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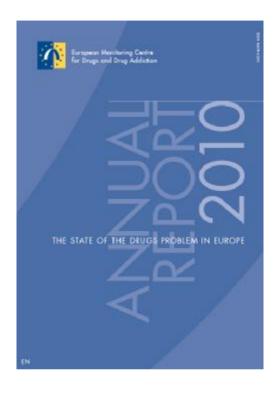
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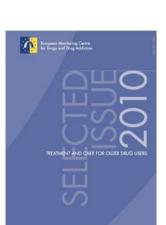
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Responding to drug problems

Europe's biggest drug problem

Overall stable

Large problem in some neighbouring countries





Problem opioid users

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Responding to drug problems

About 1.35 million in the EU and Norway: 0.4 % of the adult population

Recent national estimates: 0.1 to 0.8 % of the adult population





Injecting drug users

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750 000 to one million in the EU and Norway — 0.26 % of the adult population

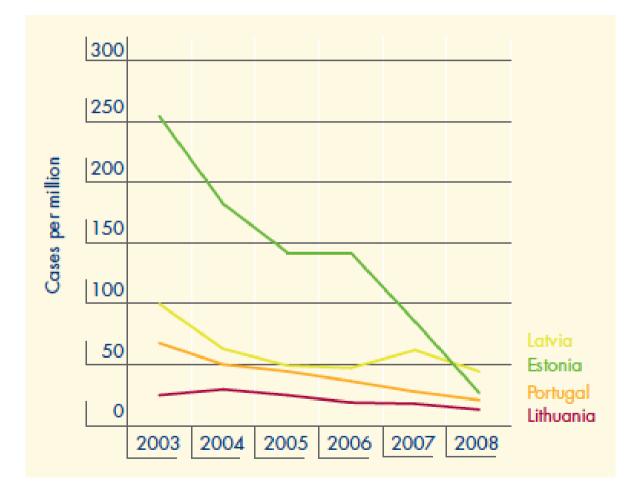
Decrease in the proportion of injectors among opioid users entering treatment





Trends in newly reported HIV infections in injecting drug users in four EU Member States reporting high rates of infection

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Opioid trends

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Responding to drug problems Indirect indicators show stable or slightly increasing opioid problems in Europe



Drug-induced deaths: change 2004 to 2007/8



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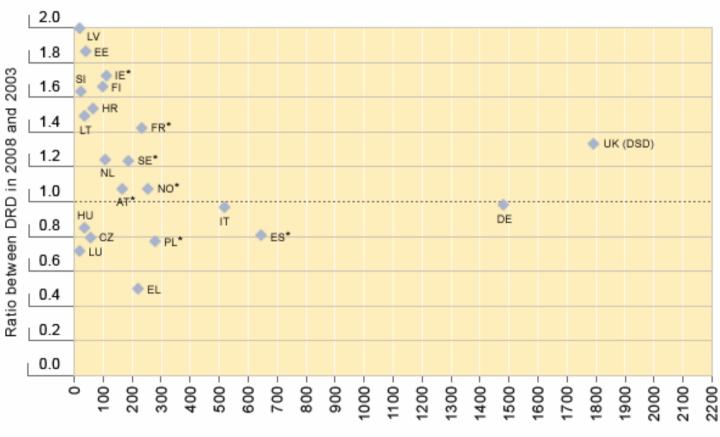
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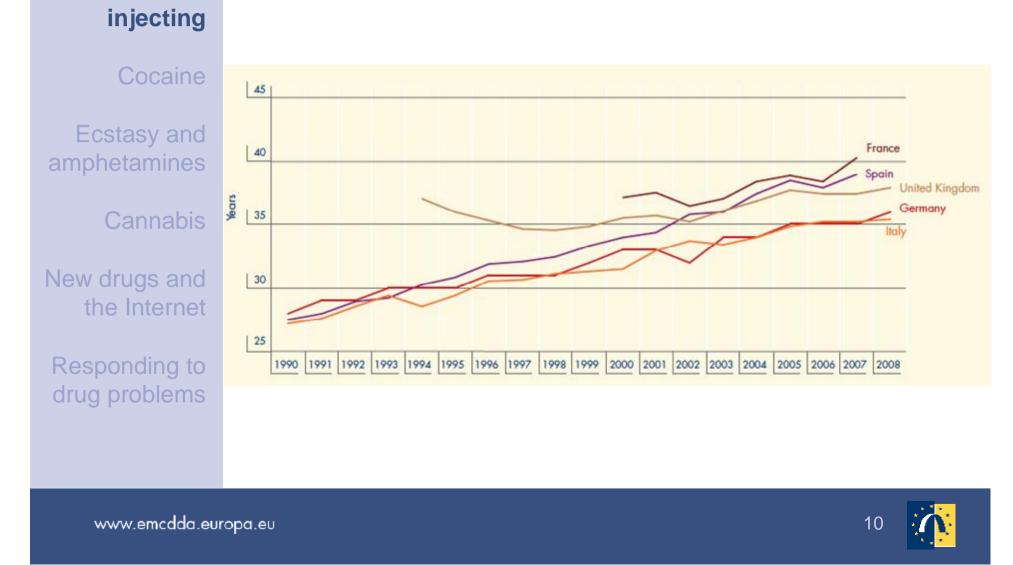
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Number of DRD in 2003



