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The importance of recovery voices in society

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# Recovered Users Network

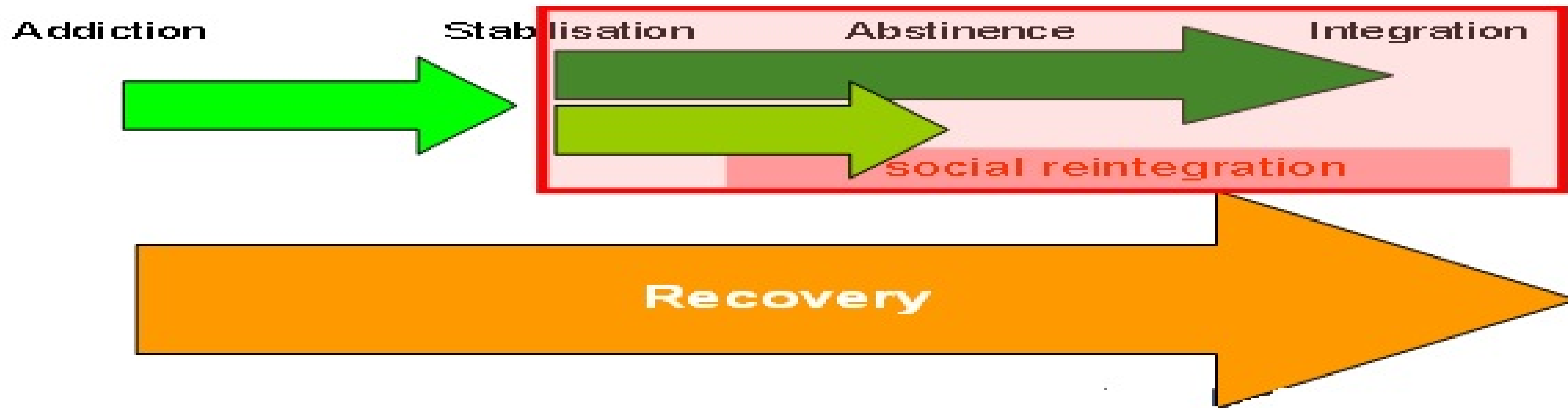
- **Established 2013**
- **Specific advocacy platform governed from EURAD**
- **CSO (36 organizations), individuals and groups of people engaged in recovery work**
- **Vision “raise the voice of the recovery movement, by contributing to constructive and respectful drug policies, for individuals, families and communities”**
- **Mission “a network which provides a voice for recovered drug users to promote and share the experience of recovery, on both political and practical levels”**



# What addicts want when they ask for services?

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Happy with Use</b>	<b>Like to Reduce Use</b>	<b>Like to Stop Using</b>
Heroin	11.4	8.1	80.5
Methadone	36.5	12.9	50.7
Crack Cocaine	16.3	10.5	73.2
Amphetamines	27.5	11.4	61.0
Cannabis	64.2	14.7	21.1
Alcohol	53.6	21.2	25.2
Benzodiazepines	50.4	12.7	36.9

# Recovery and how we can define it



The term **RECOVERY** implies a process through which an individual is enabled to move from their problem of drug use, towards a life without drugs as an active and contributing member of society. (Scottish Government 2008)

# Main messages of recovery advocacy movement

- 1. Addiction recovery is a reality.**
- 2. Recovery flourishes in supportive communities**
- 3. Recovering and recovered people are not a problem, but rather a part of the solution**