



European Monitoring Centre  
for Drugs and Drug Addiction

## COOPERATION AND OUTPUTS

# Western Balkan countries

The EMCDDA has been working with Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo (\*), Montenegro and Serbia since 2008. Thanks to EU funding tools, such as the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), the candidate and potential candidate countries to the European Union can already participate effectively in the activities of the EMCDDA prior to EU accession.

The EMCDDA develops activities designed to help the partner countries understand how the Centre operates. It also enables candidate and potential candidate countries (IPA beneficiaries) to involve other relevant national stakeholders in their activities in ways similar to those of EU Member States. The EMCDDA carries out preparatory measures such as training activities, study visits, workshops, conferences and outreach actions. Activities also include the preparation of documents such as manuals, guides, reports and other relevant documents for the benefit of the IPA beneficiaries.

Through the range of training capacity activities carried out in the IPA beneficiaries which support the countries concerned in the implementation and development of their national drug information systems, these countries are progressively collecting information and data following EMCDDA guidelines and methodologies. National representatives also regularly attend the EMCDDA's expert meetings, which enables them to understand better the methodologies developed and hence guarantee an effective implementation at national level.

A follow-up project has been confirmed by the European Commission and is scheduled to start in autumn 2015.



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(\*) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

## Publications and outputs



### Representative survey on drug use among the general population

First representative surveys on drug use among the general population in Albania, Kosovo, Serbia and a pilot survey in three cities of Montenegro. These surveys follow the European Model Questionnaire and offer a huge potential for future analysis.

[emcdda.europa.eu/about/partners/cc#albania](http://emcdda.europa.eu/about/partners/cc#albania)



### National reports on the drug situation

Updated National reports on the drug situation (2013 data) following EMCDDA guidelines are available for Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo (\*), and Serbia.

[emcdda.europa.eu/publications/national-reports](http://emcdda.europa.eu/publications/national-reports)



### Country overviews

For a rapid overview of the drug situation, you may also consult the Country overviews of Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo (\*), Montenegro and Serbia. New updates of the overviews are under preparation.

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### upcoming publication

### Drug use and its consequences in the Western Balkan countries

A first regional report on 'Drug use and its consequences in the Western Balkan countries' will be published in the coming weeks.

[emcdda.europa.eu/publications](http://emcdda.europa.eu/publications)



### Prevention of infectious diseases among people who inject drugs in some Western Balkan countries

Report of the Reitox Academy, 29–30 October 2013, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

[emcdda.europa.eu/publications/technical-reports/prevention-infectious-diseases-western-balkan-countries](http://emcdda.europa.eu/publications/technical-reports/prevention-infectious-diseases-western-balkan-countries)



### Drug law offences in the Western Balkan region: from definition to monitoring

Report of the Reitox Academy, 2–3 April 2014 in Podgorica, Montenegro

[emcdda.europa.eu/publications/technical-reports/drug-law-offences-western-balkan-countries](http://emcdda.europa.eu/publications/technical-reports/drug-law-offences-western-balkan-countries)

The EMCDDA translated some key publications and EMCDDA protocols into the IPA beneficiaries' national languages:



### Treatment demand indicator. Standard protocol 3.0: guidelines for reporting data on people entering drug treatment in European countries

[emcdda.europa.eu/publications/manuals/tdi-protocol-3.0](http://emcdda.europa.eu/publications/manuals/tdi-protocol-3.0)



### European drug prevention quality standards: a quick guide

[emcdda.europa.eu/publications/adhoc/prevention-standard](http://emcdda.europa.eu/publications/adhoc/prevention-standard)



### ECDC and EMCDDA guidance. Prevention and control of infectious diseases among people who inject drugs

[emcdda.europa.eu/publications/ecdc-emcdda-guidance](http://emcdda.europa.eu/publications/ecdc-emcdda-guidance)