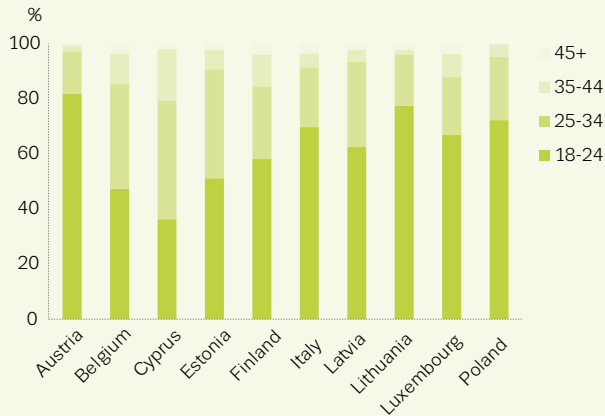
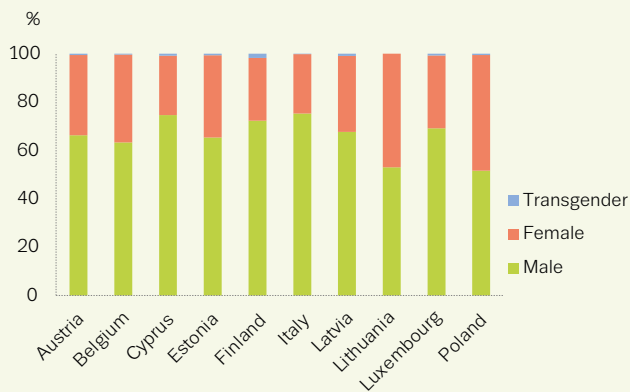


Age and gender distribution

There were marked variations between countries. Austria, Italy, Lithuania and Poland had generally younger samples.

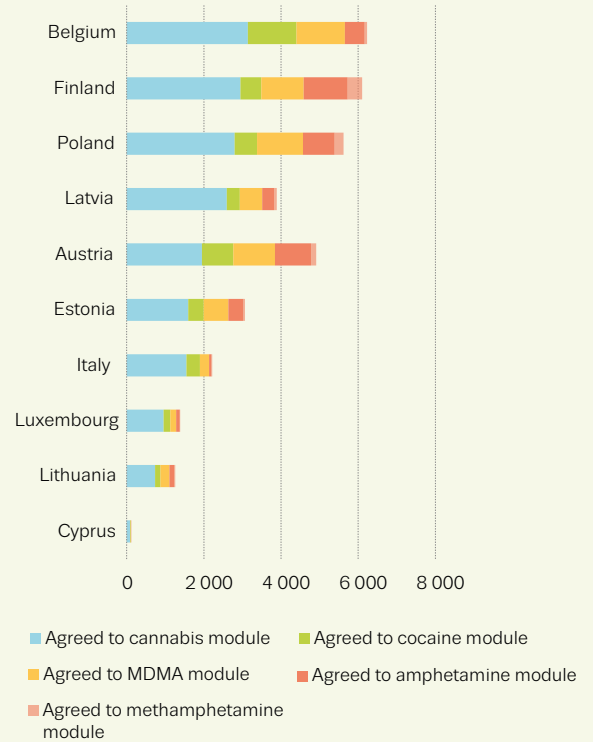


In all countries a higher proportion of men than women (ranging from 51 % to 74 %) took part. This reflects the higher rate of drug use among men found in the general population.



Sample sizes

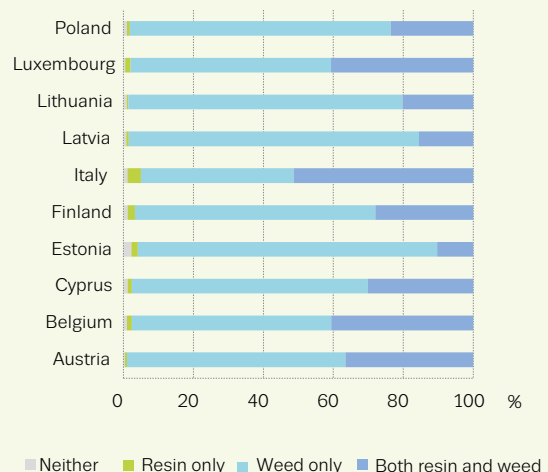
Overall, more than 50 000 people from 10 countries participated in the second of the European Web Survey on Drugs.



Cannabis

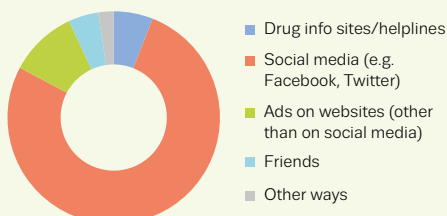
The main cannabis type consumed was herb in all countries with the exception of Italy on which a combination of resin and herb dominated.

The use of cannabis resin only was reported infrequently.



