

# Croatian experience in conducting the European Web Survey on Drugs: use of Facebook and Google ads

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# **European Web Survey on Drugs in Croatia**



- Conducted by the Office for Combating Drugs Abuse & Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Zagreb, and Association of Students of the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences "USSP-Pupovci"
- Initiated & supported by EMCDDA
- Translation of the questionnaire to Croatian
- Recruitment strategies:
  - Student's associations (link on their webpage / FB, e-mail)
  - Dissemination via personal contacts (e-mails, FB)
  - Universities (contacts with vice-deans; websites)
  - Forum.hr
  - Facebook & Goggle ads
- Questionnaire was active between 4 April-30 May 2016
- ❖ Budget: EUR 2.500,00

# Paid advertisements as a recruitment strategy in online surveys?



#### Rationale:

- Social media is widely used today
- Facebook is the largest social networking website
   1.71 billion monthly active users

(http://www.statista.com/statistics/272014/global-social-networks-ranked-by-number-of-users/)

Around 1.7 million people in Croatia use Facebook monthly

- ❖ Google the most popular web site (according to Alexa rank, April 2016)
- Potential audience of ad reach in Croatia is 3.1 million individual Internet user
- Paid ads: cost-effective recruitment source of young adults in online surveys (Ramo, Hall & Prochaska, 2010; Ramo & Prochaska, 2012)

# Methods (1)



#### **Participants**

❖ Target group: 18-65+, live in Croatia, speak Croatian / English, consumed at least once in the last 12 months one or more of the drugs: cannabis, amphetamines, ecstasy, cocaine

### FB recruitment campaign

- FB page
- Facebook's Advertising (Ad) program
- Ads appeared on the pages of our targeted audience interests
  - different music styles, festivals, popular singers (28 terms were included)
- We specified daily amount we were willing to pay for an ad ("a bid")
- Paid FB post & FB advertising

# Methods (2)

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## Google campaign

- Google's Ad Words was used
- Groups were targeted by offered categories:
- Affinity audiences (reach) > Music Lovers > Indie & Alternative Rock Fans
- Affinity audiences (reach) > Music Lovers > Rap & Hip Hop Fans
- Affinity audiences (reach) > Music Lovers > Electronic & Dance Music
   Fans
- Affinity audiences (reach) > Nightlife Enthusiasts

### Custom group was added:

Audience affinity described by websites and interests they showed for or have history of visiting > <a href="www.ultraeurope.com">www.ultraeurope.com</a>, <a href="www.tulumarka.com">www.tulumarka.com</a>, <a h

# Methods (3)



#### Study procedure

- ❖ Approval from the Ethical Committee (ERF)
- Informed consent
- IP were not tracked
- LimeService
- Self-report (15')

### Results of the FB & Google campaign

- Campaign: number of impressions, clicks, costs
- Recruitment results: the sample who was reached and completed the survey
- Participants characteristics

# **Creating an advertisement**



- Purpose to attract attention and arouse curiosity
- Situational familiarity
- Motive a girl relaxing on a couch, seemingly floating in the space
- Associations on the (dis)approval were avoided



Photo was accompanied with short information and a hyperlink to the LimeService

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**DRUGS ABUSE** 

Koristiš li droge, makar samo jednom u posljednjih 12 mjeseci? Reci nam nešto o tome i sudjeluj u istraživanju koje će utjecati na oblikovanje europske politike prema drogama.

Anonimno i brzo!... See More

Do you use drugs, even just once in the past 12 months? Tell us about it and respond to the survey, which will affect the shaping of European policy towards drugs.

Anonymous and fast!

