



European Monitoring Centre  
for Drugs and Drug Addiction

**EU expert meeting on the EMCDDA key epidemiological indicator  
Problem Drug Use (PDU)  
EMCDDA - 25-26 October 2012**

**Agenda**

**Thursday 25 October**

9.00 - 10.30 Introduction, applied PDU and developmental work

- **Danica Thanki** – State of the key indicator Problem Drug Use, brief overview of the meeting
- **Isabelle Giraudon** – Applied PDU estimation: POU and IDU as a denominator to analyse drug-related deaths prevalence
- **Katerina Skarupova** – Project to support PDU revision – literature review, POU estimates information consolidation and out-of-treatment studies
- **Alan Lodwick** – Information about a project on Key indicator meetings evaluation

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee-break

11.00 - 12.30 PDU revision consultation and finalisation

- **Danica Thanki** – Updated PDU revision proposal
- Discussion

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 Final PDU revision proposal – continuation of the discussion

- Discussion

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 18.00 New national studies

*Chaired by Eleni Kalamara (EMCDDA)*

- **Carla Rossi** - Combination of various data bases and estimation methods to better understand the market from the demand and the supply side
- **Kaatje Bollaerts** - Estimating the prevalence of Drug Injection in Belgium using a multiplier method, accounting for missing risk information and non-AIDS mortality
- **Alain Origer** – Prevalence of Problem Drug Use and Injecting Drug Use in Luxembourg: A Longitudinal and Methodological Perspective
- **Bruno Sopko** – PDU prevalence estimation in Prague using three low-threshold and three outreach programmes. Correction for no-code clients
- **Martin Busch** – New Austrian PDU estimation work

18.00 Cocktail

## Friday 26 October

9.00 - 11.00 Changing face of PDU - New trends and developments, heroin shortages and replacements, the role of new drugs

- **Laurent Laniel** – Where has Europe's heroin gone?
- **Jane Mounteney** – New trends in heroin use in Europe – historical developments, shortages, replacements
- **Linda Montanari** – Heroin trends from the perspective of TDI data: 2011-2012 project of data analysis and the proceedings from the 2012 TDI meeting
- Short interventions from countries which have experienced replacements of heroin/other drugs in their PDUs/POUs: data, trends, implications for monitoring (Slovakia, Latvia, Hungary, others to be confirmed)
- Discussion

11.00 - 11:30 Coffee-break

11.30 - 13.00 Focus on new drugs

*Chaired by Gergely Horváth (Hungary)*

- **Michael Evans-Brown** – Problem drug use and new psychoactive substances: what can we learn from the European Union Early Warning System?
- **Carmelia Matache and Lavinus Sava** – New drugs in Romania (a multi-indicator analysis)
- **Gergely Horváth** – New drugs in Hungary. Points for discussion
- Discussion on implications for monitoring

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 - 14.40 Updates on incidence estimation work and EU projects

- **Albert Sánchez** – New developments in IMIM problem drug use incidence estimation work
- **Carla Rossi** – The harm score index and incidence indicators applied to the School population data for cross countries comparisons

14.40 - 15.30 Strengthening IDU estimates

- **Linda Montanari** – Project on IDU trends using TDI data
- **Danica Thanki** - Results from the questionnaire survey. The possibility of derivation of IDU estimates from POU/PSU/PDU estimates and proportion of injectors
- Discussion, brainstorming, exchange of experience

15.30 - 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 - 17.00 Parallel workshops “In-depth understanding of national POU estimates” – **Katerina Skarupova**. Parallel workshop with Alan Lodwick on Key indicators meetings evaluation.

17.00 Conclusions of the meeting