

PARALLEL SESSION 1D

Nightlife intelligence

Hallucinogenic Mushrooms - an emerging case trend study

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The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) is developing a pilot project (E-POD) to explore the capacity in EU Member States to detect, track and understand emerging drug trends using methods that depend on the triangulation of a wider range of different sources to assess the veracity of accumulated information. The project will contribute to the implementation of the EU Drugs Action Plan (2005-2008) objective: to “develop clear information on emerging trends and patterns of drug use and drug markets” and provide better understanding of the drugs phenomenon and the development of optimal responses.

A case study for this project was to collect and analyse information on hallucinogenic mushrooms in the EU between July 2005 and October 2005 taking into account the megatrends among users and potential users as well as the economic interests of those involved in the marketing of hallucinogenic mushrooms. The exercise provides practical experience for the development of a European system to detect, track and understand emerging trends. The presentation will focus on the methodology applied to gather the information as well as illuminating the conditions in the EU that contributed to an emerging trend in the use of hallucinogenic mushrooms and also the conditions that may have served as barriers to the diffusion of the trend.



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EMCDDA standards for evaluating practices

Exchange of Drug Demand Reduction Action (EDDRA)

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Purpose of presentation

- To provide an overview on resources to promote evaluation in the area of demand reduction
- To introduce EDDRA as one of our quality management tools
- To briefly outline EMCDDA's ideas for the future in the area of science-based practices



EMCDDA

European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

- Central reference point for drug information in the European Union
- Set up in 1993
- Based in Lisbon
- One of the EU's decentralised agencies

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Role and activities

- To provide the EU and its Member States with objective, reliable and comparable information on drugs and drug addiction

Activities

- **Annual Report** on the state of the drugs problem in the European Union and Norway
- Specific reports
- Monitoring activities

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Empowerment evaluation - why evaluate?

EU Action Plan on Drugs 2005-2008

Project accreditation and funding based on quality criteria/evaluation

The capacity of self-evaluation and reflection helps develop a project and gives strength and determination

It involves the stakeholders and their interests better

Quality control

- Give more sense to the work
- Plan resources better
- Be more transparent
- Improve communication
- Make the work more visible
- More political weight

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Evaluation

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Theory/Model



Prevention and Evaluation Resource Kit (PERK)

Know-how



Evaluation Instrument Bank (EIB)
Evaluation Guidelines,
Workbooks on
Evaluation
(UNODC/WHO/EMCDDA)



Examples of good evaluation practices



Exchange on Drug Demand Reduction Action (EDDRA)

Meta-analysis
International trials



Examples

Universal school based prevention

Selective prevention

Family based prevention

Community-located prevention

Treatment

Harm reduction

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Theory



PERK

Logic model = "is a plausible, sensible model of how a program is supposed to work." (Bickman, 1987)

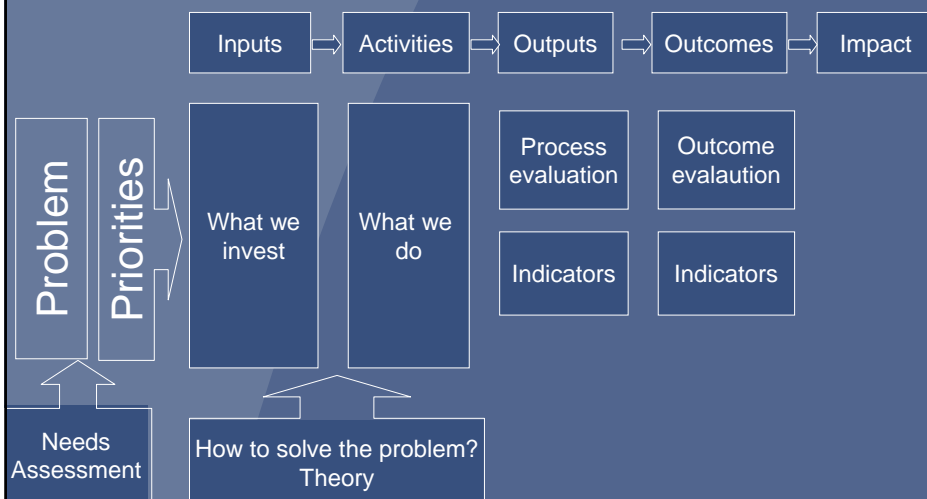
Can be applied to:

- Programme planning
- Programme implementation
- Programme evaluation

Prevention Evaluation Resource Kit (PERK) and EDDRA follow in their structure the logic model



