.

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[www.gesundinhaft.eu](http://www.gesundinhaft.eu)



### 4) Advocacy

Akzept has been very involved in the legalisation of heroin for controlled medical provision. Also the guidelines for substitution treatment have been elaborated with the help and support of akzept. At all levels akzept supports the views of the concerned.

### Partners

akzept aims for cooperation in all its activities. Several partners cooperate regularly with akzept :

German Association of AIDS-services  
German Society for Addiction Medicine  
German Association. of Parents and Relatives of drug users  
German Association. JES (Junkies, Ex-Junkies and users in Substitution Treatment)

Other Partners depend on the issues pursued.

**akzept** e.V. is member of the Deutsche Paritätische Wohlfahrtsverband, the German Centre for Addiction Issues (DHS), the international Networks *CORRELATION*, *ENCOD* und International Drug Policy Consortium

### Finances

Activities of akzept are generally financed by the annual budget (membership fees only, not institutional support). Health related activities are supported by the German Ministry of Health.

### HOW TO JOIN AKZEPT?

Individuals, Organizations of Drug Counselling and Self Help as well as all persons interested in the goals and the work of akzept may apply for membership.

The annual Membership-fees are

Individuals	80.00€
Individuals (reduced)	40.00€
Organizations	307.00€

**akzept** e.V. invites sustaining members to support our work either by regular payments or by supporting special projects.

The minimum annual fee is 100.00 € (contribution receipts)

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