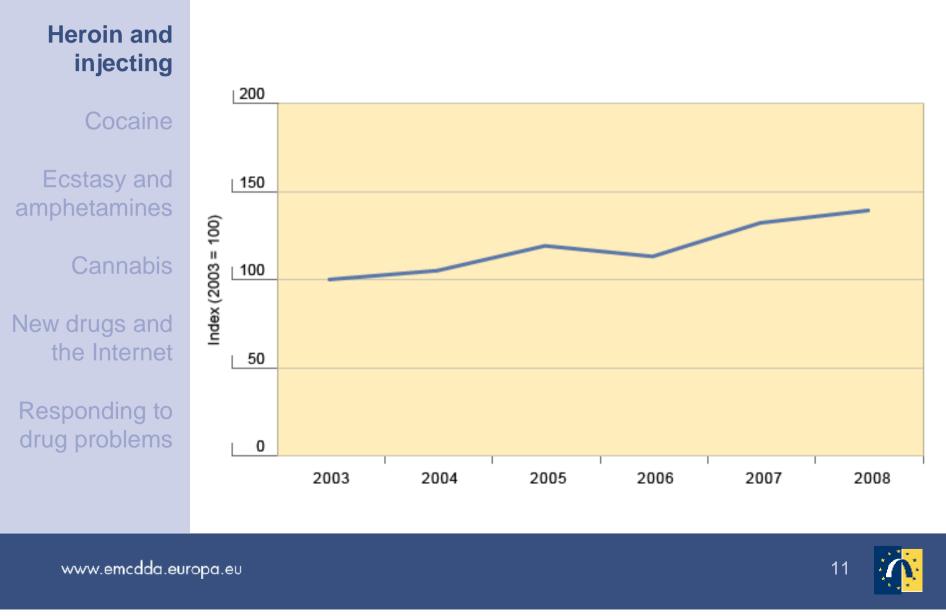
Trends in mean age of drug-induced deaths in some European countries



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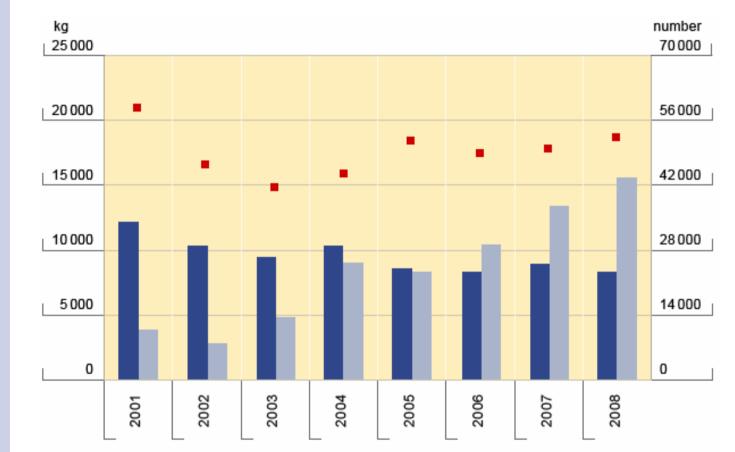
Trend in heroin-related drug-law offences



