



# Developments and progress in ESPAD

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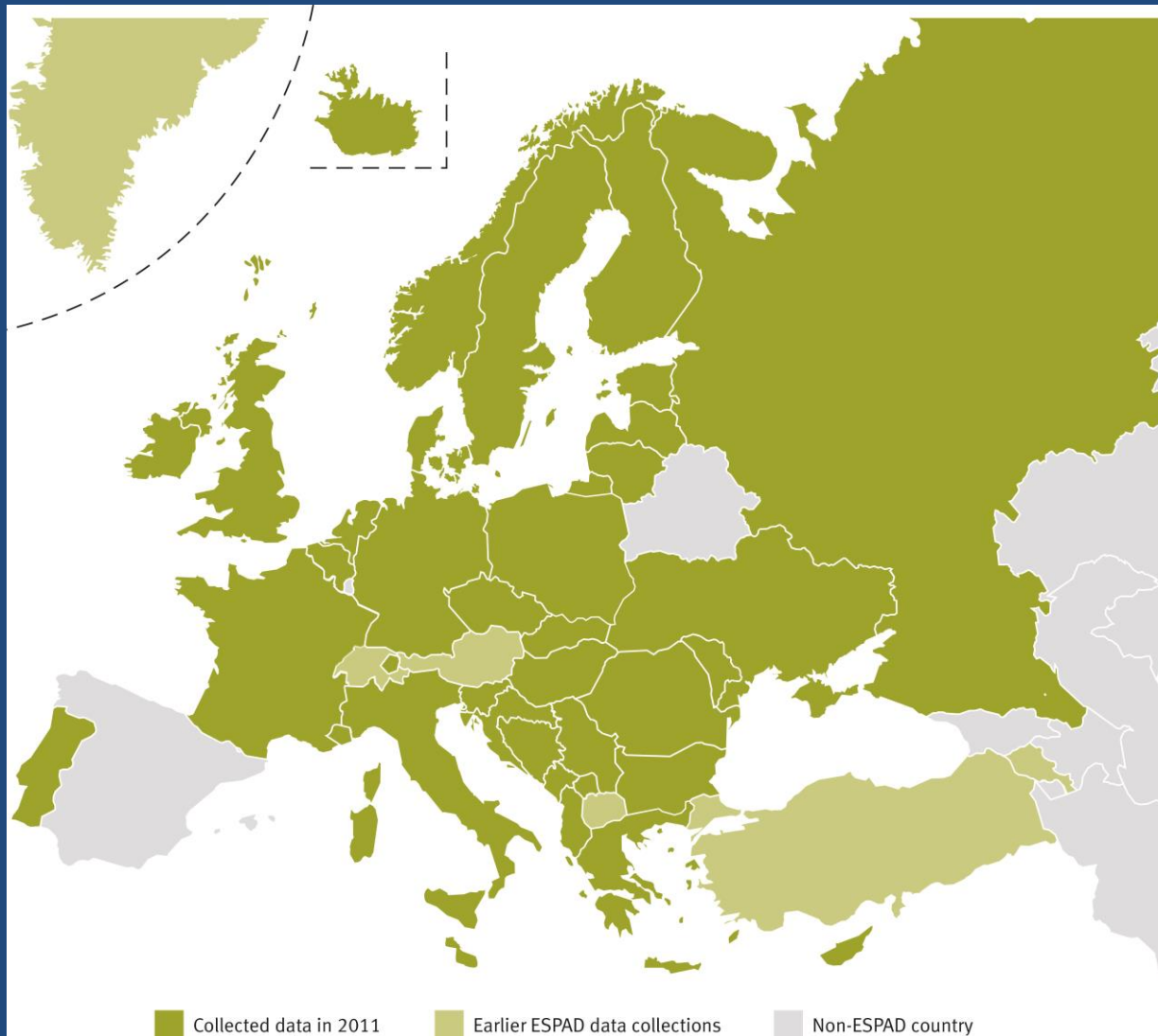
# ESPAD – The world's largest school survey about substance use

- About 40 countries
- More than 110 000 students in 2011

# ESPAD data collections

- 26 countries in 1995
- 30 countries in 1999
- 35 countries in 2003
- 35 countries in 2007 (plus 5 in 2008)
- 39 countries in 2011
- About 40 countries in 2015?

# Countries in the ESPAD project



# Some facts about ESPAD

- Owned by the Principal Investigators
- Students that will become 16 years old during the year of the data collection
- Nationally representative samples of classes
- About 2.400 participating students in each country (2011: 366(Liechtenstein) – 6084 Poland))
- More than 110.000 European students in 2011
- Strategy: Standardisation

# The 2011 ESPAD Report

Substance Use Among Students in 36 European Countries



ESPAD

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# ESPAD Databases



- Data from 2003, 2007 and 2011 are gathered in three databases
- Open for use by ESPAD researchers as well as external researchers
- A simple application procedure
- Will investigate the possibility also to gather the 1995 and 1999 national datasets in databases

# Transition period 1: 2013 - 2014

- Björn has had his ESPAD desk at EMCDDA during 2013 and 2014
- Decision about a new and more detailed constitution (2013)
- Deepened cooperation with EMCDDA
- Preparations for the 2015 data collection
- A new governing of ESPAD from 2015



# Transition period 2: 2015 - 2016

- Long term funding uncertain
- Hoped that a the economic situation will be more stable from 2017 
-  A temporary solution for 2015-2016, i.e. the years of data collection and reporting
- Björn will stop being the ESPAD Coordinator by the end of 2014
- The Coordinator responsibilities will be shared between Ludwig Kraus (Deputy Coordinator), Julian Vicente (EMCDDA) and Håkan Leifman (CAN)

# Next ESPAD data collection 1(2)

- Next survey in 2015
- Regional seminars with all countries that will take part in the next data collection
- A study in 4 countries of the validity
- A review of the questionnaire. New questions about:

Internet, gaming and gambling

New psychoactive substances

Waterpipe and e-cigarettes

# Next ESPAD data collection 2(2)

## Strict rules for using computers in 2015

- Proven in nation wide studies that data are comparable between paper-and-pencil and computer modes
- Being sure that all schools in the country have access to enough computers and that computer labs can be organised in such a way that students' privacy is secured

**Alternative:** A full scale split half study