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

2016 Expert meeting

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Monday 19 September 2016	
09.00	**Setting the scene** Chair: Paul Griffiths, EMCDDA Opening and welcome — Julián Vicente, EMCDDA Overview of the meeting, update on main developments and progress in the key indicator — João Matias, EMCDDA Prevalence and trends of illicit drug use in the Republic of Ireland among adults and school-aged children — Seán Millar, Ireland Trend analysis for alcohol, tobacco and cannabis consumption among students and adolescents based on Austrian ESPAD and GPS data — Julian Strizek, Austria Cannabis: a different perspective — Begoña Brime, Spain
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	**Making better use of the 'dark side' of drug use surveys** Chair: Julián Vicente, EMCDDA Challenges and potential of collecting data on alcohol use — Pia Mäkelä, Finland Experiences of Standardized European Alcohol Survey 'RARHA SEAS' — Jacek Moskalewicz and Janusz Sierosławski, Poland Progress in alcohol measurement at the EMCDDA: discussion of a revised EMQ alcohol module — João Matias, EMCDDA **Discussion** Prevalence of substance use in Croatia: results of the second general population survey — Renata Glavak Tkalić, Croatia Misuse of prescription drugs among the general Finnish population — Karoliina Karjalainen, Finland
13.00	Lunch break
14.00	**Drug survey methodology: recent studies and new approaches** Chair: Liesbeth Vandam, EMCDDA **Linking traditional epidemiological surveys on drug use and wastewater methodology** Introduction — EMCDDA Assessing geographical differences in illicit drug consumption — a comparison of results from epidemiological and wastewater data — Frederic Been, Belgium Framework for the integration of wastewater and hospital emergencies data — David Wood, UK **Recent studies on the methodology and validity of drug use surveys** Consistency in adults' self-reported lifetime use of illicit drugs — Ola Ekholm, Denmark Application of randomised response technique to the general population survey on drugs — Irma Kirtadze, Georgia Continuous rolling survey of addictive behaviours and related risks: an ideal tool for substance use monitoring? Experience from Switzerland — Gerhard Gmel, Switzerland
15.30	Coffee break

16.00	**Assessing emerging trends and needs: the usefulness of drug use surveys**
	Chair: Anastasios Fotiou, Greece
	Australia: ecstasy and related drugs reporting system — Courtney Breen, Australia
	Investigating the potential and need for substance use prevention in Europe — Stefanie Helmer, Germany and Gregor Burkhart, EMCDDA
	Data from different sources in order to signal new trends in drug use: the example of 4-FA — Karin Monshouwer, Netherlands
	Changes in drug use in the context of drug policies among Italian adolescents — Sabrina Molinaro, Italy
	How can the GPS indicator provide faster access to new patterns of use: example of 'open source data' — João Matias, EMCDDA
17.45	End of the first day
20.00	Dinner at restaurant Populi (Terreiro do Paço 85/86, 1100-148 Lisboa)

Tuesday 20 September 2016	
09.00	**Moving from national to local realities: targeted surveys**
	Chair: João Matias, EMCDDA
	EPAD: survey on drugs among teachers — Elena Álvarez, Spain
	Drug use in nightlife settings: mapping Europe — Karenza Moore, UK
	Latent class analysis of consumption patterns in a sample of German nightlife attendees — Elena Gomes Matos, Germany
	European web survey on drugs: patterns of use
	• Project overview — Nicola Singleton, EMCDDA
	• Croatian experience in conducting the European web survey on drugs: use of Facebook and Google ads — Dijana Jerkovic, Croatia
	Conclusions
	AOB
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	**Special session: Launch of the 2015 ESPAD Report**
	Chairs: Karin Monshouwer, Netherlands and Paul Griffiths, EMCDDA
	Introduction — Alexis Goosdeel, EMCDDA director
	2015 ESPAD package — João Matias, EMCDDA
	• Visualisation of the 2015 ESPAD animation video
	Presentation of the main findings
	• Alcohol and tobacco — Hakan Leifman, Sweden
	• Illegal drugs — Julián Vicente, EMCDDA
	• Gambling — Sabrina Molinaro, Italy
	Panel discussion (João Goulão — Portuguese Drug Coordinator, representative from the European Commission (tbc), Courtney Breen — Australia)
13.00	Lunch break

14.00	**Joint session on general population surveys (GPS) and problem drug use (PDU): monitoring trends in high-risk opioid use and high-risk cannabis use** Chairs: João Matias, EMCDDA and Thomas Seyler, EMCDDA Introduction — EMCDDA Surveys as a surveillance tool of the US heroin and opioid prescription epidemic — Jan Losby, USA Australia: the illicit drug reporting system — Courtney Breen, Australia Measuring cocaine, heroin, cannabis and alcohol use through frequency/scales/mixed methods: the Spanish experience — Elena Álvarez, Spain Combining treatment data with local surveys to estimate high-risk opiate use, high-risk stimulant use and high-risk cocaine use in Norway — Ellen Amundsen, Norway
15.25	Coffee break
15.55	High-risk cannabis use: how can we measure it? CAST results — Eric Jansen, France High-risk cannabis use: How do we measure it? GPS results — Ruxanda Iliescu, Romania High-risk cannabis use: How do we measure cannabis heavy use? — Elena Gomes de Matos, Germany Discussion
17.15	End of the meeting