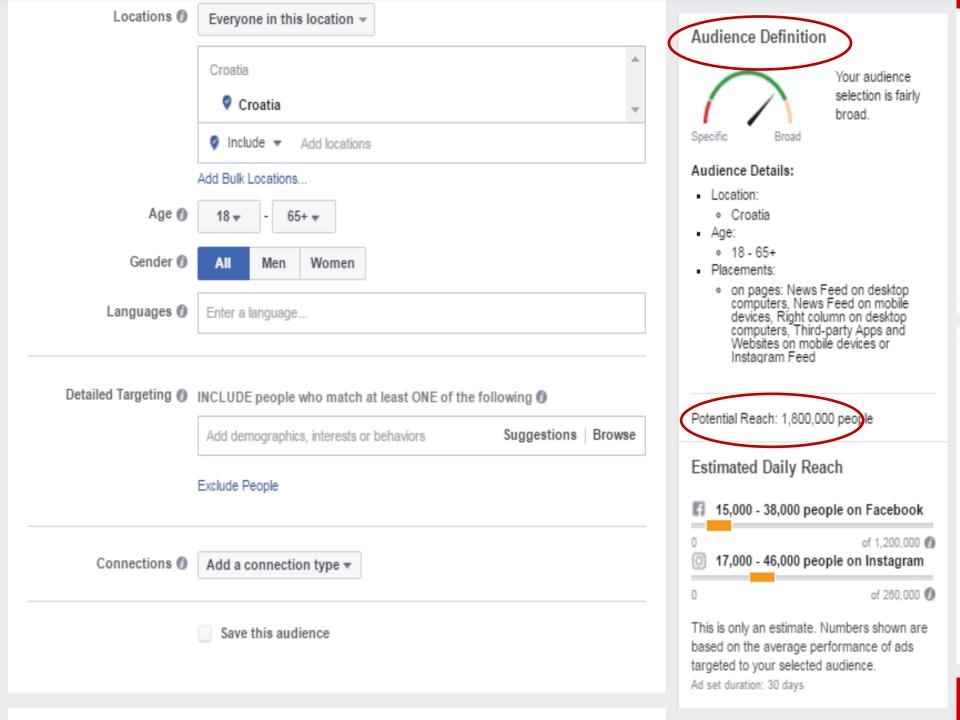
http://drugusersurvey.limequery.com/index.php/537177/lang-fi



#### Europsko web istraživanje o obrascima uporabe droga LimeService - Your online survey service

Ovo istraživanje je anonimno. Zapisi o odgovorima ne sadrže identifikacijske informacije o Vama. IP adresa neće biti pohranjena. Tokeni se ne upotrebljavaju....

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# Results of the campaign (1)



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♦ N= 9 142 (out of which 4 229 completed the survey)

#### FB ads

- The published post was showed to 509 833 individual users
- 13 975 by voluntary sharing
- ❖ 495 858 as a sponsored advertisement





if Like Page

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#### See Translation



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#### NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

16 Hide Post 2 Hide All Posts

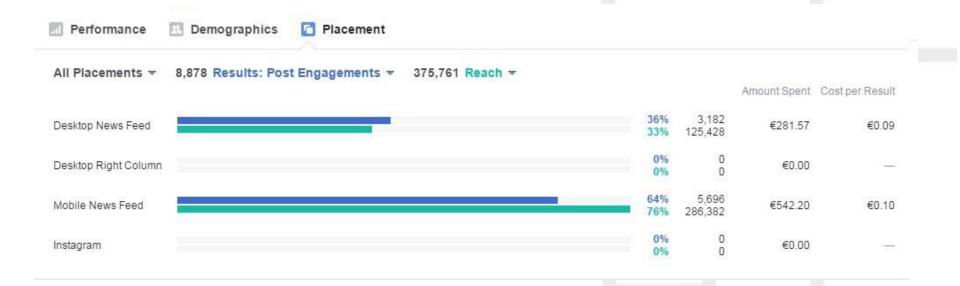
O Report as Spam O Unlike Page

# Results of the campaign: FB post results



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- EUR 823,77 spent on post
- Performance, demographics & placement



# Results of the campaign: FB advertising



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- EUR 408,23 spent on ads
- Performance, demographics & placement