Estimated number of heroin seizures and of quantities seized

Quantity seized by the EU, Croatia & Norway Quantity seized by Turkey

Number of seizures in Europe



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Possible reasons for the current opioid trends



Global heroin production

Ageing cohort of problem opioid users

Polydrug use and other high-risk behaviours



Problem opioid use in neighbouring countries

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Reports of problem opioid use in Russia and Ukraine (UNODC): 2–4 times the EU average

High proportion of drug injectors and levels of HIV infections



Prevalence of cocaine use

14 million Europeans have ever used cocaine (4.1 %)

4 million during the past year (1.3 %)

3 million are between 15 and 34 years old

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Cocaine use: last year prevalence among young adults in Europe, Australia, Canada and the USA



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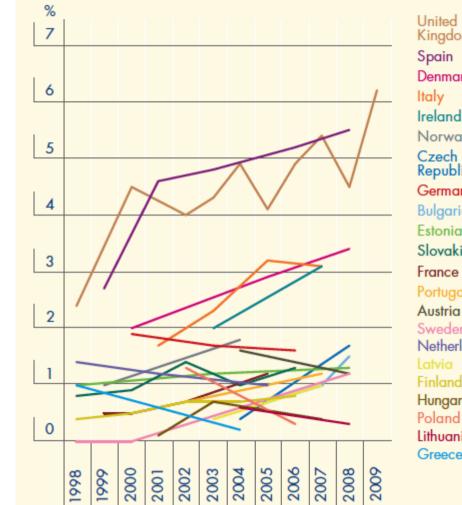
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Around 1 000 cocaine-related deaths were reported in 2008

Marked increases in Spain and the United Kingdom





Cocaine seizures

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Number of seizures increasing for last 20 years: 96 000 (2008)

Quantities seized decreased since 2006: 67 tonnes (2008)

New smuggling techniques







Overall stabilisation in the use trends of ecstasy

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2.5 million young adults (1.7 %) have used ecstasy in the last year





Trend in last year ecstasy use among young adults

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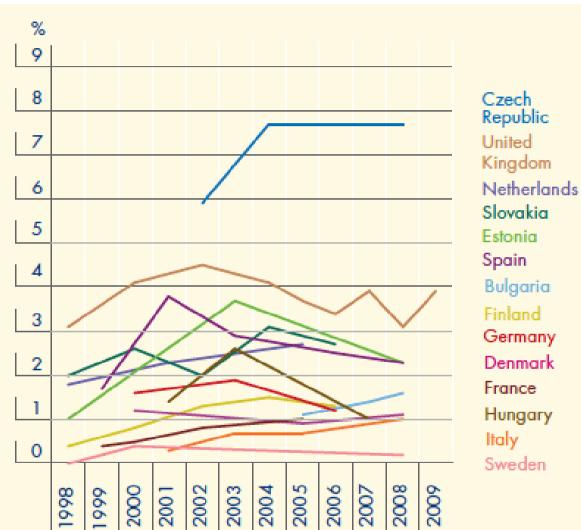
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Regional differences in amphetamine and methamphetamine use







Use of amphetamines in the general population (last year prevalence young adults)

