

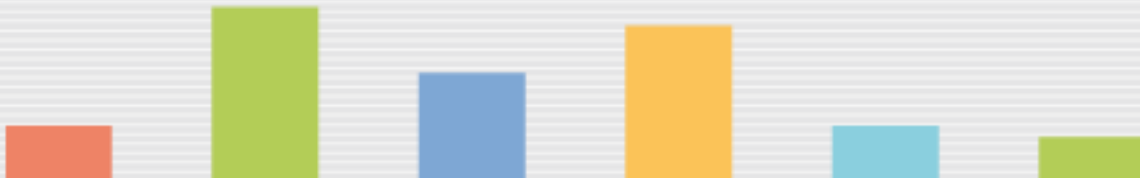


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EMCDDA – update on recent activities

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EGHI meeting, 12 November 2015



Recent activities

Trendspotter study on ecstasy – increases in high purity pills and emergencies/deaths

Risk assessment of New psychoactive substances

Assessment of the five key-epidemiological indicators

Recent activities



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Prevention of addictive behaviours

Updated and expanded edition
of *Prevention of substance abuse*

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RAPID COMMUNICATION

Drug-related infectious diseases in Europe

Update from the EMCDDA expert network
September 2015



Recent activities

The Council of the European Union adopted Council conclusions on the implementation of minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction in the EU

Quality standards are principles and sets of rules based on evidence,

which are used to help implement the interventions recommended in guidelines

The screenshot shows the EMCDDA Best Practice Portal website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Data, Countries, Topics (A-Z), Our activities, Best practice (highlighted), Publications, News and events, and About. Below the menu is a search bar and a breadcrumb trail: Home / Best practice. The main heading is "Best practice portal". Underneath, there are several tabs: Overview (selected), Evidence, Guidelines, Examples, Tools, News, and Collaborations. The "About the portal" section describes it as a resource for professionals, policymakers, and researchers in drug-related prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and social reintegration. It mentions a focus on illicit drugs and polydrug use and states that the portal is continuously updated. Below this are four columns: "Evidence" (Peruse the latest evidence to find out what works...), "Guidelines" (Many countries have guidelines and standards for drug-related interventions...), "Examples" (A searchable database of real-life implementations of drug-related interventions in Europe...), and "Tools" (An online archive of freely available instruments (e.g. questionnaires) for evaluating prevention, treatment and harm reduction interventions). At the bottom, there are logos for The Cochrane Collaboration, GRADE, DECIDE, and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe.



Recent activities

This innovative initiative lists 16 standards that represent a minimum benchmark of quality for interventions in: drug use prevention, risk and harm reduction, treatment, social integration and rehabilitation.

The EMCDDA is disseminating the standards via its [Best practice portal](#) and will monitor their implementation.

Ongoing / forthcoming activities

EU online survey on drug use? Validity study in 6 countries

Increased overdose mortality – ICD codes project

Coordination of the ESPAD survey – European School Project on Alcohol and Drugs

ESPAD — The world's largest school survey on substance use

About 40 European countries

More than 110 000 students in 2011

Get access to comparable data on substance use among European students

Provide data that can be used as a part of the evaluation of

- EU Drugs Strategy
- EU Strategy on Alcohol
- WHO Global Alcohol Strategy
- National strategies





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