



Agenda | Expert meeting

EMCDDA expert meeting on the epidemiological indicator Drug-related deaths (DRD)

Date **30 September–1 October 2021**

Chair **Isabelle Giraudon**

Venue **Online**

Thursday, 30 September 2021

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09.00–10.30

Session 1: State of play, health threats and updates

Chair: Isabelle Giraudon, EMCDDA

- Introduction - Isabelle Giraudon and Peter Heudtlass, EMCDDA
 - Welcome
 - Updates: FAQ DRD; Trendspotter studies
 - State of play with 2021 reporting and preliminary data
- Risk assessment and health threats
 - Follow up of some issues raised in the Trendspotter report: Interactive presentation and discussion
 - 'Tour de table' with selected countries: Finland, The Netherlands and Italy
- Policy oriented recent research
 - Trends in drug poisoning deaths by sex: a repeated cross-sectional study from 2004 to 2017 - Ena Lynn, Ireland
 - Pregabalin and gabapentin in non-opioid poisoning deaths - Pirkko Kriikku, Finland

10.30–10.45 *Coffee break*

10.45–12.00

Session 2: Scaling up and adapting responses

Chair: Marica Ferri and Julian Vicente, EMCDDA

- Tour de table of countries with new programmes or updates. THN and SCR
- Situation and responses to the fentanyl crisis in British Columbia - Jean Westenberg, Canada
- Fentanyl – brief review of the national updates 2021 - EMCDDA
 - Research of fentanyl in PM toxicology: for discussion
- Crack cocaine in France: need assessment and safe consumption rooms - Marie Jauffret-Roustide, France

12.00

End of day 1

Friday, 1 October 2021

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Session 3: Mortality among drug users: mapping the sources, gaps and planned studies

Chair: André Noor, EMCDDA

- Cohort studies - updates on the project and way forward - Martin Busch, Austria
 - European overview
 - Co-production of country profiles with the national experts
 - Simplification of the standard reporting
- National updates and new cohorts
 - Cohort study among inpatient and outpatient followed up to December 2020 - Aušra Želvienė, Lithuania
 - Czech-Nordic OMT database-linkage study project - Viktor Mravcik, Czech Republic

10.15–10.35 *Coffee break*

10.35–12.00

Session 4: DRD data to inform policy making

Chair: Isabelle Giraudon, EMCDDA

- New case definition of DRD in Belgium: impact on numbers of DRD of the different selections - Jérôme Antoine, Belgium
- So-Prep - Katri Abel-Ollo, Estonia
- DRD monthly data 2020-2021 follow up

12.00

End of day 2

14.00

Session 5: Drug-related reporting: Support with ST6 (Voluntary)

Chair: Peter Heudtlass Isabelle Giraudon, EMCDDA

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