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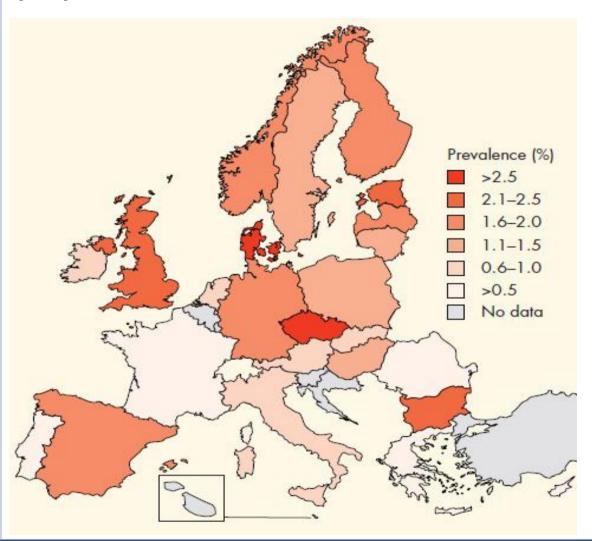
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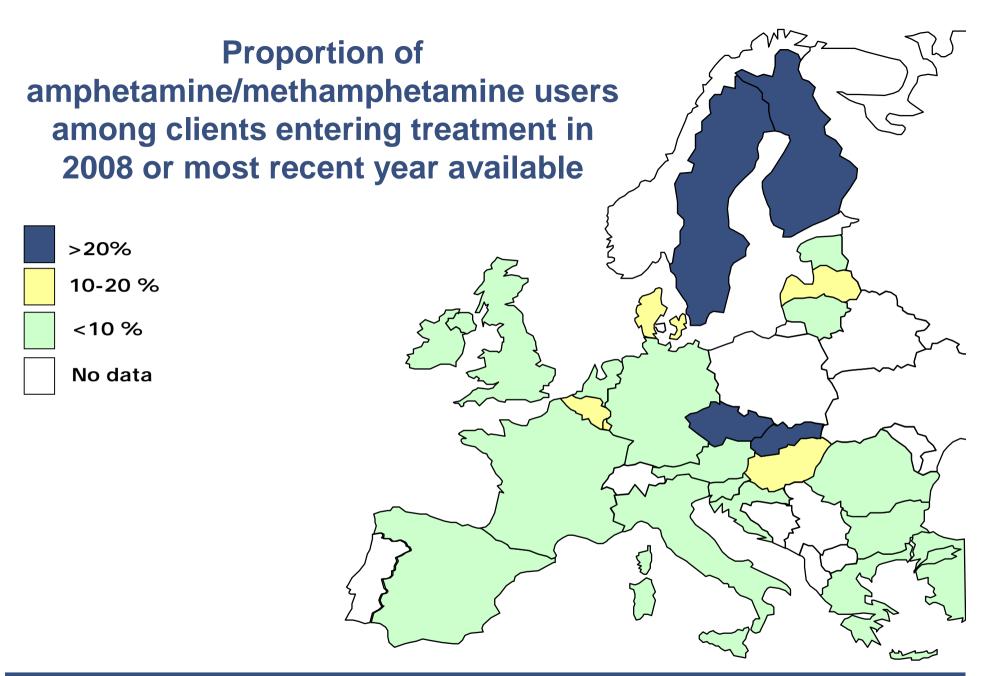
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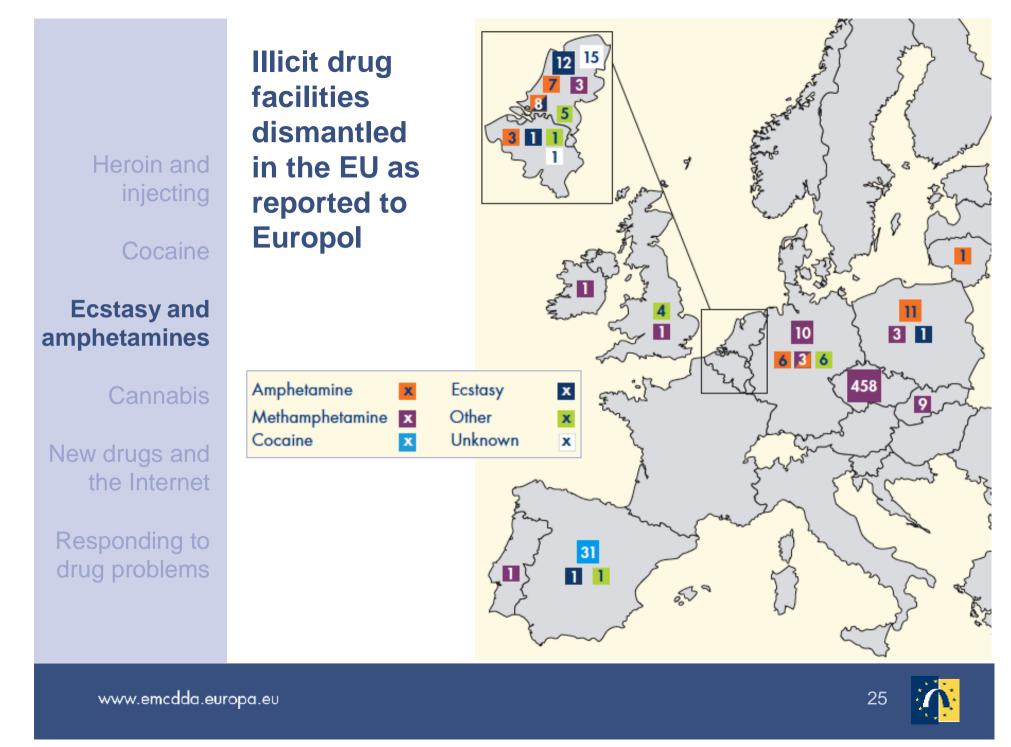






