



European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction

European Drug Responses Report

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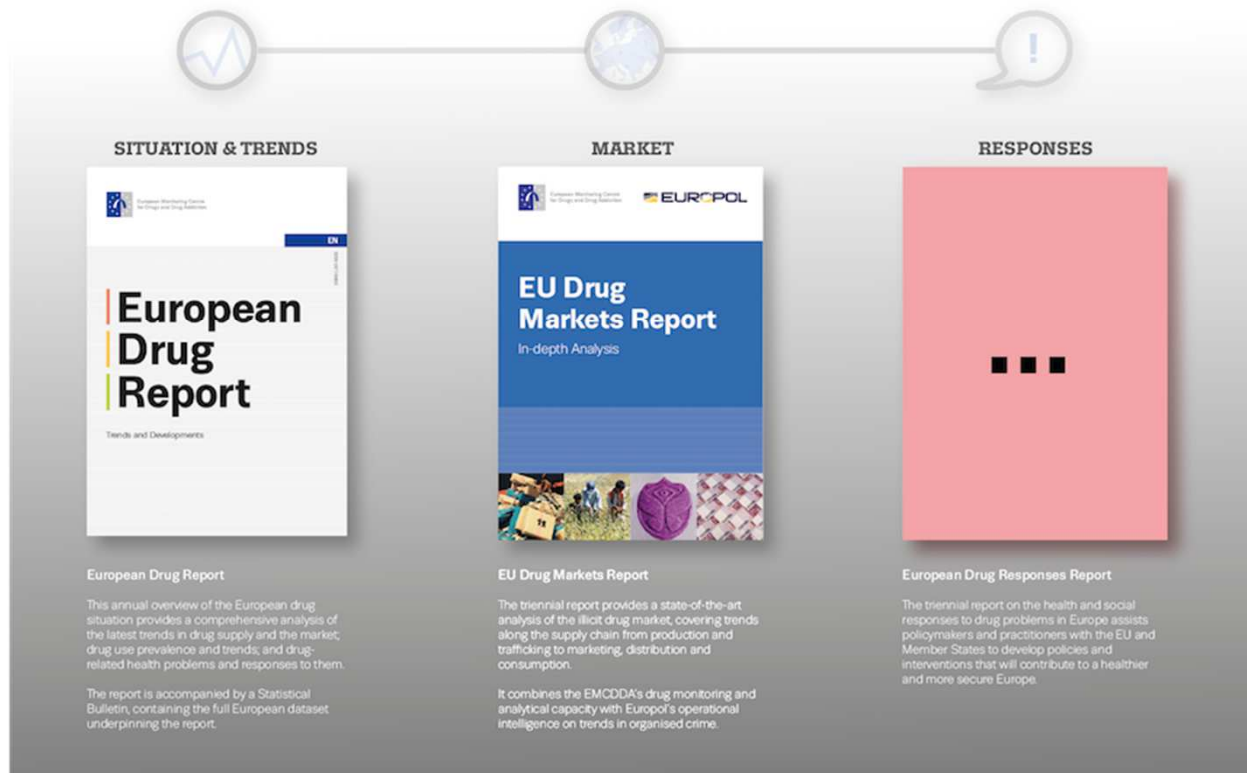


Background

- **Strengthening the ‘public health’ element of the EMCDDA ‘offer’ to policymakers & practitioners**