Logic model



Know-how



**EIB, Evaluation
Guidelines, PERK**

Evaluation Instrument Databank

- Questionnaires + information in their appropriate use and adaptation + with literature references + search tools
- Electronic version on Internet, easy access for all
- About 160 evaluation instruments
- <http://eib.emcdda.europa.eu>

Objectives

- To provide measures for indicators in interventions
- To develop in the future key sets of recommended indicators for programmes in Member States

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**Examples of good
Evaluation practices**



**Exchange on
Drug Demand
Reduction
Action (EDDRA)**

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General Objective of EDDRA

To improve the knowledge base on well designed and described, evaluated practice in drug demand reduction actions across Europe



Specific Objectives

- To collect data on interventions that meet the EDDRA criteria
- To diffuse data on and analysis of interventions that satisfy EDDRA criteria
- To promote evaluation



What projects enter into EDDRA?

LEVEL 2

- Outcome evaluation,
- clear project results,
- a theory base that is clearly related to the objectives, the initial situation and the indicators and
- a meaningful overall description (i.e. useful and informative for EDDRA audience)

LEVEL 1 (currently the only level)

- Clear indicators in place,
- which relate to the objectives, initial situation and the theory base.
- The project must be at least one year old.



How EDDRA Works

- Resources (inputs)
- Products (outputs)
- Processes



Resources

- A network of 29 National EDDRA Managers who work on a part or full time basis supporting and co-coordinating National and European EDDRA activities.
- Local Project Managers in the drug demand reduction field who provide entries and updates to the National EDDRA Managers
- Scientific support from the EMCDDA who have specialist expertise in the field of drug demand reduction action
- A specialist questionnaire and offline tool

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Outputs

- A online project database of 591 demand reduction actions covering all Member States, the only database of its kind in Europe
- Several analyses on thematic aspects of EDDRA
- Project accreditation and funding in some Member States is based on EDDRA quality criteria
- Use as a planning tool
- Information is held on a wide range of projects covering harm reduction, prevention, treatment and criminal justice system programmes

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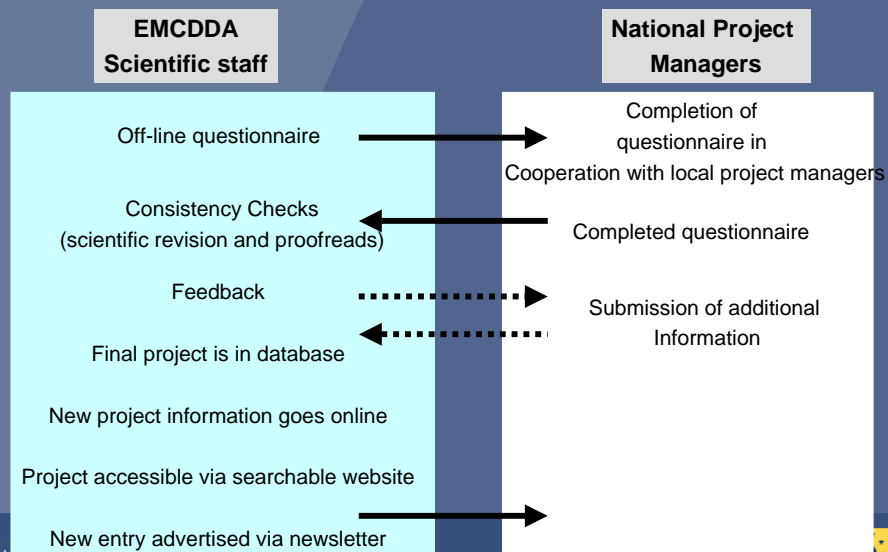


Outputs – 2

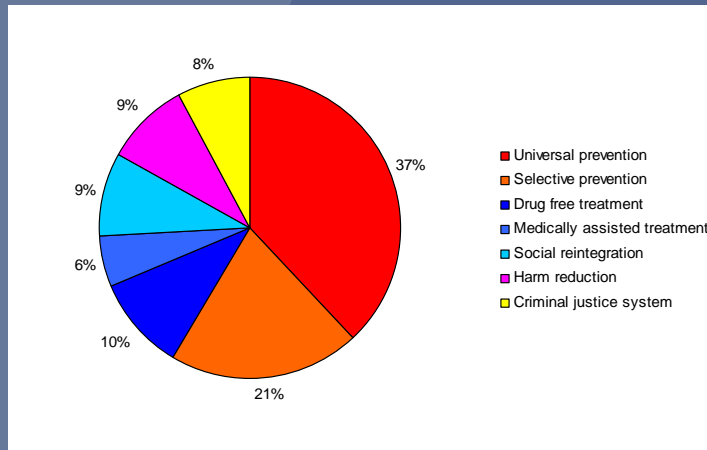
- Raises evaluation standards across Europe
- Increases demand for information on evaluation processes
- Increases visibility of national drug demand reduction activities



