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PROGRAMME

# Prevalence and patterns of drug use among the general population (GPS)

2017 Expert meeting

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**EMCDDA, Lisbon**

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Tuesday 6 June 2017	
09.00	<p><b>Setting the scene</b> Chair: Julián Vicente, EMCDDA</p> <p>Opening and welcome — Julián Vicente, EMCDDA Overview of the meeting, update on main developments and progress in the key indicator — João Matias, EMCDDA</p> <p><b>Thematic session — Exploring and understanding national differences and the implications for policy and response</b> Chair: Nicola Singleton — EMCDDA</p> <p>Integrating GPS data with other drug indicators to evaluate the effects of drug policy — Gregory Midgette, United States Drug use data as a basis for drug policy and action plan planning — Stelios Stylianou, Cyprus Cannabis trends and recent policy developments in Albania — Genc Burazeri, Albania A dramatic increase in cannabis use among young and adult populations in Israel: The 'normalisation' effects of the intense public debates regarding cannabis legalisation and medicalisation — Yossi Harel-Fisch, Israel</p>
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	<p><b>European Overview and international presentations on recent survey</b> Chair: Daniela Piontek, Germany</p> <p>Is cocaine consumption in the US going up or down? A review of the evidence — Gregory Midgette, United States CADAP project: Patterns of psychoactive substances use among adolescents in Kyrgyzstan — Dinara Madybaeva, Kyrgyzstan Epidemic and decline of new psychoactive substances in Japan: data from nationwide survey on drug use — Takuya Shimane, Japan The first general population survey in Montenegro: methodological aspects and challenges — Tatijana Djuricic, Montenegro European Drug Report 2017 — João Matias, EMCDDA</p>
13.00	Lunch break

14.00	<b>Parallel sessions</b>		
	<p><b>Misuse of medicines — revision of the EMQ module</b> Chair: Karoliina Karjalainen — Finland</p> <p>Overview on the on-going work — Karoliina Karjalainen, Finland</p> <p>Hypnotic consumption in Spain: a deeper approach — Begoña Brime, Spain</p> <p>Does ESPAD data point to a distinctive group of adolescent medicinal drug misusers? — Anastasios Fotiou, Greece</p> <p>Prevalence of medicines use in Lithuania — Lina Jurgelaitienė, Lithuania</p> <p>National presentations focused on a joint analysis</p>	<p><b>Cannabis use among ageing European citizens</b> Chair: Alessandro Pirona — EMCDDA</p> <p>National presentations focused on a joint analysis</p>	<p><b>European Web Survey on Drugs: patterns of use</b> Chair: João Matias — EMCDDA</p> <p>Overview of the project — João Matias, EMCDDA</p> <p>Recruitment strategies: the example of Facebook ads — Tivtko Horvath, EMCDDA</p> <p>National presentations</p>
15.45	Coffee break		
16.15	<p><b>Cannabis: recent trends and policy developments</b> Chair: Peggy van der Pol — Netherlands</p> <p>Cannabis in the UK: how the dominance of skunk may have impacted on prevalence and harm — Craig Wright, United Kingdom</p> <p>Cultivation, supply and trafficking of cannabis in Europe: recent trends — Tim Surmont, EMCDDA</p> <p>Policies to control cannabis use and supply: legal and illegal — Brendan Hughes, EMCDDA</p> <p>Evaluating changes in US cannabis policy — Michael Lynskey, King's College</p>		
18.00	End of the first day		
20.00	Dinner <i>IBO Restaurante, Armazém A porta, Cais do Sodré 2, 1200-450 Lisbon</i>		

Wednesday 7 June 2017	
09.00	<p><b>Drug survey methodology: recent studies and new approaches</b> Chair: Federica Mathis, EMCDDA</p> <p>National survey on substance use 2016: parallel F2F and CAWI data collection and differences in the results — Pavla Chomynová, Czech Republic</p> <p>Prevalence of drug use among different age groups and approach towards drug use — Lina Jurgelaitienė, Lithuania</p> <p>Experiences and challenges in conducting the first GPS in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia — Silvana Onceva, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>Reconsidering flat national trends: utilising data on cannabis use opportunities — Thomas Sandøy, Norway</p> <p>New methodological approaches: CAPI vs PAPI in Spain — Begoña Brime, Spain</p>
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	<p><b>Drug use in prisons</b> Chair: Linda Montanari, EMCDDA</p> <p>The European Questionnaire on Drug Use among Prisoners (EQDP): results of the pilot data collection exercise and overview of EMCDDA activities on drugs and prison — Linda Montanari, EMCDDA</p> <p>Monitoring drug use in custodial institutions for juvenile offenders: a Portuguese experience with the implementation of the European Questionnaire on Drug use among Prisoners — Ludmila Carapinha, Portugal</p> <p>The use of illicit drugs, tobacco and alcohol among convicted people in Slovenia — Ines Kvaternik, Slovenia</p> <p>Assessing drug use in a Greek prison in the context of a program targeting infectious diseases — Vana Sypsa, Greece</p>
13.00	Lunch break
14.00	<p><b>Monitoring emerging trends in drug use</b> Chair: João Matias, EMCDDA</p> <p>National Drug Early Warning System — NDEWS: a new approach for monitoring emerging drugs and drug trends in the United States — Erin Artigiani, USA</p> <p>Combination of web survey data and wastewater-based epidemiology to help assessing prevalence of drug use: the example of cocaine consumption in Switzerland — Robin Udrisard, Switzerland</p> <p>Snapshot of Dutch drug monitoring and highlights in recent developments — Peggy van der Pol, Netherlands</p> <p>Trendspotting in Europe: taking a multidimensional view of emerging drug trends and threats — Jane Mounteney, EMCDDA</p> <p>Conclusions, AOB</p>
15.30	End of the meeting