

Trendspotter method

Multi source, multi-method, triangulation:

- Data gathering (literature review – ad hoc information exploration)
- Routine data collection
- Electronic survey
- Expert presentations
- Focus groups
- Analysis



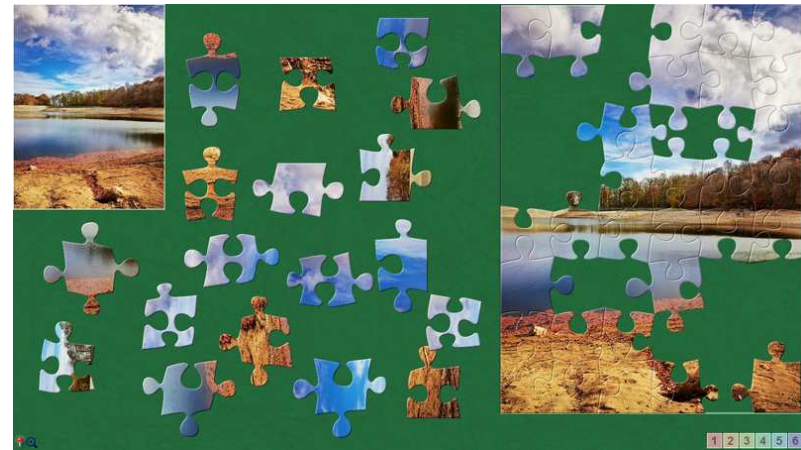
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Triangulation of data, methods, investigators for..

Confirmation



Completeness



2018: Cocaine and crack cocaine

Rationale- responding to environmental signals:

Strong converging signals emerge of an increase in cocaine and crack cocaine availability and use (primarily in Western Europe). These signals include significant seizures of cocaine, spikes in treatment demands across 1/3 of MS, increases in reported cocaine use from low threshold services (DCRs, drug checking) and other indicators (Drug-related deaths, drug-related infectious diseases, wastewater data, etc), as well as indications of important cocaine production activities in South America.

Aim: Increase our understanding of what is happening with cocaine and crack cocaine availability and use in Europe, the underlying market drivers, the associated harms and responses.

2018: Cocaine and crack cocaine

- What's 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? Have these groups changed (new groups, same but older, same settings) to those observed a decade ago?
- How can surveys contribute to understand current and emerging trends?