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

Annual expert meeting 2014

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Activities during 2013-14

- Improved Statistical Bulletin with much more data that can be extracted (M/F/T x substances and countries + alcohol and tobacco)
- Report and provisional guidance on online data collection (pending of publication, available restricted area)
- Guidelines for monitoring high risk cannabis use in GPS (pending of publication)
- Close collaboration with ESPAD (presentation)

Activities during 2013-14

- Progress and improvement in the project “Harmonization of *national databases*”. Methodological progress and products in the pipeline. Workshop on Monday (Presentation)
- New Psychoactive Substances (NPS): module developed within EMQ in 2013 and used in several surveys, and partially in a field test of ESPAD (presentation/s)
- Contribution of cross-unit work on misuse of psychoactive medicines

- EMCDDA support to IPA 4 project in several countries (presentation/s of Serbia results and participation of experts from different countries in this meeting)
- Collaboration with ENP countries (presentation of Israel results and participation of experts from different countries)
- Increase profile in international initiatives: GPS as an European health indicator in OCDE* annual Report “Health at a glance”
 - *OCDE: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

Activities during 2013-14

- Cooperation with European projects (SMART and RARHA) to improve measurement of alcohol use (presentation)
- Ongoing work on estimation of High Risk Cannabis Use (session)
- Possible contribution of market size estimation (total amount consumed)
- Ad-hoc data collection on drug availability (perceptions, exposure and access)

Activities during 2013-14

- Improved content in restricted GPS area
- Looking for ways to allow all NFP to access all restricted areas in an easy way
- The 2013 meeting documentation is the first one to go public (after consultation with presenters)!!
- Presentations are valuable contributions and placing them in the public area will help a lot – Disclaimer and copyright of authors ongoing