A comprehensive picture of the drug phenomenon in Europe

Serving the information needs of policymakers, practitioners and researchers



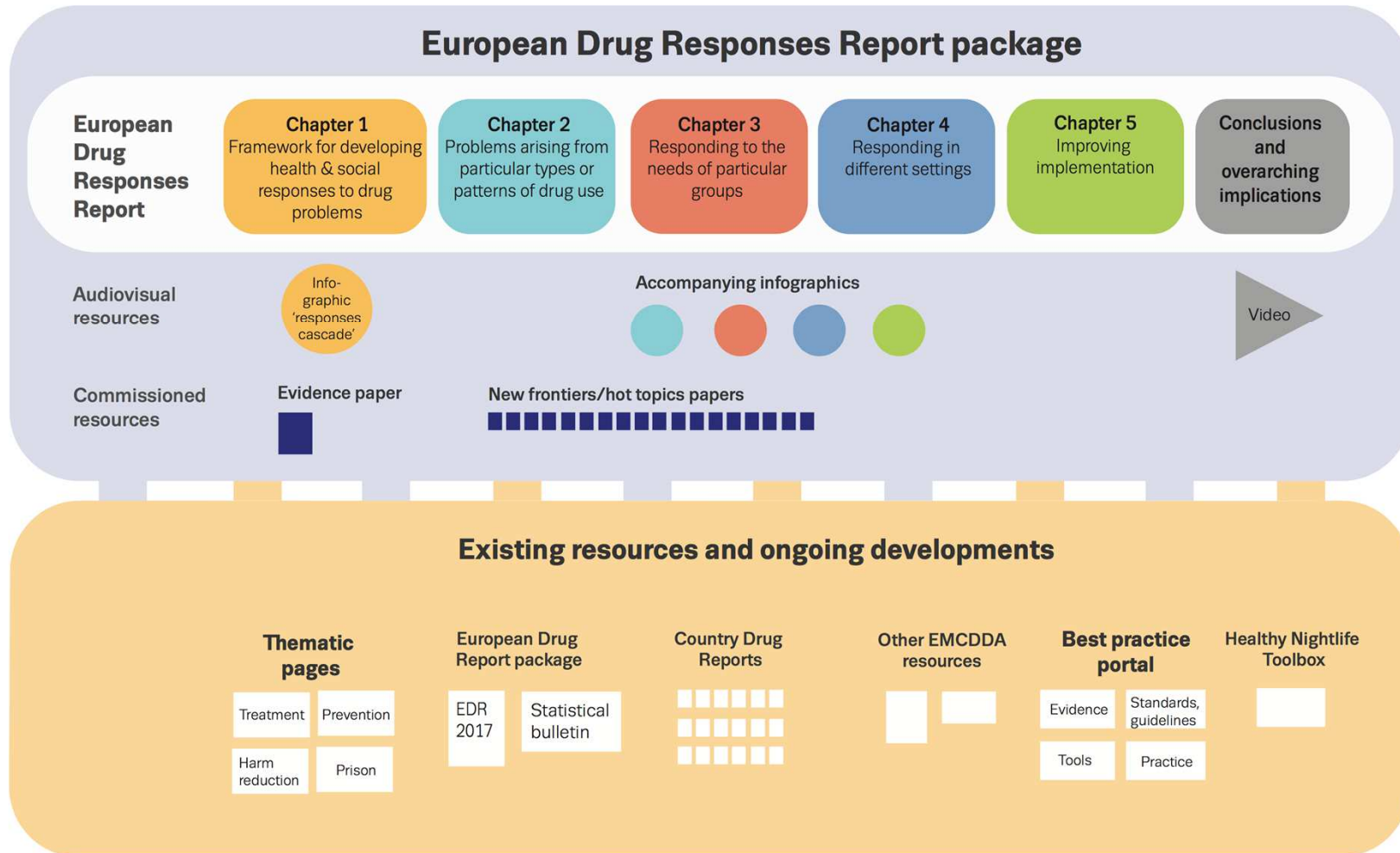
Background

- **But drug use is complex so responding is complex – no perfect blueprint**
- **A crowded area**
- **Report therefore aims to provide:**
 - a way of thinking about the issues;
 - an overview of the current state of play;
 - highlight some key issues + links to more detail
 - a platform for on-going work in responses area

