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Results from the last data collection

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Main messages from the 2016 data collection

1.6 million were in treatment in 2015

      Most of these are in OST

More than **half a million** started treatment

      About **200k** for the first time

Opioid population still dominates the number of admissions into treatment

      Ageing population

      Opioids other than Heroin

Cannabis: rising numbers entering treatment

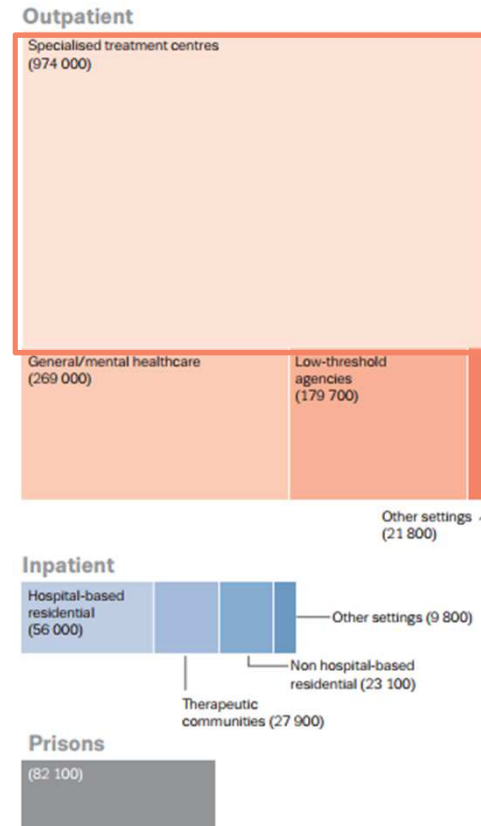**Cocaine**: small number of countries and stable treatment demand

Amphetamines: eastern countries with higher numbers, methamphetamine CZ & SK

Treatment provision

Estimated **1.6 million** people received treatment during 2015

- 523 000 entered treatment
- 190 000 for the first time
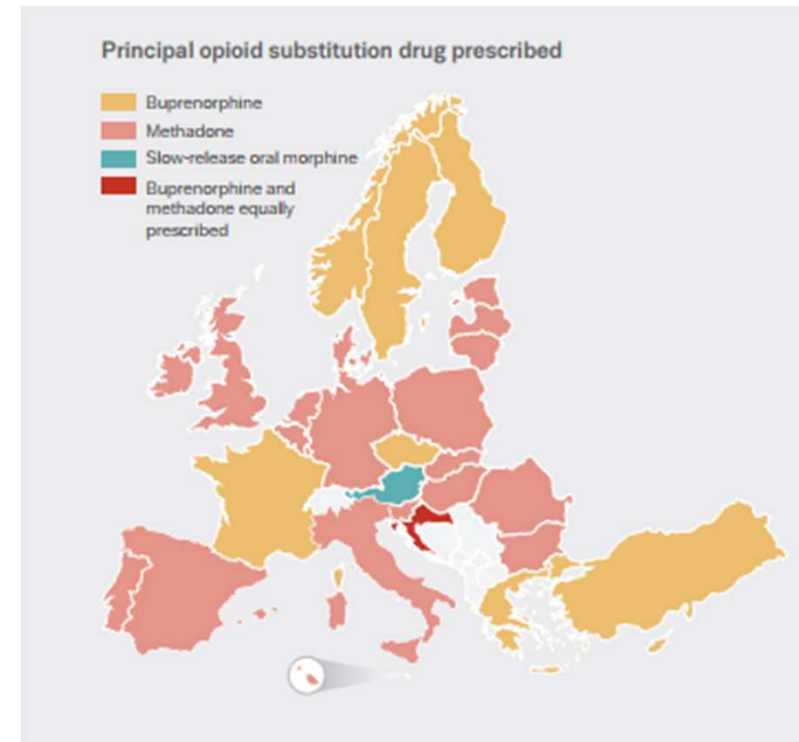
Treatment provision

*Most are **Opioid users***

. Opioid Substitution Treatment (650 000)

Methadone (63%)

Buprenorphine-based (35%)

Other substances (2%)

Slow-release morphine
Diacetylmorphine (heroin)

