



NEWS RELEASE from the EU drugs agency in Lisbon

LATEST ON THE DRUG PROBLEM ACROSS EUROPE

2004 Annual report from the EU drugs agency

- **Drug facts, figures and analyses: across Europe and by country**
- **Latest trends and social, legal and political responses**
- **Special issues: cannabis, co-morbidity and evaluation of national drug strategies**

(4.11.2004 LISBON) Key issues on drugs in Europe are addressed in the **2004 Annual report** out soon from the Lisbon-based **EU drugs agency**, the **EMCDDA**.

- **Launch date: Thursday 25 November**
- **Time: 10H00 CET (Brussels time)**
- **Venue: European Parliament press room (PHS 0A050), Rue Wiertz, B-1047 Brussels**

This year the **Annual report on the state of the drugs problem in the European Union and Norway** offers data from the **25 EU Member States** and **Norway** (available in 19 EU languages + Norwegian). For the first time the report carries chapters dedicated to individual drugs, which are complemented by further chapters on four transversal subjects: drug policy and law, crime and prison issues, prevention and treatment.

Expanded online versions and downloadable PDF files of the report will appear simultaneously on a dedicated website (<http://annualreport.emcdda.eu.int>). This site will also offer downloadable **National reports** from the Reitox network, **news releases** and a wealth of additional **tables, graphics** and **statistics** complementing and further illustrating the report's content.

The **Annual report** and **three news releases** (in 20 languages) will go online at **10H00 (CET)**. For access to news releases see also InfoPoint/News and media services (<http://www.emcdda.eu.int/?nnodeid=875>).

On the same day, the **EMCDDA** will launch its first online **Statistical bulletin** offering a wide-range of statistical tables, charts and analysis of the European drug situation (<http://statistics.emcdda.eu.int>).

Country situation summaries for all 25 EU Member States and Norway will complete the picture, providing brief synopses of up-to-date national data and trends (<http://profiles.emcdda.eu.int>).

Helpdesks will operate at the **EMCDDA** (Lisbon) on the day of the launch to answer journalists' questions (Tel. 351 218 11 30 00). Meanwhile **Reitox national focal points** will be offering the same service. Full contact details can be found at InfoPoint/News and media services/Helpdesks (<http://www.emcdda.eu.int>).

To ease traffic on the main website, the **EMCDDA** will also be offering an alternative website (<http://emcdda.kpnqwest.pt>) allowing access to the report and news releases.

Register on the **EMCDDA** homepage for regular news (<http://www.emcdda.eu.int/register>).