



# A look ahead

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Journalists' guide to upcoming events and products from the EU drugs agency in Lisbon

## European Drug Report 2016



What are the latest trends in drug supply to Europe? What drugs are causing the most harm and concern today? What are the most recent developments in drug prevention, treatment and policy? These and other questions will be explored by the EMCDDA in its annual overview of the European drug situation to be launched in Lisbon on 31 May. The *European Drug Report 2016: Trends and Developments* provides a comprehensive analysis of the

latest tendencies across the 28 EU Member States, Turkey and Norway. Available in 24 languages, the report examines: drug supply and the market; drug use prevalence and trends; and drug-related health problems and responses to them.

The report will be launched at a press conference in Lisbon on 31 May at 10:00 WET (11:00 CET) in the presence of: Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner responsible for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship; Laura d'Arrigo, Chair of the EMCDDA Management Board and Alexis Goosdeel, EMCDDA Director.

For details on the full information package, see [www.emcdda.europa.eu/edr2016](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/edr2016)

For press conference details, see: [www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2016/5/coming-up-european-drug-report-2016](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2016/5/coming-up-european-drug-report-2016)

## Perspectives on Drugs

The EMCDDA will release alongside the *European Drug Report 2016* on 31 May four new additions to its *Perspectives on Drugs* series. These online interactive analyses focus on key aspects of the European drug situation. The topics explored are: changes in Europe's cannabis resin market; cocaine trafficking to Europe; strategies to prevent the diversion of opioid substitution treatment medications; and co-morbidity of substance use and mental health disorders.

For more, see [www.emcdda.europa.eu/edr2016](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/edr2016)

## International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking



The EMCDDA will commemorate International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking (26 June) with an event at its premises on 27 June for the Lisbon diplomatic community and its partners from the Portuguese authorities. To mark the occasion, the agency will launch a new report on 'Health responses to new psychoactive substances' and an accompanying analysis on the topic

in its *Perspectives on Drugs* series. Also highlighted on the day will be the EMCDDA *General Report of Activities 2015* and *A year in review 2015*.

For more, see [www.emcdda.europa.eu](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu) and [www.unodc.org/drugs/june-26/](http://www.unodc.org/drugs/june-26/)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

31 May	Launch of the <i>European Drug Report 2016</i> , Lisbon.
23–24 June	53 <sup>rd</sup> EMCDDA Management Board meeting, Lisbon.
26 June	International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.
28 July	World hepatitis day.

## NEW DIRECTOR

Alexis Goosdeel (Belgium) took up the post of EMCDDA Director on 1 January 2016, having been formally appointed by the agency's Management Board in October 2015 for a five-year term.

Mr Goosdeel joined the EMCDDA in 1999. From 2005, he headed the agency's Reitox and international cooperation unit where he played a central role in: coordinating a network of 30 national drug monitoring centres; preparing EU candidate and potential candidate countries for membership of the EMCDDA; and nurturing relations with countries beyond the Union.

For more, see [www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2016/fs1/alexis-goosdeel-at-helm-eu-drugs-agency](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2016/fs1/alexis-goosdeel-at-helm-eu-drugs-agency)

## NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

**New Chair:** Laura d'Arrigo, Diplomatic advisor at the French Interministerial Mission for Combating Drugs and Addictive Behaviours (Mission interministérielle de lutte contre les drogues et les conduites addictives).

**New Vice-Chair:** Franz Pietsch (Austria), representative of Austria regarding international matters of addiction and drug issues and Deputy Director-General and Head of Department for Tobacco, Alcohol, Non-substance-related Addictions and International Affairs of Addiction.

For more, see [www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2015/11/management-board-elections](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2015/11/management-board-elections)

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## European drugs summer school 2016



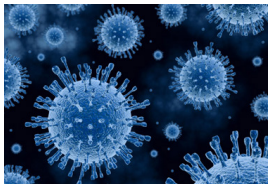
The University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE–IUL) and the EMCDDA will be holding the fifth European drugs summer school (EDSS) on 'Illicit drugs in Europe: demand, supply and public policies' from 27 June to 8 July in Lisbon. This year, the focus of the course will be on the evidence base for policymaking on drug-related issues. President of the International Narcotics Control Board Werner Sipp will speak on 'The global drug control system: what is the UNGASS process and what to expect from it?' Keynote speaker Keith Humphreys of the Stanford School of Medicine (USA) will explore 'Drug policies: concepts, issues and analysis', while Robert West, Editor-in-chief of the scientific journal *Addiction*, will focus on scientific communication and policy decisions. Registration ends on 30 May.

For more, see [www.drugsummerschool.cies.iscte-iul.pt/np4/home](http://www.drugsummerschool.cies.iscte-iul.pt/np4/home) and [www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2016/fs2/registration-fifth-european-drugs-summer-school](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2016/fs2/registration-fifth-european-drugs-summer-school)

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## World hepatitis day 2016



Transmitted through the sharing of needles, syringes and other injecting equipment, hepatitis C is highly prevalent among people who inject drugs in Europe. This year the EMCDDA will mark World hepatitis day on 28 July with the release of a new report dedicated to hepatitis C treatment for drug users in Europe. Hepatitis C infection is often asymptomatic and can go for years undiagnosed. Many of those infected go on to develop chronic hepatitis and are at risk of developing liver disease (e.g. cirrhosis, cancer).

For more, see [www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/upcoming](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/upcoming)

## Upcoming report on drug use among school students



The latest European data on substance use among 15–16-year-old school students (2015) will be released in the coming months by the European school survey project on alcohol and other drugs (ESPAD).

The report, published with the EMCDDA, will be launched in Lisbon on 20 September following a meeting of the agency's general population surveys expert group. ESPAD has been collecting data through school surveys every four years since 1995, the latest wave coinciding with its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The number of countries participating in the survey has increased over the years: 35 countries participated in the 2015 survey (100 000 respondents).

For more, see [www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/upcoming](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/upcoming)

## PUBLICATIONS

### European Drug Report 2016: Trends and developments

Annual statutory publication, May 2016

### Perspectives on Drugs

Online interactive windows on hot topics, May–June 2016

### General Report of Activities 2015

Annual statutory publication, June 2016

### A year in review 2015

Summary of *General Report of Activities*, June 2016

### Hepatitis C treatment for drug users in Europe

EMCDDA Insights, July 2016

For more, see [www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/upcoming](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/upcoming)

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