Principal opioid substitution drug prescribed

- Buprenorphine
- Methadone
- Slow-release oral morphine
- Buprenorphine and methadone equally prescribed

Treatment demand

All clients entering treatment

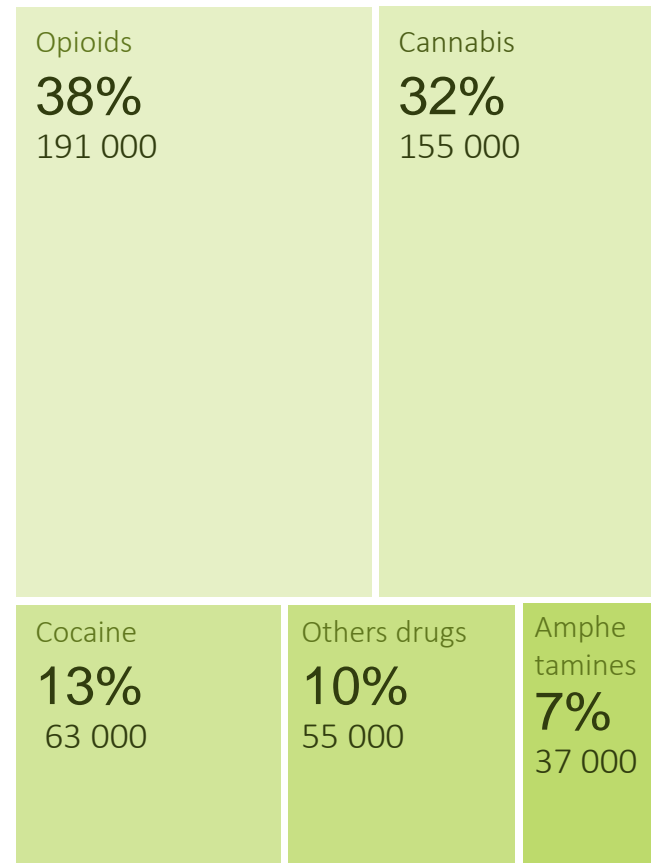**523 000** clients entered treatment

106 000 females (20%)
414 000 males (80%)

33 years old

42% unemployed

27% occasionally or regularly employed

30% primary level of education or less

| Opioids 38% 191 000 | Cannabis 32% 155 000 |
| Cocaine 13% 63 000 | Others drugs 10% 55 000 | Amphetamines 7% 37 000 |

Treatment demand

Never previously treated clients

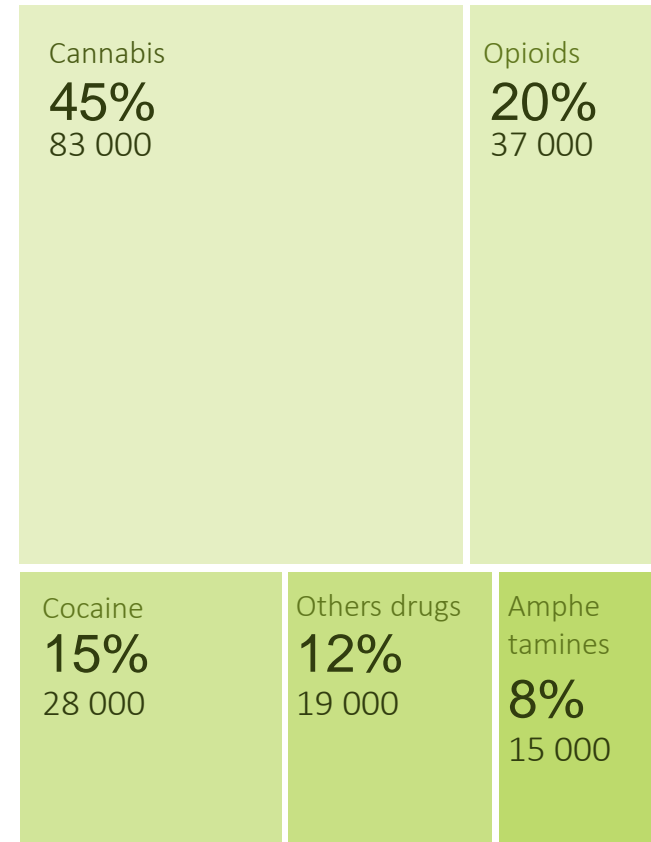190 000 clients entered treatment for the first-time

