



NEWS RELEASE from the EU drugs agency in Lisbon

LATEST ON THE DRUGS PROBLEM ACROSS EUROPE

2007 Annual report from the EU drugs agency

- Drug facts, figures and analyses: across Europe and by country
- Latest trends and legal, political, social and health responses
- Selected issues: Drugs and driving; drug use among the under 15s; cocaine

(5.11.2007, LISBON) Key issues on drugs in Europe are addressed in the upcoming **2007 Annual report** from the Lisbon-based **EU drugs agency**, the **EMCDDA**.

- Launch date: Thursday 22 November
- Time: 10H00 CET (Brussels time)
- Venue: European Parliament press room (PHS 0A 050), Rue Wiertz, B-1047 Brussels

This year, the **Annual report on the state of the drugs problem in Europe** offers data from the **27 EU Member States, Norway and Turkey**. Individual chapters dedicated to specific drugs present the latest European overview of prevalence and patterns of use, supply and availability and treatment and other interventions. These are complemented by chapters relating to: new and emerging drug trends; policies and laws; responding to drug problems; and infectious diseases and drug-related deaths.

The **report** and **press pack** will be available in 23 languages (21 EU plus NO and TR) and accompanied by three **Selected issues** in English. This year, these in-depth reviews cover drugs and driving; drug use and related problems among the under 15s; and the public health impact of cocaine and crack cocaine use.

Simultaneously, the agency will release its **2007 Statistical bulletin**, an online product presenting around 400 tables and statistical graphs, underpinning much of the analysis in this year's report. **Country data profiles** will complete the picture, offering a graphical summary of key aspects of national drug situations.

National reports from the **Reitox focal points** — a primary source for the **2007 Annual report** — will also be available (in English), drawing an overall picture of the drug phenomenon in individual countries.

The above products will go online at 10H00 CET. **Helpdesks** will operate at the EMCDDA (Lisbon) on the day of the launch to answer journalists' questions — Tel. (351) 218 11 30 00 / 40 / 57 — while helpdesks at the Reitox focal points will answer country-specific queries.

Information on, and links to, all **Annual report** products, services and events will be available at:
<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/events/2007/annualreport.cfm>

and on an alternative website at:

<http://docs.emcdda.europa.eu>

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