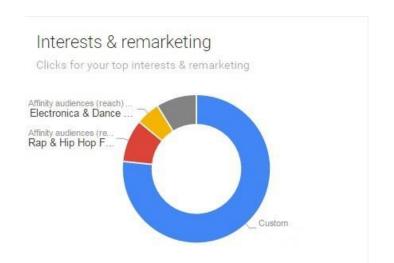
# Results of the campaign: Google ads

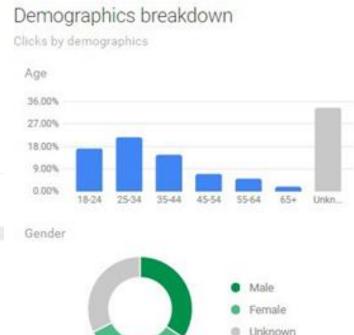


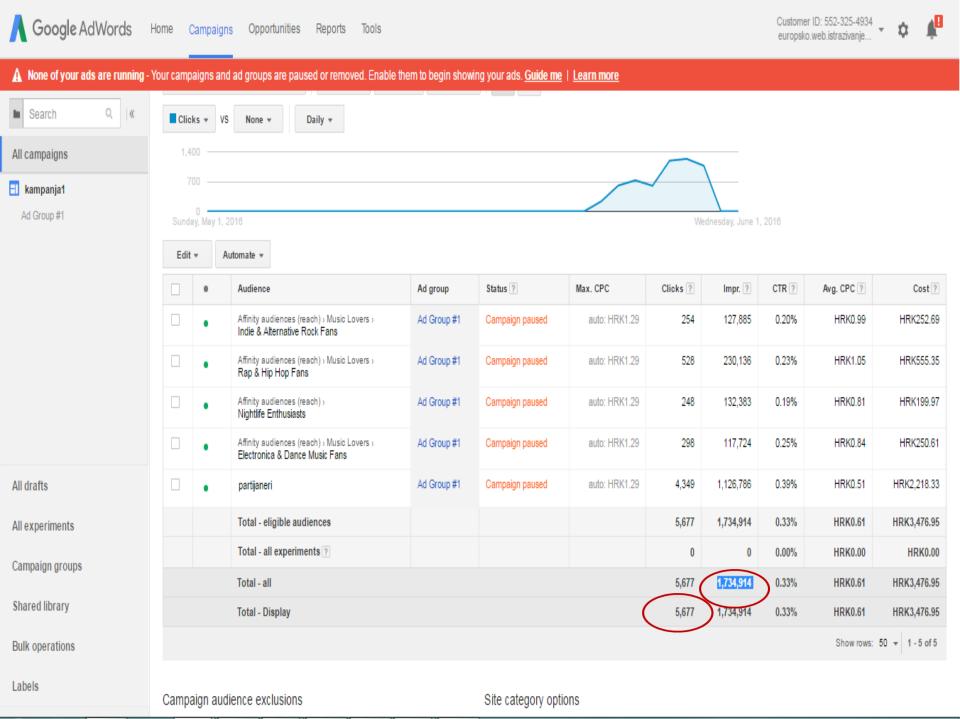
- Around EUR 460 spent
- Number of clicks per a day in a period 23-30 May 2016, demographics & interests











Ad	Ad group	Status ?	Labels ?	% Served	Campaign type	Campaign subtype	Clicks 7	Impr. 🕎	CTR 🔻	Avg. CPC 7	Cost ?	Avg. Pos.
250x250.jpg 250 x 250 View full-sized image ad	Ad Group #1	Campaign paused		1.65%	Display Network only	All features	82	28,693	0.29%	HRK1.15	HRK94.24	1.0
320x100.jpg 320 x 100 View full-sized image ad	Ad Group #1	Campaign paused	-	16.04%	Display Network only	All features	637	278,209	0.23%	HRK0.46	HRK294.85	1.0
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580×400.jpg 580 × 400 View full-sized image ad	Ad Group #1	Campaign paused	(25)	0.31%	Display Network only	All features	61	5,428	1.12%	HRK0.51	HRK31.40	1.0
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Total - all but removed ads							5,677	1,734,914	0.33%	HRK0.61	HRK3,476.95	1.0
Total - all campaign								1,734,914	0.33%	HRK0.61	HRK3,476.95	1.0

## **Conclusions**



- Paid ads reached high number of respondents short period of time reasonable budget
- Facebook ads achieved greater coverage than Google ads

#### Paid ads:

- Might be a valuable strategy
  - for reaching "hard to reach" respondents;
  - in surveys with "difficult" topics
- Limitations connected with online surveys (e.g. non-representative samples; challenges to generate valid data)



# Thank you for your attention!

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