40 000 females (21%)
150 000 males (79%)

27 years old

37% unemployed

one third occasionally or regularly employed
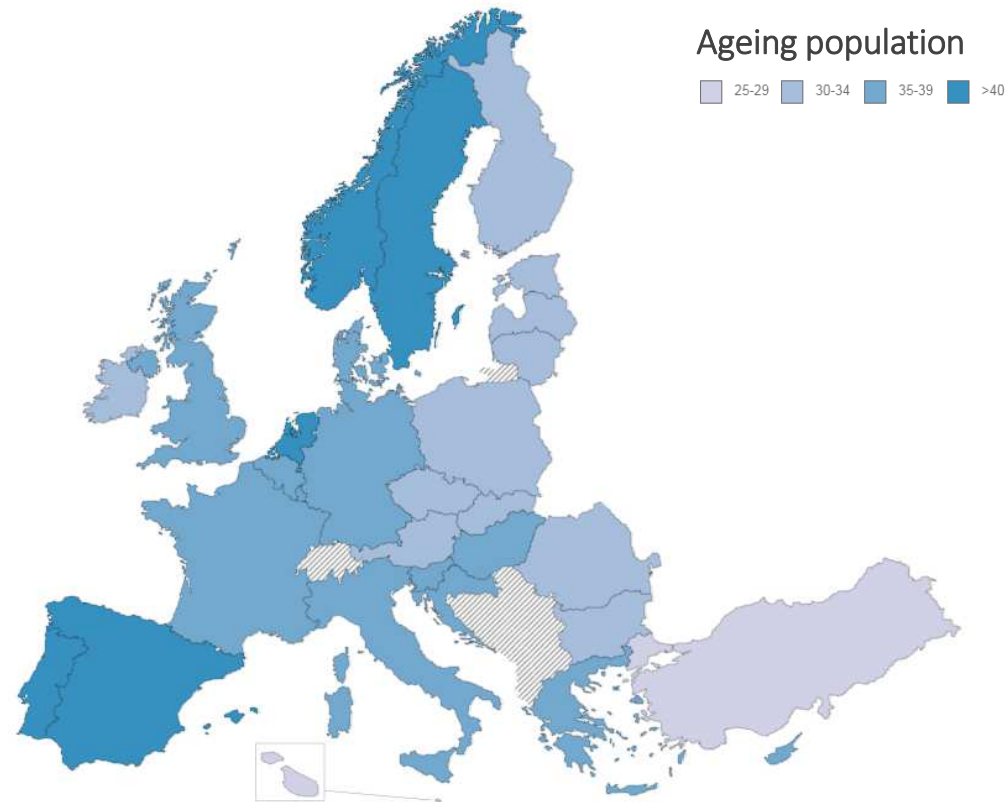
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| Cannabis 45% 83 000 | Opioids 20% 37 000 |
| Cocaine 15% 28 000 | Others drugs 12% 19 000 | Amphe tamines 8% 15 000 |

