

**Dear Quests, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Good afternoon.**

My name is Eli Zamernik from Ljubljana.

I represent The Association for Harm Reduction Stigma, as a part of the NGO's, who are dealing with harm reduction programs and who are giving awareness and information's about diseases related to the using drugs, provide help and advise the appropriate procedure for the treatment .

I have to say that the needle exchange in Slovenia is implemented for twenty years, consequently we have today very low percent HIV positive drug users.

From the early beginning of my work I openly fight against all kinds of the stigmatization target groups and I hope the conference will help us to achieve one of the important goal – destigmatization.

In the name of the NGO's working of harm reduction programs from Slovenia I would like to welcome you all to the Correlation Conference and I wish you a successful work and pleasant stay in Ljubljana.

Thank you.