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Prevalence of cannabis use

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75.5 million Europeans have ever used cannabis (22.5 %)

23 million in the past year (6.8 %)

17 million are between 15 and 34 years old





Cannabis use: last year prevalence among young adults

injecting

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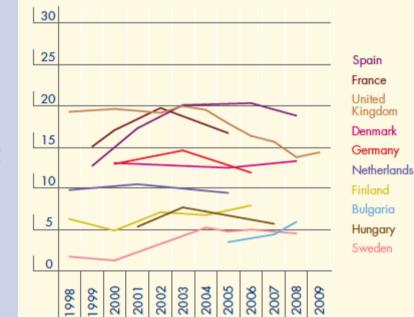
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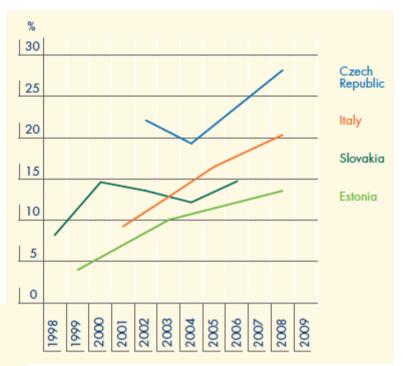
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Daily cannabis use

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Up to 3 million young Europeans (2.3 %) could be using cannabis on a daily basis





Seizures

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About 1 000 tonnes of cannabis seized (90 % resin)

Domestic cultivation reported in all European countries

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Detecting new drugs

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Record number (24) of new substances reported to the European Early-Warning System (EWS) in 2009

Growing popularity of synthetic cathinones, including mephedrone

New synthetic cannabinoids





Use of new drugs (Spice, cathinones, etc.)