NOT a textbook



A package of resources – new and existing



Health & Social Responses to Drug Problems: A European Guide

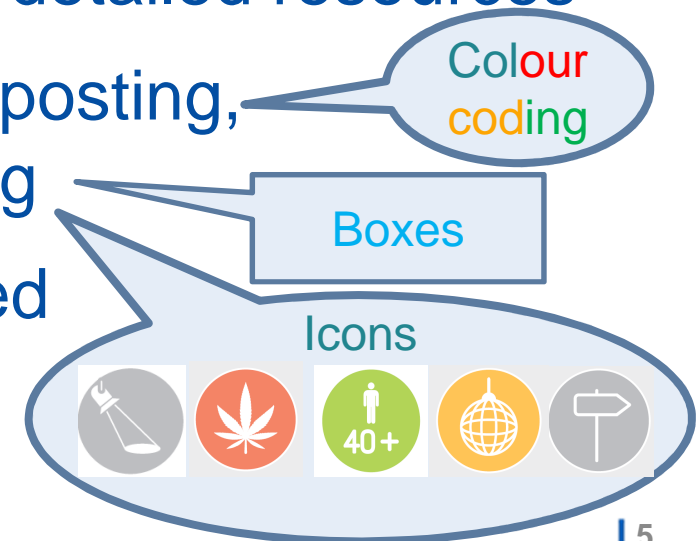
Health and social responses to drug problems

A EUROPEAN GUIDE

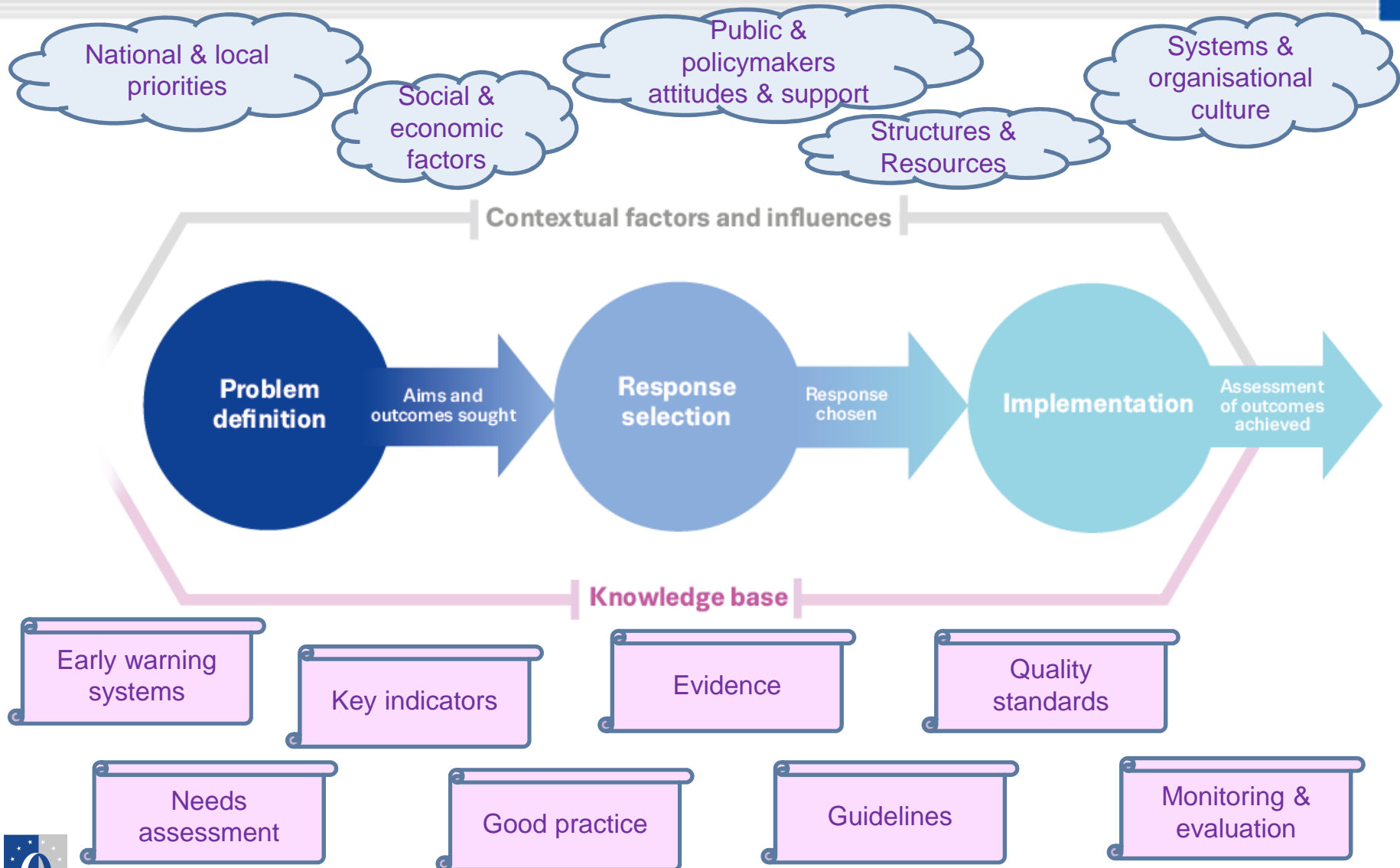


Key principles:

