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## Prevalence and patterns of drug use among the general population ('GPS' indicator)

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# Progress of the indicator

- Improved Statistical Bulletin
- Close collaboration with the ESPAD group
- Focus on non-probabilistic surveys as a complement:
  - European Web Survey on Drugs
  - Project on mapping drug use studies in nightlife settings
- GPS as an European Core Health Indicator – ECHI data tool
- Capacity building: First GPS in Montenegro and FYROM



# European Web Survey on Drugs

1. Develop and test potential of web survey tool
  - Feasibility for NFPs and EMCDDA
  - Recruitment strategies (e.g. treatment centres)
2. Validity & reliability study
3. Collect data on frequency and amounts of drugs used to improve market size estimates
4. Translation and sampling strategy development undertaken by NFPs with guidance documents from EMCDDA



# European Model Questionnaire (EMQ)

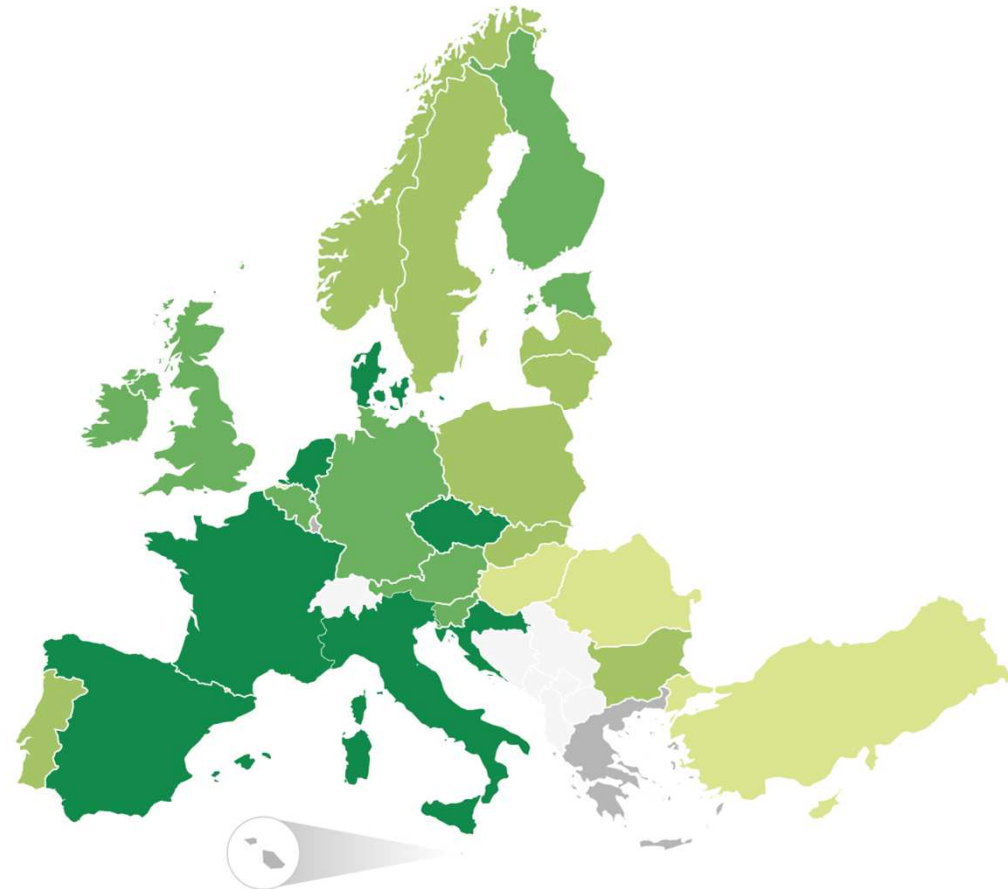
- New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) and perceived availability modules developed within the EMQ and posted online
- Two questions on perceived availability added to Standard Table 1
- NPS 'field trial' – Rapid Information Requests
- EMQ Alcohol module about to be finalised
- On-going revision on the module on medicines use and pre-test in some countries



# Cannabis: Europe's most commonly used drug. Link between GPS and TDI?

- **88 million** (>25%) adults 15–64 years have tried cannabis
- Almost **1%** of adults daily users
- National diversity in prevalence and trends

Last year prevalence of cannabis use among young adults (15–34): most recent data (map)



Percent ■ <5.1 ■ 5.1–10.0 ■ 10.1–15.0 ■ >15.0 ■ No data





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# Thank you


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