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Few studies available

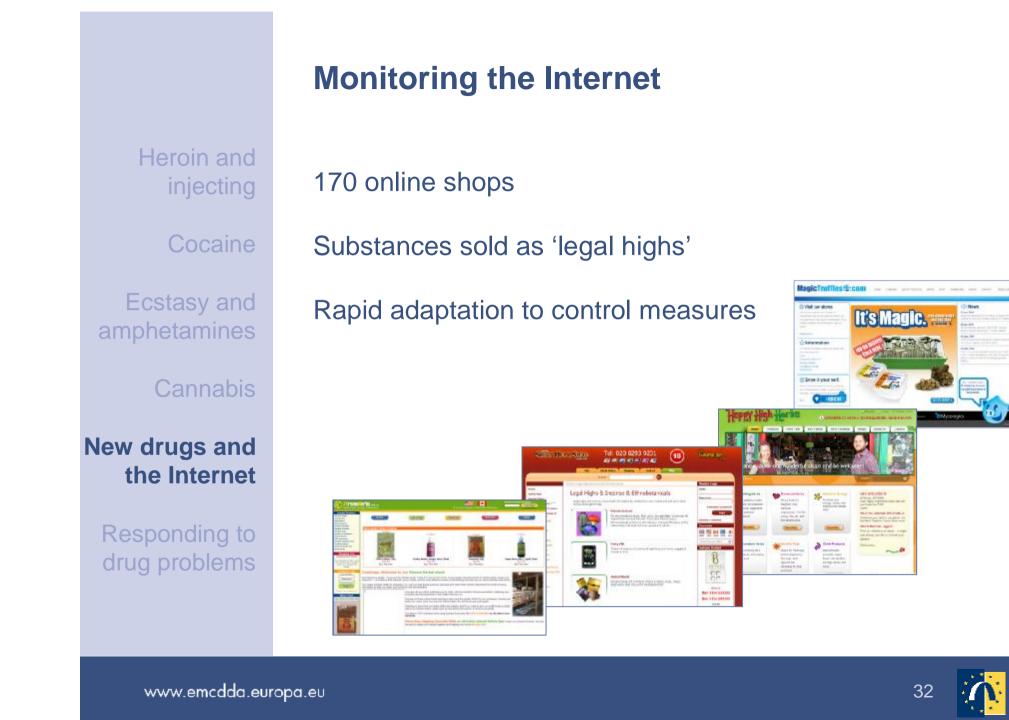
Changing substances and brands

Can reach high prevalence levels among clubbers and cannabis users









Development of drug policies in Europe

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Responding to drug problems

Almost all EU Member States have a comprehensive drug strategy

No clear pattern for linking alcohol and drugs strategies





Prevention

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Responding to drug problems

Information provision is widespread in Europe, despite evidence of limited effectiveness

Selective and indicated prevention still limited in most countries

Development of prevention standards





Large investments in treatment



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At least 1 million Europeans undergo drug treatment every year

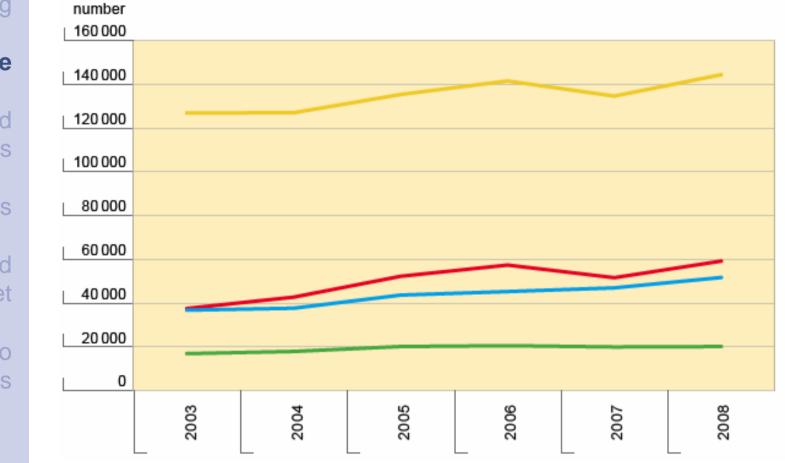
Major increase over the last decades: new providers and new needs





Trends in treatment entries by primary drug





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Large investments in treatment: opioid substitution treatment