Treatment demand | *Opioids*

Opioids	Cannabis
Cocaine	Other drugs

Amphetamines

37 years old |
35 years old in 2010
33 years old in 2006

First use at age of **20**

28% females

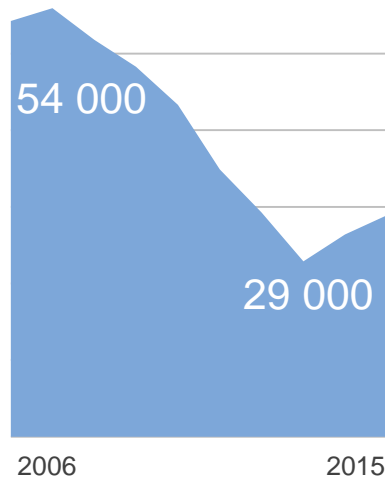**51%** unemployed

29% primary level of education or less

Ageing population

☐ 25-29   ☐ 30-34   ☐ 35-39   ■ >40

Treatment demand | *Opioids*

Opioids

Cannabis

Cocaine

Other drugs

Amphetamines

Primary **heroin** users accounted for 80% of all primary opioid users

80%

Heroin *(first-time entrants)*

54 000

29 000

2006   2015

Injecting

43%

29%

2006   2015
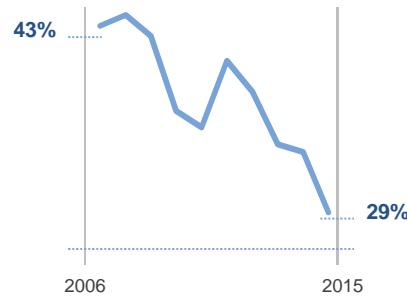
More than 50%
of first-time entrants

Bulgaria
Estonia
Greece
Lithuania
Turkey

Treatment demand | *Opioids*

Opioids other than Heroin accounts for 20% of all opioid clients

Opioids | Cannabis

Cocaine | Other drugs | Amphetamines

20%
Methadone (**8%**)
Buprenorphine (**5%**)
Fentanyl (**0.2%**)
Other (**7%**)

Codeine
Morphine
Tramadol
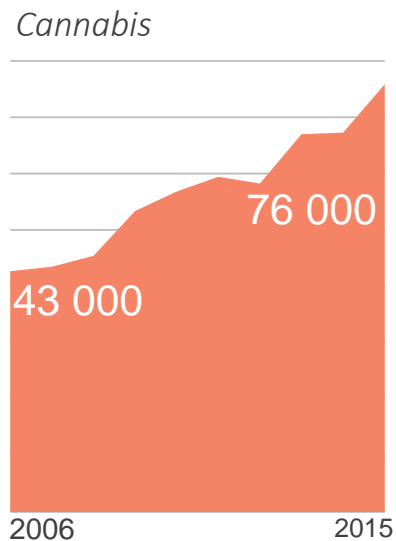Oxycodone
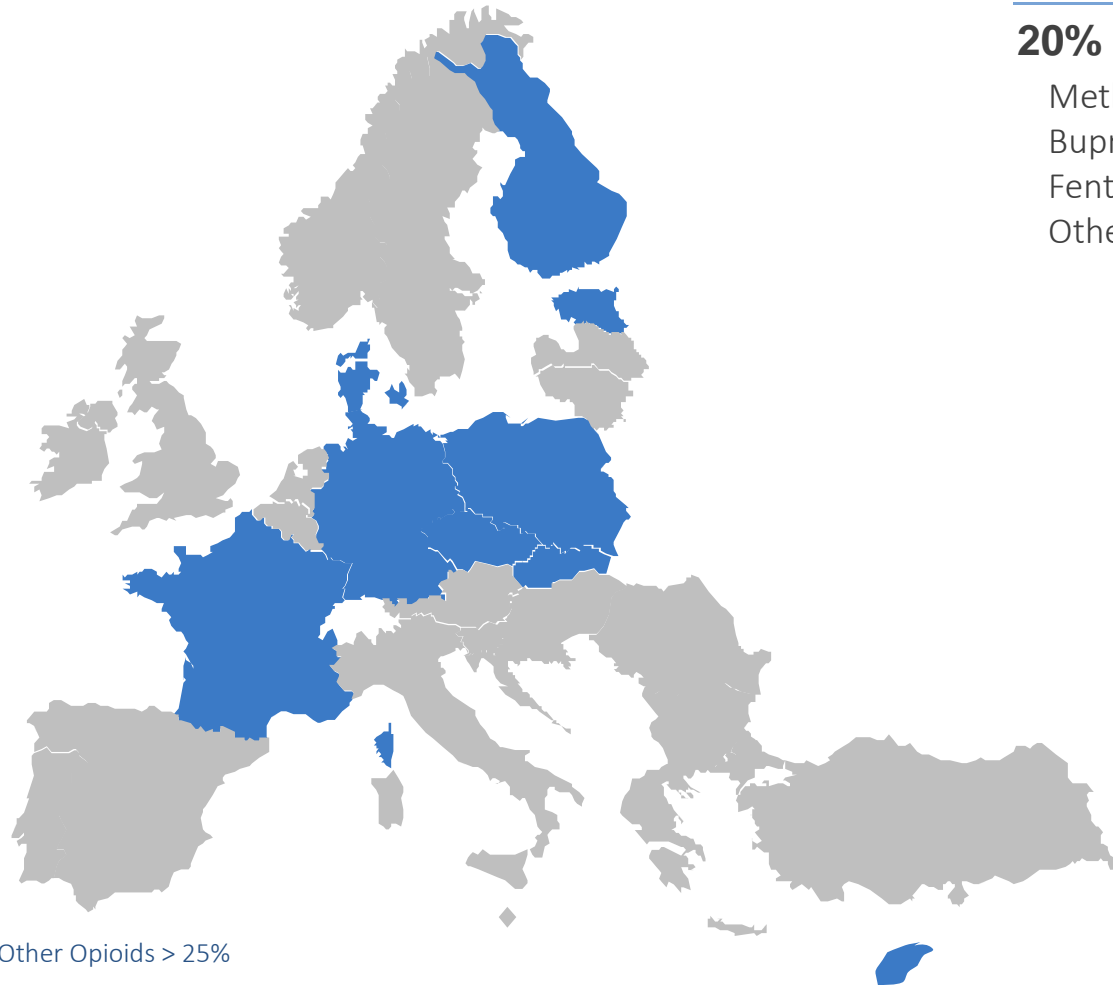
Other Opioids > 25%

