



## NEWS RELEASE from the EU drugs agency in Lisbon

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### LATEST ON THE DRUGS PROBLEM ACROSS EUROPE

#### **Annual report 2009 from the EU drugs agency**

(21.10.2009, LISBON) The **Annual report 2009: the state of the drugs problem in Europe** — the flagship publication from the EU drugs agency (EMCDDA) — will be launched in Brussels early November.

- Launch date: Thursday 5 November
- Time: 10:00 CET (Brussels time)
- Venue: European Parliament press room (PHS 0A 050), Rue Wiertz, B-1047 Brussels
- Information package and events page: <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/events/2009/annual-report>

The upcoming report provides the latest European data and commentary on the drug situation across the 27 EU Member States, Croatia, Turkey and Norway. Individual chapters dedicated to specific drugs are complemented by updates on drug-related infectious diseases and deaths, new drugs and emerging trends and the legal, political, social and health responses to Europe's drugs problem.

#### **Information package**

**Annual report** — downloadable in 23 languages (21 EU plus Norwegian and Turkish):  
<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/annual-report/2009>

**Selected issues** — offering an in-depth review of polydrug use and of sentencing statistics for drug law offences, downloadable in English, with multilingual summaries:  
<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/selected-issues>

**2009 Statistical bulletin** — providing tables and statistical graphs:  
<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/stats09>

**Country overviews** — presenting a brief synopsis of the trends and characteristics of national drug problems:  
<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/country-overviews>

**Reitox national reports** — describing in detail the drug phenomenon in individual countries, downloadable in English: <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/national-reports>

**Press pack** — downloadable in 23 languages (also available, Mp3 files with the Director's comments on this year's findings): <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/about/press>

The above products will go online at 10:00 CET on 5 November. **Helpdesks** will operate at the EMCDDA (Lisbon) on the day of the launch to answer journalists' questions: Tel. (351) 211 21 02 00 / 02 97 / 02 59. Helpdesks at the Reitox national focal points will answer country-specific queries (see events page above).

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