

**Clarification/correction
to one paragraph of the EMCDDA Press Release nº 6 issued on
25 June 2003 on:
EMCDDA study on drugs and road safety – EU consensus on the
criminality of drug driving – but wide differences nationally on
appropriate responses**

Country by country (1)

Fifteen countries (14 EU countries -- B, DK, D, E, EL, F, IRL, I, L, NL, **P**, FIN, S, UK plus Norway) (2) (3) treat the combination of drugs and driving as a criminal offence. In **Austria** endangerment of life, due to the influence of drugs, is a criminal offence, but driving under the influence of drugs is specified as an administrative offence.

- (1) This EMCDDA study was written in collaboration with a network of national legal correspondents appointed by the EMCDDA Management Board.
- (2) Eleventh-hour information regarding Italy (26.6.2003) confirms that driving under the influence of drugs is a criminal offence.
- (3) Data on Portugal in the EMCDDA report published on 26.6.2003 related to the road-safety law. In a clarification from the *Ministério da Administração Interna* – Ministry of Internal Affairs (26.6.2003), the Portuguese Penal Code (article 292) specifies that driving under the influence of drugs is considered a crime.

These clarifications/corrections have been duly introduced into the study.

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