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In which areas of study is drug-related research carried out in Belgium? How is this research funded? Are any types of research emphasised in the national drug strategy?

Drug markets

What is known about drug supply and trafficking in the Belgium? How pure or strong are the drugs available? What do they cost? What are the main aims of supply reduction efforts?

Key statistics

Key drug statistics for Belgium

Focus on Belgium

Drug-related research

In Belgium, the responsibilities for research are divided between Belgium's Communities and the federal state. The budget for scientific research in the drugs field is provided under the Federal Drug Policy Note, and is managed by the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO) through a research programme that supports federal policy. Most studies that are funded through this programme are carried out by networks of researchers. The national focal point for the EMCDDA collects information on ongoing and completed studies in Belgium and disseminates information on drug-related research findings to audiences through a variety of channels.

Recent drug-related research in Belgium mainly includes population-based and clinical studies of epidemiology and treatment interventions. National scientific journals in Belgium publish drug-related research.


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