

European Network for Psychosocial Crisis Management – Assisting Disabled in Case of Disaster



Outcomes of Local Workshop
19.07.2013 in Cologne
Visual Impairment



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Local Workshop in Cologne



- *Agenda:*
 - EUNAD Introduction
 - Presentation about hearing/visual impairment in case of disaster and after care
 - Round tables for hearing/visual impairment in case of disaster
 - Part A: Requirements in acute situations
 - Part B: Requirements for further therapy and after care
 - Results of Roundtables
- *22 participants, including:*
 - representatives from associations of visual and hearing impairment
 - experts from german universities
 - funding agencies of rehabilitation
 - psychosocial professionals



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Results of Roundtables

Visual Impairment



- List of eligible psychotherapist does exist
- No clinic specialized on visual impaired humans
- Difficult to get an acceptance for a clinic, reason is the additional effort (e.g. providing with food, guiding from one room to another, directions)
- Special requirements:
 - more time, more detailed information, more communication
 - visual impaired humans do not want to give the control and their autonomy to an assistance if not necessary
- Therapy and after care should be offered all over country and following same standards
- Training for employees , like flight attendants, fire brigade, hospital, etc. should be offered
- Training for visual impaired humans and information material should be offered (e.g. first aid course, self help in case of disaster)
- Disability should be a subject in education of health care professionals
- Because of negative experience in the past many visual impaired humans are afraid of not being understand by seeing therapist, social workers, etc.
- Need of research about disability and trauma

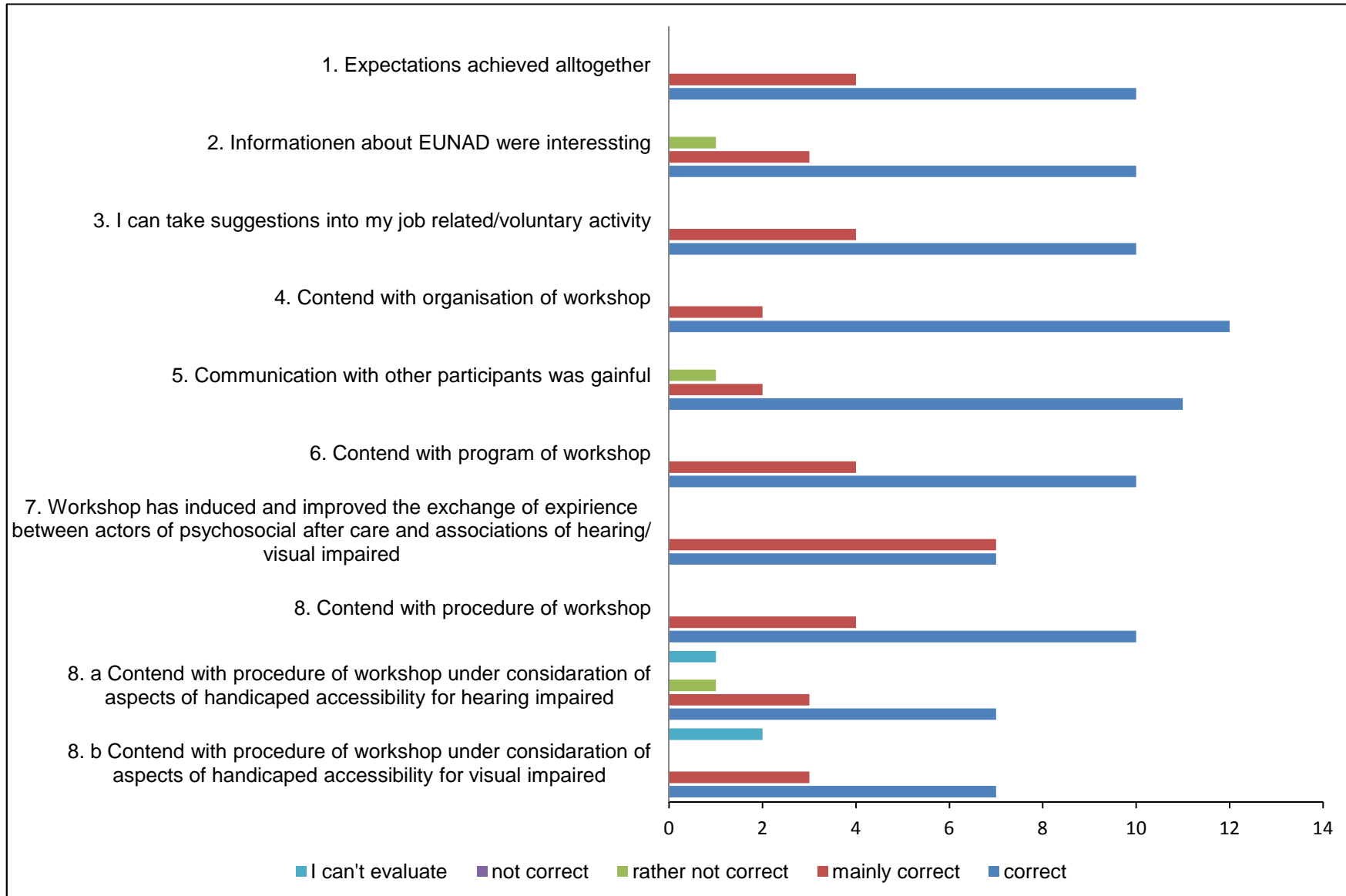


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Evaluation of local workshop in Cologne



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- *Muliple disabilities should be implied also.*
- *Need for interpretors during breaks is important.*
- *Involve hearing/visual impaired from the very beginning.*
- *There should be a working team which constantly operates on this topic.*



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Results/First Recommendations of local workshop in Cologne



Visual Impaired:

- Service all over country is necessary
- Training for employees , like flight attendants, fire brigade, hospital, etc.
- Training for visual impaired humans and information material (e.g. first aid course, self help in case of disaster)
- Disability should be a subject in education of health care professionals
- Need of research about disability and trauma in order to identify special needs and circumstances around visual impaired



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