



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2012

NEWS FROM THE PARTY + NETWORK

To gain legitimacy & sustainability and to guarantee our working philosophy and values, Party + is being formalized into a legal entity which will soon be opened to new memberships. The association will bring together European non-governmental and non-profit organisations as well as local/regional/national authorities, night clubs and party organisations with the socio-cultural aims of improving nightlife settings and promoting health by implementing and enhancing quality Labels and Charters.

Our next Party + seminar will take place in Berlin the 16th and 17th of June. You can still download the presentations of our last seminar on [our website](#).

Party + could help you in the assessment, the creation, the implementation and the development of your safer nightlife label. Interested in implementing such a label or charter in your region? Don't hesitate to contact [David Leclercq](#) and to solicit an [exchange visit](#) !

EUROPEAN PARTY FRIENDS NIGHT



All over Europe a "Party Friends Night" will be organized on November 24th that will focus on partygoers taking care of their friends' health and organizers who commit themselves to their public's wellbeing. Actually more than 30 clubs all around Europe (Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Scotland, Spain and The Netherlands) decided to join us !

Watch [the video](#) and participate to the [Facebook contest](#) by nominating one of your friends or volunteers as "Best Party Friend" and the reason of your choice.

The prize will be a party weekend for 2 in Barcelona, Brussels or Paris.



NEWS FROM THE PARTY + MEMBERS

Q DE FESTA !

Two of the biggest clubs in Barcelona, Razzmatazz and Sala Apolo are now part of Q de festa! label. And all the workers, over sixty have received the Q de festa! training.



Also, the SONAR festival has received the Q de festa! label, and our services were offered to 98.000 potential users in a single weekend, in collaboration with Energy Control!



This year, the Q de festa! project has been awarded with the Lluna Daurada (Golden Moon) awards, granted by FECASARM (Catalan Federation of Music Recreation Activities Associations) in the Safety category.





Fêtez Clairs in Paris is just starting a French national 1-year project for practice sharing with the cities of Marseille, Toulouse, Montpellier and Le Havre.

This project aims at :

- supporting the emergence and development of safer party labels in the other cities. Marseille has created this year the "Plus Belle la Nuit" label;
- sharing practices on field interventions, club staff training, peer education;
- editing common harm reduction leaflets.

This project should be a good opportunity to enlarge the Party+ network to these new cities.



The Fêtez Clairs volunteers are starting a campaign to promote respectful behaviors among partygoers as regards to relationship with friends, other partygoers, club staff and neighbors. This campaign is based on a poster displayed during onsite interventions.

SAFER CLUBBING



The board of Safer Clubbing has successfully defined a new strategy which will allow Safer Clubbing to integrate new players in the field of nightlife.

Due to intensified political discussions about noise and littering on local level many clubs have realized that they need to intensify their lobby systems. In the last months local organisations like "Bar- und Clubkommission Zürich" were built in different regions of Switzerland.

Our aim is now to integrate them in a process as our future local sections. Safer Clubbing itself will concentrate more on aspects of prevention and training on local and national level.

Normal association affairs are running smoothly. We further intensified our collaboration with the recently founded national organisation "PromotorSuisse" as well as with Safer Nightlife Switzerland SNS. SNS organized an attractive conference on nightlife topics last September which was very successful counting over 250 participants.

QUALITY NIGHTS ON A NATIONALE SCALE AND 5 YEARS ANNIVERSARY



Since October 4th, 2012, the Quality Nights label covers all three Belgian regions (Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia). Today it gathers 37 festive venues. Indeed, the VAD/Druglijn decided to develop this initiative in Flanders by beginning with nine clubs in Antwerp : *Café d'Anvers*, *Noxx*, *Publik*, *Red&Blue*, *Zappa*, *Kavka*, *Café Local*, *Petrol* and the *TRIX*. The city of Antwerp was chosen because it proposes a wide range of party venues and is very eager to create a pleasant environment and a livened up night-life where partygoers can have a good time whilst taking care of their health.

Jochen Schrooten from VAD explains what grew to the implementation of the project:
«Researches show that more than 90 % of Flemish clubbers consume alcoholic drinks and approximately half have already consumed some illegal drugs. On the other hand, we know excessive consumption of alcohol to be the main cause of unprotected sex. Quality Nights aims, among other issues, at reducing this risk by supplying condoms in the party context.»



Davy Brocatus, president of HORECA Flanders-Antwerp, underlines Quality Nights' importance for the employees of participating clubs: "Thanks to this project, the staff receives an appropriate training from now on. They understand health problems related to partying and identify means to solve them. So, we can continue to professionalize this sector. "

I Love Techno, big electronic indoor festival will be associated to the Quality Nights concept by providing 11 health services linked to the label.

From its birth in 2007, about ten Brussels festive places adhered to the Quality Nights label to offer long-lasting solutions to risks related to the party context.

In 2009, Walloon Health Minister Eliane Tillieux decided to support Quality Nights by financing the NGO Modus Vivendi (initiator of the project) and diverse local prevention associations to integrate festive places located in the wallonian region. Ten Walloon establishments and six establishments of the North of France have since followed-up. In 2012, Madame Moustache (Brussels), Blackout (province of Luxembourg), le Grand Mix and l'Aéronef (Lille) joined the label. The IBSR (Belgian Road Safety Institute) also decided to join the projet to strengthen road accident prevention.

The success of the project shows how much discotheque bosses and party organizers are eager to take care of their customers. Yoan Pesesse insists: *"Since the beginning, Quality Nights tries to involve festive venues' staff. It is these workers who taught us how to address partygoers on health issues by avoiding to raise moral standards, by respecting the fact that they go out to have fun and forget daily life constraints. Contrary to what is sometimes conveyed by clichés and news items, we believe a responsible festive life contributes to the cultural wealth and to the well-being of the community. Which is why we are convinced that the project will continue to be supported by many new venues."*

In 2013, *safe return home* will be the label's main theme. Indeed, further to our partnership with the IBSR, this criteria will be strengthened by the proposal of supplying breathalyzers, by the creation of tools for raising awareness to road safety as well as visible information on "safe" means to returning home.

Thanks to its development in Flanders, the website www.qualitynights.be is available in Dutch from now on. English-speakers are not forgotten since the explanations of the label are also accessible on Party + website.

All the best,

The PARTY + team and partners



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