

## Russian-Speaking Tranzit Region - Notes

My name is Alena and I am an addict. I am the delegate of the Russian-language speaking region, Tranzit. I am thankful to NAWS for the interest in us and for the opportunity to share our experience with such a big audience of the NA fellowship.

The Russian-speaking Tranzit Region is called a region but technically it is not as it has no geographical location anywhere in the world.

Tranzit as a service structure was created with the approval of the Baltic NA Convention in Tallinn in 2014 to make recovery in the Russian language available for any addict, regardless of location. The idea of Tranzit was born when it became obvious that many Russian-speaking addicts around the world needed NA meetings in the Russian language because many of them live where there is either no NA Fellowship at all, or meetings are held only in the local language.

Very soon the schedule of online meetings appeared on the Tranzit website and the number of meetings began to grow rapidly. The Tranzit Region website address is [na-tranzit.org](http://na-tranzit.org). Today Tranzit has 147 traditional face-to-face meetings a week held by 88 NA groups in 23 countries around the world, and 125 online meetings a week in three Zoom rooms held by 23 online groups available every day at any time of the day.

Tranzit consists of:

VIRTUAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

INFO COMMITTEE

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

EVENTS COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TRANZIT

PR COMMITTEE - The PR committee is new. It works with the Google Adwords platform (which is our innovation that we are very proud of ) and cooperates with the H&I subcommittee of the Russian-speaking Zonal Forum by distributing flyers with a schedule of online meetings in hospitals.

In 2016, at the general meeting of the Tranzit Region, it was decided to approve the position of the Tranzit delegate and send this delegate to the European Delegates Meeting (EDM) in order to establish communication with the worldwide NA Fellowship. The first delegate was elected in November 2016. It was decided that the delegate would attend the EDM once a year.

The EDM warmly welcomed the Tranzit delegate, who has attended every winter EDM since 2018 in Greece as a fully-fledged participant in discussions on all issues, but without a vote. At first we wanted to figure out how the EDM and the rest of NA worldwide could be useful for the Tranzit Region, but soon we realized that it's more important to focus on what Tranzit can share with the rest of NA worldwide. It is always good to change our perspective.

As you have probably guessed the Covid situation had almost no effect on Tranzit; only the offline groups had to go online. We provided them with all the help necessary of course.

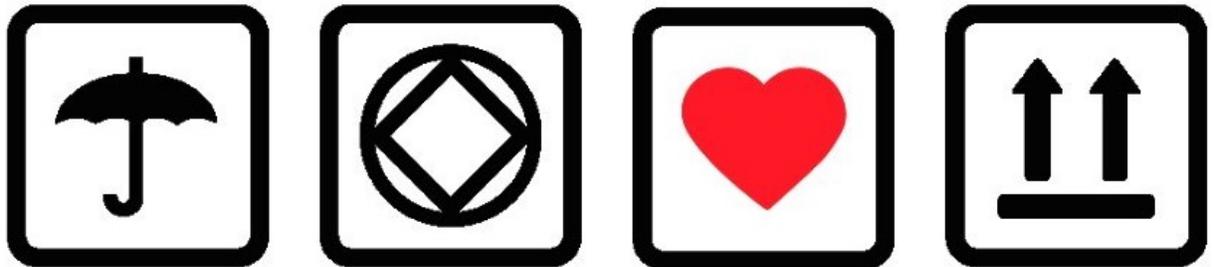
There was however an issue. I'm sure you've seen the letter from NAWS about money contributions that we got in April. It caused heated discussions about trust and distrust in our service structure as a whole. To cut a long story short, Tranzit's online groups made a decision to transfer \$500 directly to the WSO.

The offline groups also decided to contribute another \$500. So this summer the whole Tranzit region contributed \$1000 to NA World Services. This decision was a result of a 3-hour seminar “Where is Our Money At?” which was organized by Tranzit with the help of the Russian and Ukrainian delegates. So, what started as a complete disunity situation united us as a fellowship. Contributions from groups to the treasury of Tranzit increased considerably after that. As it is said in the Living Clean book: “Gifts can come wrapped in such strange packages that we don’t always recognize them when they arrive.”

I'm talking about money a lot because we know that when we, as members or groups or regions, make donations to service structures with unity and trust, it says a lot about our growth as members and communities.

The last thing I wanted to say is connected to the question of interaction between online fellowships and NA as a whole. This summer, following an earlier decision, the Tranzit groups voted to join the EDM zone as a region, as a fully-fledged participant with a right to vote. We’ve made a request and we are currently waiting for their decision.

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