Treatment demand | *Cannabis*

Number of first-time entrants continues to increase

Opioids

Cannabis

Cocaine

Other drugs

Amphetamines

25 years old
Started using at **16**

17% females

27% primary level of education or less

32% unemployed
25% student
27% employed

Cannabis

76 000

43 000

2006   2015

More than half report daily use of cannabis prior to treatment

54%

Source of Referral

26%	**22%**	**34%**	**18%**
Criminal Justice System	Health System	Self / Family / Friends	Other

Montanari, Guarita, Mounteney , Cannabis trends in Europe, European Addiction Research, 2017

Opioids

Cannabis

Cocaine

Other drugs

Amphetamines

Cocaine

35 000

27 000

Italy
United Kingdom

2006   2015
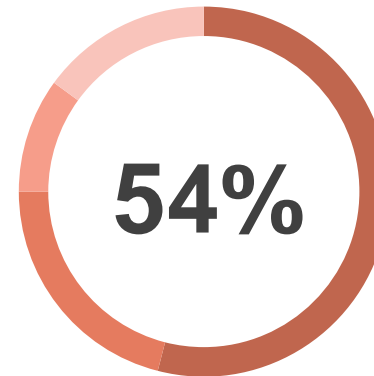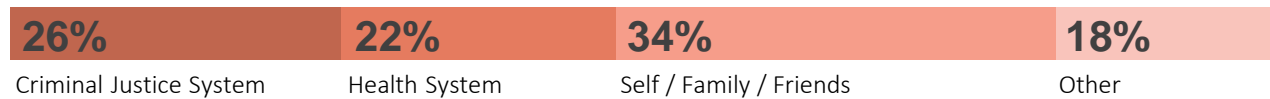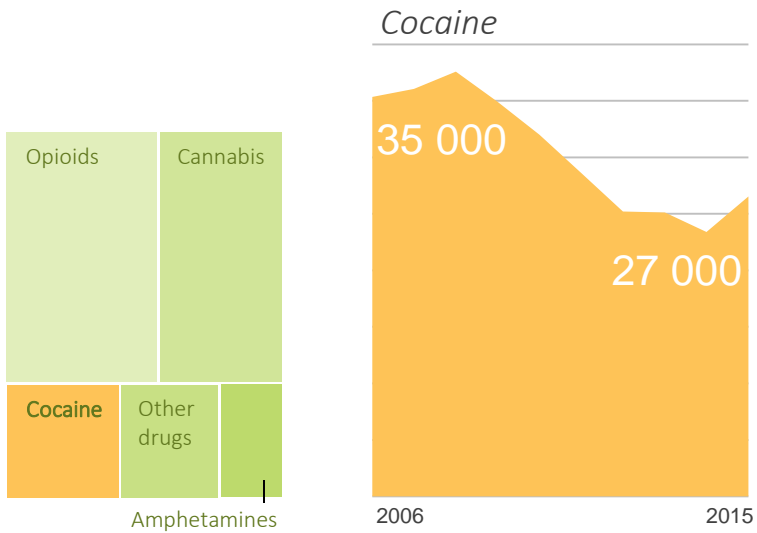
63 000 clients entered treatment
28 000 for the first time
32 000 in treatment before

