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

2018 Expert meeting on the indicator

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Tuesday 15 May 2018	
09.00	**Setting the scene** Chair: André Noor, EMCDDA Opening and welcome — André Noor, EMCDDA Overview of the meeting, update on main developments and progress in the key indicator — João Matias, EMCDDA Tour de table — 1-minute presentation for each participant **Thematic session — Moving beyond illegal drugs** Chair: João Matias — EMCDDA Moving beyond illegal drugs. Development of a new indicator "addiction without substances" using surveys — Elena Alvarez, Spain Mental health and substance use — Pavla Chomynova, Czech Republic Misuse of medicines: revision of the EMQ module — Karoliina Karjalainen, Finland Update on alcohol research — Janusz Sieroslawski, Poland
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	**Monitoring drug use in recreational settings: challenges and opportunities** Chair: João Matias, EMCDDA From ecstasy to MDMA: recreational drug use, symbolic boundaries, and drug trends — Marit Edland-Gryt, Norway Main findings of a survey on drug use among attendees of nightlife settings in Lithuania — Lina Jurgelaitiene, Lithuania Drug use surveys in music festivals in Portugal — Elsa Lavado and Vasco Calado, Portugal Targeting drug users in nightlife settings: (meta)reflection on questionnaire and current terminologies — Lies Gremeaux, Belgium
13.00	Lunch break
14.00	**Parallel sessions**

	Estimation of high-risk cannabis use through scales in GPS Chair: Julián Vicente, EMCDDA National presentations	**Implementing a general population survey on drug use: challenges and experiences** Chairs: Sandrine Sleiman and Katerina Skarupova, EMCDDA National presentations	**Monitoring drug use in recreational settings: reflections on questionnaire design and terminologies** Chair: Lies Gremeaux, Belgium
15.45	Coffee break		

16.15	**Cocaine use going up. What can surveys tell us?**
	Chair: Federica Mathis, EMCDDA
	Reasons to use cocaine. An empirical analysis of cocaine as part of binge drinking culture — Marit Edland-Gryt, Norway
	"I have no clue why I'm doing this" — a qualitative study on crack cocaine use in Frankfurt — Lukas Sarvari, Germany
	Facilitated groups: Introduction — Alessandra Bo and João Matias, EMCDDA:
	• What is happening with cocaine use and with crack cocaine use? Stable, increasing trends?
	• Is cocaine use and/or crack cocaine use geographically limited or EU-wide? Local? Regional? Urban? Rural? Differences between cocaine and crack?
	• Which risk populations/groups are associated with cocaine use and with crack cocaine use in Europe? What are their socio-demographic characteristics?
	• How can surveys contribute to understanding current and emerging trends?
	Feedback in plenary from the facilitated groups
17.30	End of the first day
20.00	Dinner

Wednesday 16 May 2018

09.00	**Drug survey methodology: recent studies and new approaches**
	Chair: Katerina Skarupova, EMCDDA
	Feedback from the parallel sessions
	Qualitative and quantitative pilot testing of the GPS questionnaire — Darja Lavtar, Slovenia
	What I say is not what I mean: cognitive testing of the European Web Survey on Drugs questionnaire — Katerina Skarupova, EMCDDA
	Making sense of polydrug use: a Finnish perspective — Karoliina Karjalainen, Finland
	NPS Euronet project: patterns of NPS use using wastewater-based epidemiology — Sara Castiglioni, Italy
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	**Local realities**
	Chair: João Matias, EMCDDA
	Study on unaccompanied minors immigrating to Sweden and substance use — Emma Wahlstedt, Sweden
	Unaccompanied minor refugees and substance use in Vienna — Julian Strizek, Austria
	Study among Roma population: substance use and gambling — Pavla Chomynova, Czech Republic
	Conclusions, AOB
13.00	End of the meeting