



CHANGES IN LEGISLATION SUPPORTING THE AVAILABILITY OF TREATMENT

EXISTING GLOBAL RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES SHOW A UNIQUE POTENTIAL OF PSYCHEDELICS IN TREATING MENTAL DISORDERS AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE.



Psychedelic research was intensively progressing in the 1960s. Even back then, scientists tried to examine the potential of psychedelics in means of treatment of many different diagnoses. They focused on ways they could be utilised in the treatment of people addicted to alcohol, for patients with post-traumatic stress disorder, for treatment of anxiety and depression in patients with terminal illness, and for many others. It seemed that psychedelic research was on the way to fulfill the promises and expectations. However, a tumultuous social development of the time brought many problems, which later showed to be fatal for this field of scientific discovery.

The declaration of the "War on Drugs" in 1971 by the American president Nixon not only brought a wide ban on using most psychoactive substances, but it also meant the withdrawal of the prospective research. That was done with regards to no relevant data which would suggest need for such legislation. The UN classified psychoactive substances, which include psychedelics, as drugs with no medical use. The Czechoslovakian Republic implemented these recommendations into its legislation system, although it was one of the latest countries to cancel their psychedelic research itself in 1974.

Psychedelics can be found on the list of banned substances with no medical use to this day, even though their therapeutic potential is more than promising.

Today's Czech legislation is not consistent with a smooth addition of psychedelics into therapy practice. We believe, however, that our patient efforts are bringing positive changes in this field as well.

By donating to the PSYRES foundation, you support the steps necessary for legislative change, which will lead to access to this form of treatment and progress in the public's view of psychedelics' significance.

Among the activities we focus on, there is legal analysis, legislative proposals, and discussions with legislators. Moreover, our aim is to organise educational events.





YOUR DONATION WILL HELP REACH THE FOLLOWING GOALS

- Support of activities aiming to gain the ECOSOC status (advisor status), which will allow us to bring the topic of potential medical use of psychedelics to UN assemblies (for example: the Commission for Narcotic Drugs; CND)
- Support of expert legislative, political and economic analysis in the field of psychedelics (for example: economic impact of psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy, the UN 1961 Convention analysis, monitoring of global legislative changes in favour of adding psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy to the healthcare system, etc.)
- Support of organising events with government representatives, experts (researchers, doctors, lawyers, members of medical associations, representatives of state departments and institutions, etc.) and legislative change sympathisers
- Support for the involvement of Czech researchers in activities connected to the legalisation of treatments utilising psychedelics in institutions in the European Union.

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