



1st Regional Conference

**PREVREG**

Building the Foundations of PREvention Science in the REGion

10 - 11

June

2026

Zagreb

Croatia

Hotel Dubrovnik

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- strengthening the development of evidence-based prevention of behavioral problems and the promotion of mental health in the region,
- developing a regional cooperation network and the exchange of knowledge, experience, and examples of good practice,
- encouraging the application of contemporary scientific findings in the field of prevention of behavioral problems and mental health promotion,
- promoting modern standards of prevention science and public health policies.

## Wednesday, 10 June 2026

8.30 – 9.00 Participant Registration and Refreshments

9.00 – 9.30 **Opening and Welcome Speeches**

- Rubén Cano, Scientific Analyst in the Drug Use, Harms and Responses Unit of the European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA)
- Amir Hasanović, Addiction Prevention Competence Center, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Assoc. Prof. Ante Bilić Prčić, PhD, University of Zagreb Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Assoc. Prof. Krunoslav Capak, MD, Director of the Croatian Institute of Public Health
- Representative of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia (TBC)
- Representative of the Ministry of Science, Education and Youth of the Republic of Croatia (TBC)

9.30 – 10.00 Željko Petković

Assistant Director of the Croatian Institute of Public Health

**Strategic and Program Policies on Addictions**

10.00 – 11.00 **Plenary Lecture**

Dr. sc. Angelina Brotherhood

Addiction Competence Centre of the Austrian National Public Health Institute in Vienna, Austria

**Saying NO to poor prevention practices: using scientific evidence to improve outcomes in the region**

11.00 – 11.30 Refreshments

11.30 – 13.00 **Invited Lectures**

**Development of Prevention Science in the Country – A Brief Overview**

Prim. Nuša Konec Juričić, MD (SLO), Prof. Martina Ferić, PhD (HR), Prof. Branislava Popović Čitić, PhD (SRB), Prof. Lejla Kuralić Čišić, PhD (BiH), Dijana Milošević (CG – online), Dr. Ana Fritzhand (MK – online)

13.00 – 13.30 Reflections on the Lectures

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

Ask the Speakers





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14.30 – 15.30 **Plenary Lecture**

Dr. sc. Ana Kozina

Educational Research Institute, Slovenija

**How to Support Relationships in Schools? The Role of Social-Emotional Competencies and Diversity Awareness**

15.30 – 15.45 Refreshments

15.45 – 17.15 **Invited Lectures**

**Research Projects in the Field of Prevention (2016–2026)**

Prof. Vita Poštuvan, PhD (SLO), Assist. Prof. Darko Roviš, PhD (HR), Dr. Marina Kovačević Lepojević and Dr. Ana Radovanović (SRB), Prof. Aida Ramić Čatak, PhD (BiH), Assist. Prof. Ena Grbović, PhD (CG), Sheruze Osmani Ballazhi (MK)

17.15 – 17.45 Reflections on the Lectures

**Thursday, 11 June 2026**

9.00 – 10.00 **Plenary Lecture**

Prof. Doug Coatsworth

College of Social Work, The University of Tennessee USA

**More Than the Program: How Strong Implementation and Good Fit Drive Impact**

10.00 – 11.00 Guided Poster Presentations

11.00 – 11.30 Refreshments

11.30 – 13.00 **Invited Lectures**

**Policy and Systemic Framework for Prevention**

Dr. Urška Štremfel (SLO), Josipa Lovorka Andreić (HR), Prof. Branislava Popović Čitić PhD and Dr. Marina Kovačević Lepojević (SRB), Dragan Vukadin (BiH), Iva Ivanović (CG), Ivo Kunovski (MK)

13.00 – 13.30 Reflections on the Lectures

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.30 Guided Poster Presentations

15.30 – 16.30 **Closing Panel and Conclusions**

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