Country Drug Report 2018

National drug strategy and coordination

What are the long-term aims of drug policy in Italy? How are these aims to be achieved? How is drug policy coordinated at national level?
Understanding the costs of drug-related actions is an important aspect of policy evaluation.

**Drug laws and drug law offences**

What substances and activities does Italy control under its drug laws? What are the penalties for offences? How are new psychoactive substances controlled?

**Drug use**

How many people in Italy have ever used drugs? What drugs have they used? How many have used drugs recently? How many are using drugs in highly risky ways?

**Drug harms**

What are the main infectious diseases linked to drug injecting in Italy? How many died of drug overdose in the last year? How many drug-related medical emergencies occurred?

**Prevention**

What part does prevention play in Italy's drug strategy. What are the main prevention approaches used in the country and who do they target?

**Harm reduction**

How does Italy measure in terms of provision of needle and syringe programmes, peer naloxone programmes, supervised drug consumption rooms and heroin-assisted treatment.

**Treatment**

How is the drug treatment system organised in Italy? How is it financed? How is the provision of treatment divided between inpatient and outpatient settings?

**Drug use and responses in prison**

Which authorities are responsible for prison health in Italy? What forms of drug treatment and harm reduction are provided in prisons, and how widely?

**Quality assurance**

What is done in Italy to ensure that the prevention and treatment interventions used are effective and provide a good return on public expenditure?
In which areas of study is drug-related research carried out in Italy? How is this research funded? Are any types of research emphasised in the national drug strategy?

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About this report

This report presents the top-level overview of the drug phenomenon in Italy, covering drug supply, use and public health problems as well as drug policy and responses. The statistical data reported relate to 2016 (or most recent year) and are provided to the EMCDDA by the national focal point, unless stated otherwise.

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About our partner in Italy

The Department for Anti-Drug Policies was set up at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers by means of the first decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 20 June 2008, and placed under the functional responsibility of the Prime Ministerial Under-Secretary with delegated responsibility for drugs. The Department?s role is to promote, guide and coordinate the Government?s initiatives to combat the spread of drug and alcohol dependency and to promote cooperation with the competent public administrations in the sector, associations, therapeutic communities and other non-governmental organisations. The Italian national focal point is located in the Department, and is responsible for collecting, processing and interpreting data and information of a statistical-epidemiological, pharmacological-clinical, and psychosocial nature and for documentation on the use, abuse, dealing and trafficking of drugs and psychotropic substances. The Department is also responsible for collaboration with the European Union and international bodies operating in the sector. The national focal point is an integral part of the Department?s technical and scientific division.

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**Relazione annuale al parlamento sullo stato delle tossicodipendenze in Italia 2017**

The *Annual Report to Parliament on Drugs and Addictions* [47] is the official government document prepared by the Department of Anti-Drug Policies of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. The Report was drafted with the aim of providing a snapshot of the drug situation in Italy starting from the most recent institutional information: drug market, various dimensions of the demand for drugs, responses in terms of prevention, treatment and contrast.


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