74% *Spain*
Italy
United Kingdom

34 years old
First use at age of 22

14% females

1% injecting (↓)

More than 15%
of first-time entrants

Belgium
Italy
Luxembourg
Malta
Netherlands
Portugal
Spain
United Kingdom
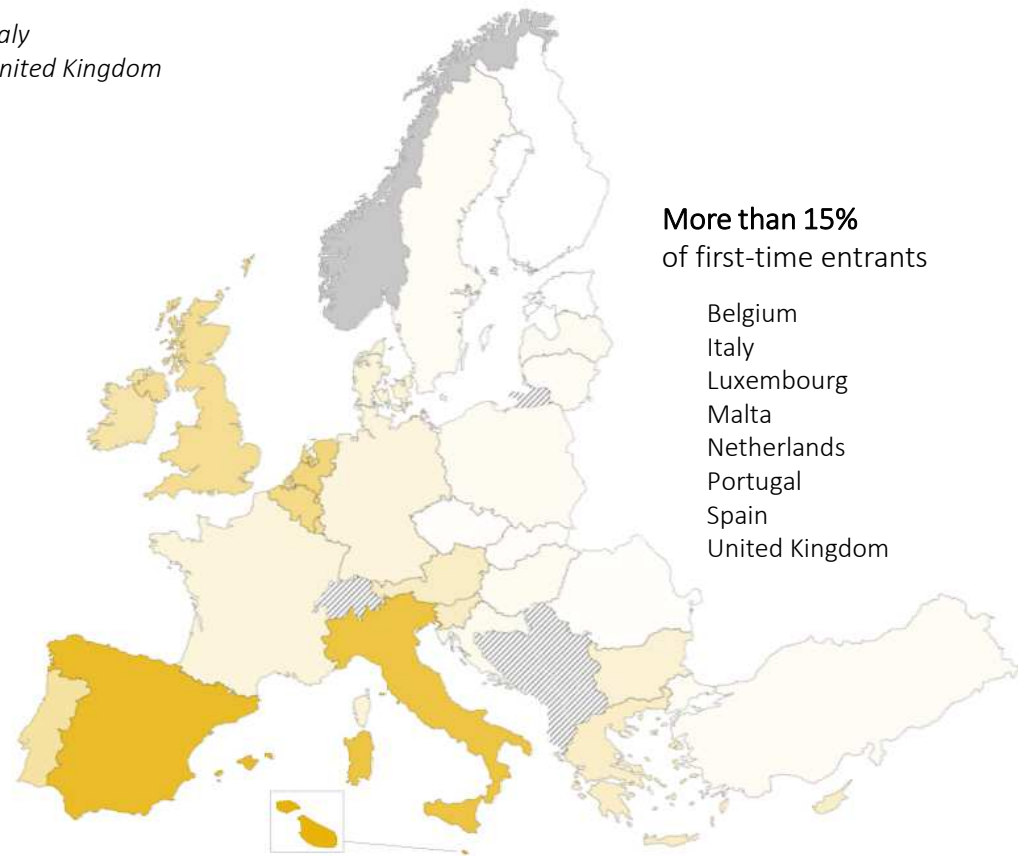
% cocaine clients among first-time entrants