Heroin and injecting

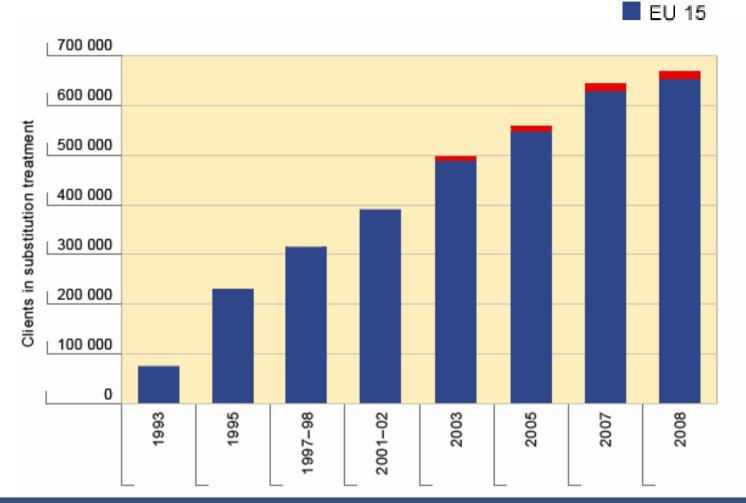
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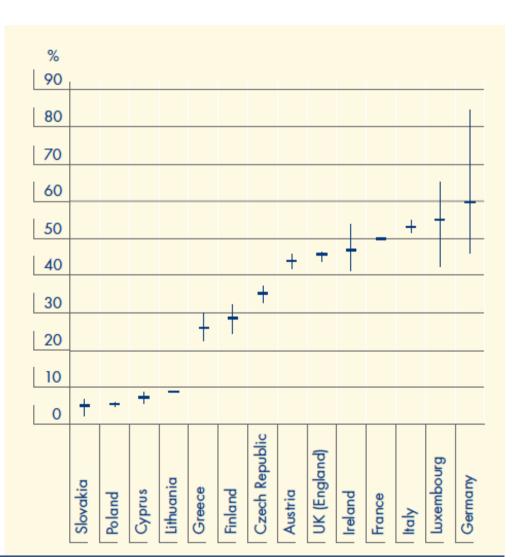
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Limited number of providers, restrictive admission criteria, costs, opening hours, etc.

Pharmacological treatment for stimulant use

Treatment access:

barriers and challenges

Economic austerity: more needs and fewer resources?





Harm reduction

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Increases in syringe provision in most countries

Drug consumption rooms

Overdose prevention with 'take-home' doses of naloxone in some countries

Peers/drug users involved in service provision





Prisons (situation)

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Reports of 10–30 % incarcerated because of drug law offences

Drug use prevalence much higher than among the general population

Increased overdose risk after prison release

600 000 people in penal institutions in the EU





Prisons (responses)

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Entitlement to same services as in the community

Some countries recognise the need to develop specific strategies and interventions

Transfer of prison health to Ministries of Health; integration of drugs or health services in prison

Development of specific standards





Proportion of prison population receiving opioid substitution treatment

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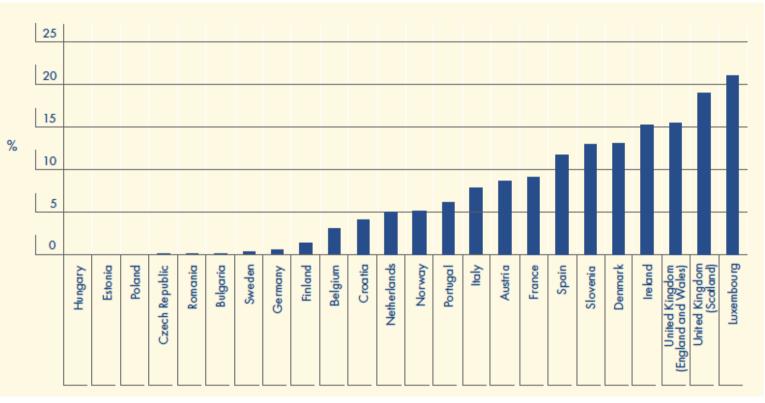
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Conclusion 2010

- Drug use in Europe is overall stable, but with regional variations
- Changes in the supply and use of established drugs and the emergence of a record number of new substances test Europe's drug control models
- Europe's response to drug problems has increased in the last decades, will it decrease with economic austerity?
- Over 1 million drug users a year in treatment, but considerable challenges remain
- There is still progress to be made in several areas (prevention, treatment, prisons)





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