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Re: Changing the Organizational Structure of KETHEA, a not for profit organization.

I was informed about the dramatic decision to change the Board of KETHEA: replacing volunteer board members by a board of Government appointees.

I know the work done by KETHEA since more than 30 Years.

I met several Staff members of KETHEA during international conferences and meetings and had the honor to visit different programs run by KETHEA.

In my function as Secretary of the European Federation of Therapeutic Communities I can very well compare programs from different countries throughout Europe.

KETHEA has always been a very well evaluated organization in the field of drug prevention and rehabilitation.

As a non-governmental structured organization, KETHEA's work is highly recognized internationally.

KETHEA has a special consultative status with the UN and is an active member of the Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs.

Changing the composition of the Board of KETHEA to a Board with Government appointees will dramatically change the character of this well-organized organization.

A board, elected by the members, clients and families involved, creates a much and much greater concern. This is a crucial element in the success of KETHEA as an organization.

DON'T CHANGE A WINNING TEAM!

I ask you polite, to reconsider this decision, and to support KETHEA in the beautiful and important work KETHEA have been doing since years and years.

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