0%   40%

Treatment demand | *Amphetamines*

Amphetamines

Opioids

Cannabis

Cocaine

Other drugs

Amphetamines

Czech Republic
Germany
Poland
United Kingdom

7 500

12 500

2006   2015
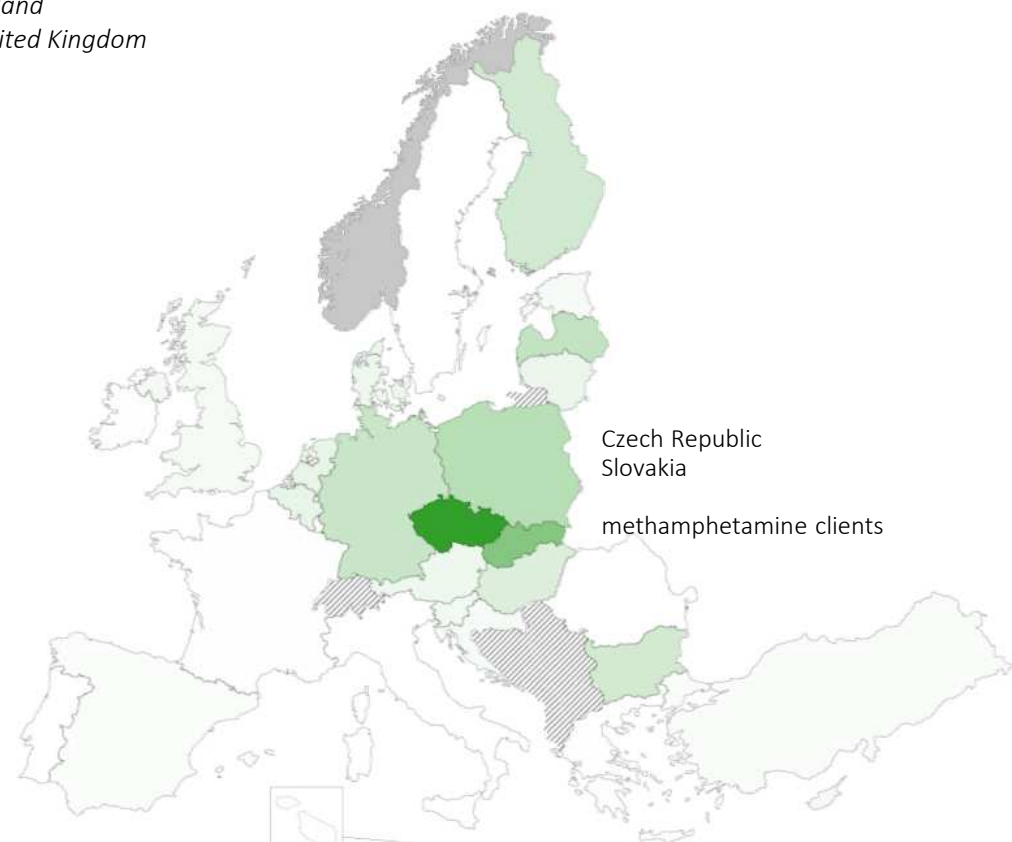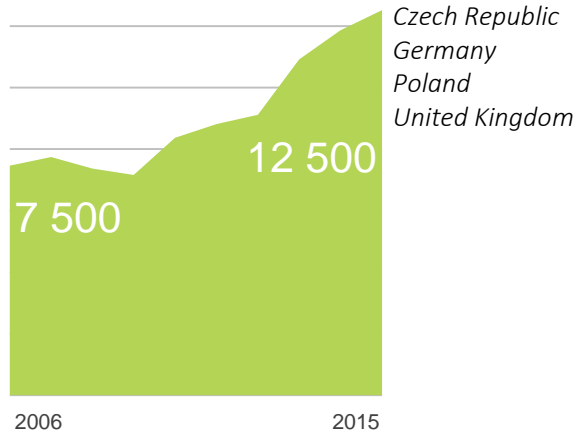
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15 000 for the first time
20 000 in treatment before