- Guidebook format
- “How to respond” not “About problems”
- Action-orientated not didactic
- Brief summaries – linking to more-detailed resources
- Reference document – clear sign-posting, easy to scan & visually appealing
- Hard copy / printable / web-focused



Conceptual framework – response process



Framework underpins the structure

Introduction

1. Framework for Developing Health & Social Responses to Drug Problems

2. Problems arising from particular types or patterns of drug use

3. Responding to the needs of particular groups

4. Responding in particular settings

Chapters 2-4 Basic structure

- Understanding the problem & key objectives
- Response options + evidence
- What is being done in Europe
- Key messages / implications
- Further resources

5. Supporting successful implementation

Concluding remarks



Ch 2 Responding to different types of drug use

2.1 Cannabis use and associated problems

2.2 Opioid dependence

2.3 Opioid-related deaths

2.4 Infectious diseases spread by injecting

2.4 Stimulant use

2.5 Use of new psychoactive substances

2.6 Misuse of medicines

2.7 Poly-substance use



Ch 3 Responding to the needs of different groups

3.1 Older people with problem opioid use

3.2 Women with drug problems

3.3 Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

3.4 Vulnerable young people

3.5 Adult families members of people who use drugs



Ch 4 Responding in different settings

4.1 Prisons & the criminal justice system

4.2 Festivals and nightlife settings

4.3 Workplaces

4.4 Schools & colleges

4.5 Local communities



Chapter 5: Supporting successful implementation

5.1 Evidence into practice

- **Transfer of programmes and interventions**
- **Quality standards & guidelines**
- **Sharing best practice**

5.2 Developing effective systems and partnerships

- **Training and staff development**
- **Service user involvement / community engagement**
- **Linking services: multi-agency working**
- **Taking a systems approach**

5.3 Monitoring and evaluation

- **Monitoring responses in Europe: an overview**
- **State of play and monitoring priorities**
- **Evaluation: understanding the full impact of responses**

And finally

Concluding remarks



A web-based package

Full report (PDF)
Available: 24 October



eXchange registry

Sharing experience of evidence-based programmes
Available: 24 October

Evidence database

A searchable database of current evidence in the drugs field
Available: 24 October

Topics pages

These pages make it easy to explore all of our resources by topic.

Harm reduction

Available: 24 October

Prevention

Available: 24 October

Prisons

Available: 24 October

Treatment

Available: 24 October

Policy and practice briefings

Available: 24 October

Each of these policy and practice briefings is designed as a one-stop-shop for anyone planning or delivering health and social responses to drug problems in Europe. Each brief consists of: (1) a summary of the main issues; (2) the main response options; (3) an overview of the EU picture; (4) key implications for policy and practice and; (5) links to further resources.

Types or patterns of substance use



Cannabis use



Opioid dependence



Opioid-related deaths



Injection-related infectious diseases



Stimulant use



New psychoactive substances (NPS)



Misuse of medicines



Polydrug use

Needs of particular groups



Older people



Women



Migrants and refugees



Vulnerable young people



Families

Responding in particular settings



Prisons



Nightlife and festivals



Workplaces



Schools and colleges



Communities



Background papers

- **User-led interventions**
- **New developments in cannabis regulation**
- **Addressing sexual health issues assoc with drug use**
- **Responding to the needs of new migrants**
- **Responses to the misuse of medicines**
- **Applying behavioural insights to drug policy & practice**
- **E-health / m-health**
- **Recovery / reintegration / abstinence / reduced harms: the role of different treatment goals**
- **Responding to the needs of aging opioid users**
- **Drug checking to reduce harms for users**
- **Addressing the needs of women who use drugs**
- **Health and social responses in prisons**






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