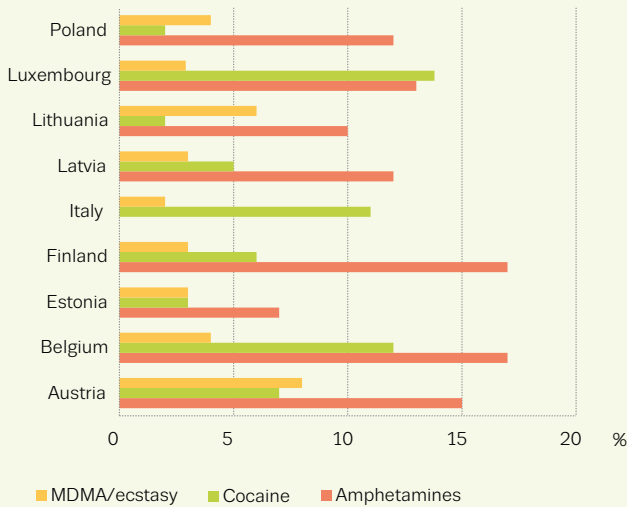
Survey promotion

The survey was advertised in a number of different ways which varied by country. Social media was the most prominent source of referral.



Stimulants

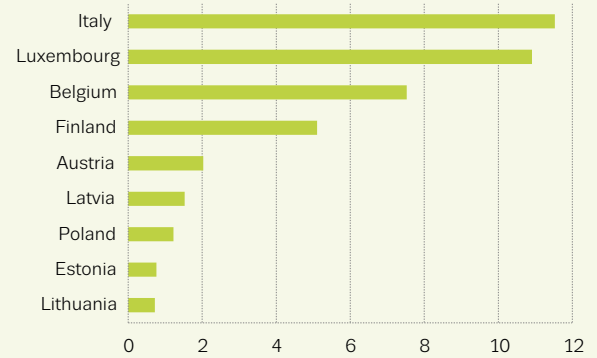
PROPORTION OF FREQUENT USERS BY COUNTRY



Cocaine

Most participants reported having sniffed cocaine (cocaine hydrochloride), though more than 10% report having smoked cocaine in Luxembourg and Italy.

PROPORTION OF PARTICIPANTS REPORTING COCAINE SMOKING

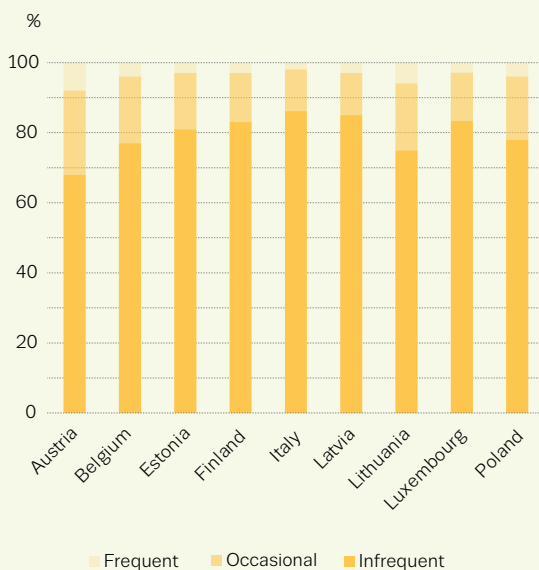


Cocaine consumption varied between countries, ranging from an average of 1.3 grams per day of use in Austria and Belgium to 3.5 grams in Cyprus. In general, frequent users consumed higher amounts of the drug each day of use compared with less frequent users.

MDMA/ecstasy

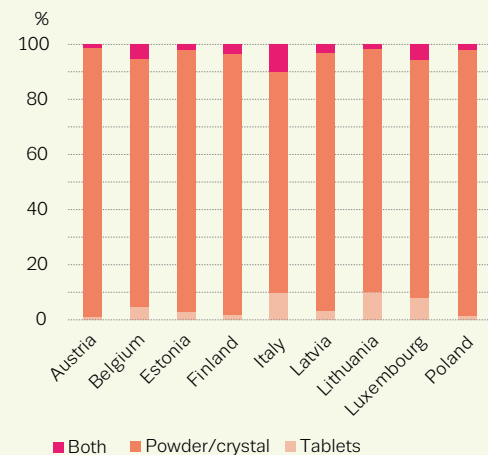
Most users of MDMA used infrequently. Frequent use of only MDMA is rarer than for other drugs.

The proportion reporting frequent use (more than 50 days in the past year) ranged from none at all in Cyprus to around 8% in Austria. Tablets were the form of MDMA more commonly used. However, many respondents reported using both tablets and powders/crystals, particularly in Austria.



Amphetamine

The European Web Survey on Drugs found that among people who had used amphetamine in the previous year, powders/crystals were the form more commonly used, mostly by snorting.



Limitations:

- Not generalisable to the whole population — complement not replacement for traditional surveys
- Current recruitment strategies mainly reach recreational users
- Data for Cyprus not always presented due to small sample size

For more detailed information, please visit: emcdda.europa.eu/activities/european-web-survey-on-drugs