29 years old
First use at age of **20**

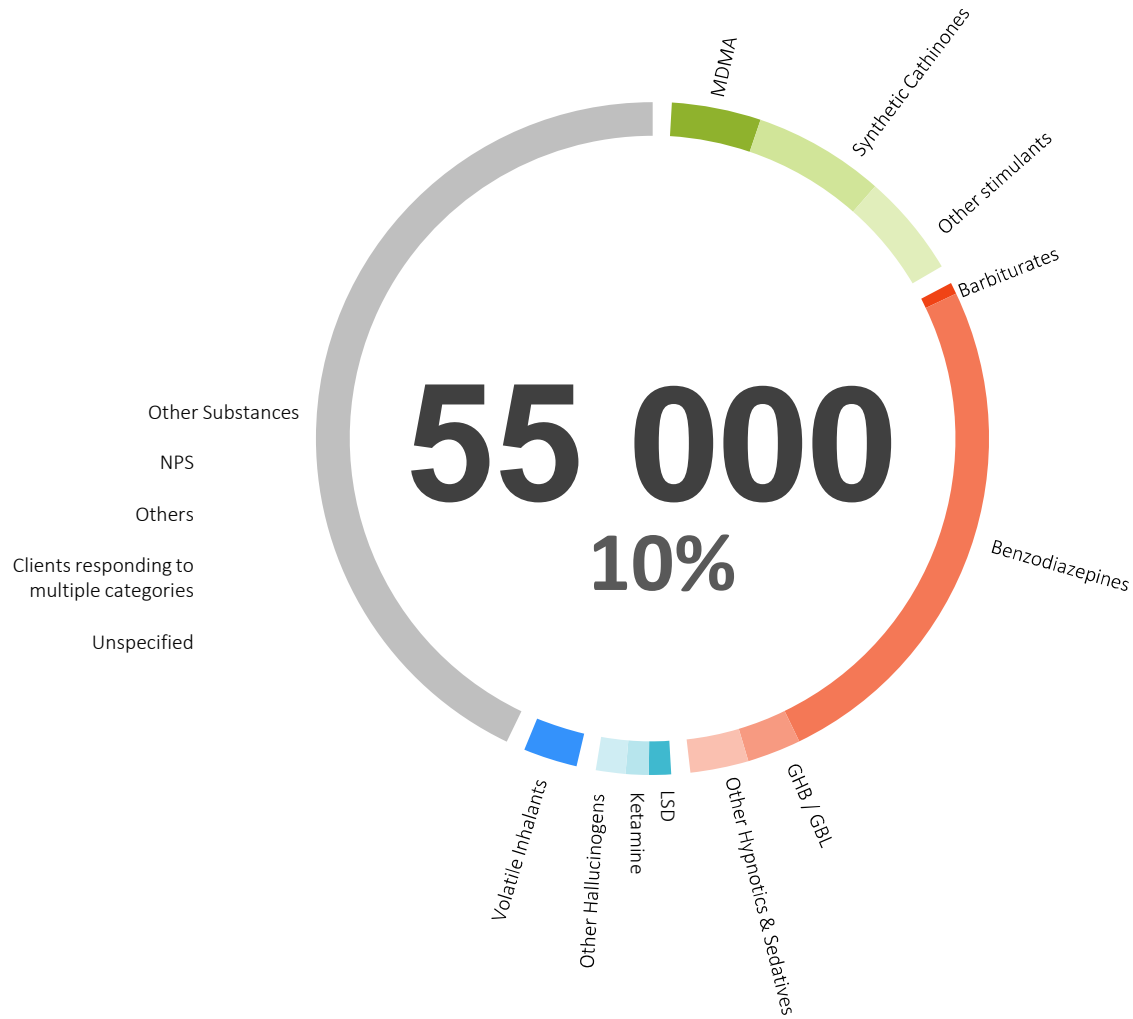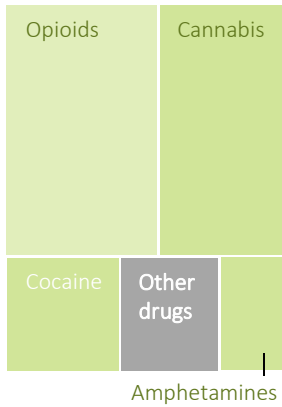**28%** females

15% injecting (↓)

Czech Republic
Slovakia

methamphetamine clients

% amphetamines clients among first-time entrants

0%   75%

Treatment demand | *Other substances*

Opioids | Cannabis
Cocaine | Other drugs
Amphetamines

MDMA
Synthetic Cathinones
Other stimulants
Barbiturates
Benzodiazepines
GHB | GBL
Other Hypnotics & Sedatives
LSD
Ketamine
Other Hallucinogens
Volatile Inhalants

Other Substances
NPS
Others
Clients responding to multiple categories
Unspecified

55 000
10%

Thanks!

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