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**Most important career path**

Ninette van Hasselt is the project manager of the Clubs and Drugs project at the Trimbos Institute - Netherlands Institute of Mental Health and Addiction. Her key role is to coordinate the development and dissemination of research based interventions to regional professionals involved in substance abuse prevention. Van Hasselt has been involved in public health for over 15 years, with a particular focus on campaigns and on clubbing and health.

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**Title of presentation**

Introducing the Healthy Nightlife Toolbox

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**Description of the contribution**

There is no setting in which the use of substances is as common as in nightlife settings. It seems obvious that interventions to reduce harm related to alcohol and drug use in nightlife settings, aimed at visitors of nightlife settings, are vital, but to date in most European countries very little is invested in this type of prevention. Those prevention interventions and programs that are being implemented are scarcely thoroughly evaluated and in general little knowledge on prevention in nightlife is shared among professionals. Compared to other prevention efforts related to alcohol and drugs, knowledge on what interventions are effective is limited and many professionals throughout Europe reinvent the wheel when trying to improve the health and safety of visitors to nightlife settings.

The Healthy Nightlife Toolbox (HNT) is an international initiative that enables local, regional and national policy makers and prevention workers to benefit from the experiences of other professionals engaged in the reduction of harm from alcohol and drug use among young people in nightlife. The toolbox contains: information on evaluated interventions; abstracts of reviewed literature; contact details of advisors; and a digital handbook of good practice for prevention related to drug and alcohol use in nightlife settings.

Mrs. van Hasselt will present the components of the toolbox and highlight some of the most interesting interventions which are contained within the toolbox.