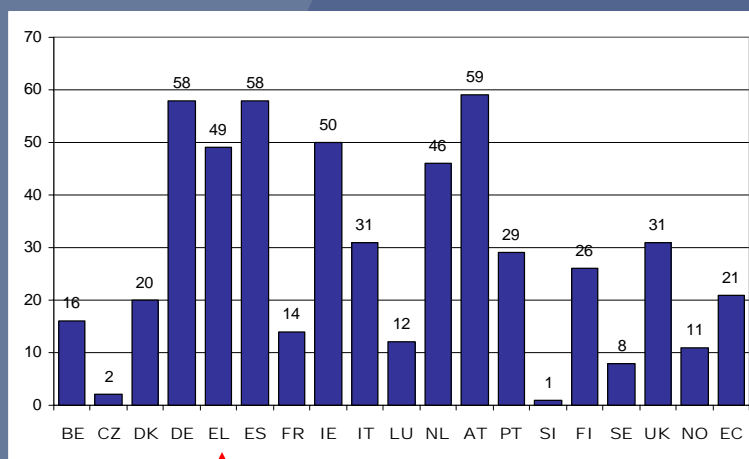
Processes



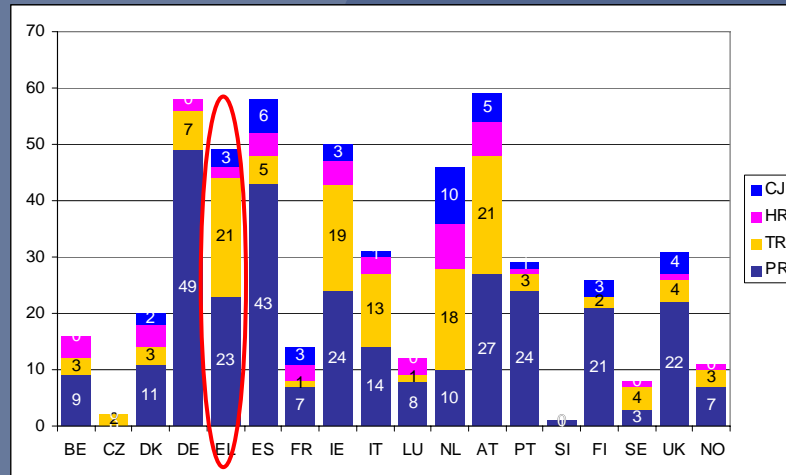
EDDRA -contents



EDDRA –Member State distribution



EDDRA –thematic areas by country



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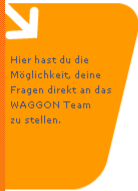
Example: Wagon – youth counselling

- Scene of young adults having problems with the misuse of alcohol, pharmaceutical drugs and Cannabis established in the train-station of Mödling, Austria
- provision of a low-threshold meeting-point furnished to be fancied by young people in a place, where many pass by and have to wait for public transport.
- Per average 50 visitors show up every day.
- The staff, offers and the dimension of the facility are used at a maximum level.
- Discussion-events, clearer communication of the rules in the meeting-point → the climate between the visitors (quarrels among Turkish and other groups) improved.



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- Familie
- Freundeskreis
- Schule/Beruf
- Wohnen/Unterkunft
- Gewalt
- Sucht/Drogen
- Recht
- Freizeit
- selbstverletzendes Verhalten
- Gefühle/Ängste...
- Sexualität
- andere Fragen/Themen

Ideas or the future



One step more...

Dissemination of information on science-based practices
(standards in implementation practices, information on
outcome & impact (reviews, meta analyses))

Monitoring of evaluated practices (EDDRA),
evaluation methods, quality assurance
and standards in the EU

Monitoring of the drugs situation
and the responses to it.

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Development of information portal for science-based practices

- Better response to current policy objectives and the needs of our target group (the EU drugs action plan 2005- 2008, the EMCDDA's mandate and the needs of the Scientific department);
- A better instrument to realise one of the next 3 year work programme's key objectives: to promote science - based practices;
- Better response to the National Focal Points, and other target groups of the EMCDDA, needs and expectations;
- More targeted use of EDDRA which optimises and refocuses its function.

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EDDRA revision to promote science-based practices

We will need to discuss....

- Criteria for sifting current EDDRA entries
- Reflection on reporting arrangements
- Reflection on reporting tool
- Raised incentives



Science-based practices at the EMCDDA – an outlook

Theory
Definition and description of interventions ¹¹
Tools for evaluating practices
Standards in implementation practice
Examples of science-based practices
Outcome & Impact



Thank you for your attention

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