



NEWS RELEASE from the EU drugs agency in Lisbon

LATEST ON THE DRUG PROBLEM ACROSS EUROPE

2006 Annual report from the EU drugs agency

- Drug facts, figures and analyses: across Europe and by country
- Latest trends and legal, political and social responses
- Selected issues: European drug policies; gender differences; drug use in recreational settings

(6.11.2006, LISBON) Key issues on drugs in Europe are addressed in the upcoming **2006 Annual report** from the Lisbon-based **EU drugs agency**, the **EMCDDA**.

- Launch date: Thursday 23 November
- Time: 11H00 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 **25 EU Member States, Norway, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey**. Cannabis, cocaine and opioids, as well as amphetamines, ecstasy and psychotropic drugs are the focus of four chapters looking at drug use, trends, supply and treatment. Further chapters relate to: policies and laws; responding to drug problems; infectious diseases and drug-related deaths; and monitoring problem and multiple drug use. The report will be available in 23 languages (19 EU + NO, BG, RO, TR).

Online versions of the report will be published simultaneously at <http://annualreport.emcdda.europa.eu>, a dedicated website also offering EMCDDA **news releases** (23 languages) and **national reports** (English) from the **Reitox national focal points**. The report is complemented by three **Selected issues** (English) entitled: 'European drug policies: extended beyond illicit drugs?'; 'A gender perspective on drug use and responding to drug problems'; and 'Developments in drug use within recreational settings' (<http://issues06.emcdda.europa.eu>).

On the same day, the EMCDDA will release its **2006 Statistical bulletin**, an online product presenting over 300 tables and statistical graphics, underpinning much of the analysis in this year's report (<http://stats06.emcdda.europa.eu>). **Country data profiles** will complete the picture, providing a graphical summary of key aspects of national drug situations (<http://datapfiles06.emcdda.europa.eu>).

The above products will go online at 11H00 (CET). **Helpdesks** will operate at the EMCDDA (Lisbon) on the day of the launch to answer journalists' questions (Tel. ++ 351 218 11 30 00), while helpdesks at the Reitox focal points will answer country-specific queries (<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/?nnodeid=1225>).

To ease traffic on the main website, the EMCDDA will offer an alternative website (<http://docs.emcdda.europa.eu>) allowing access to the report and news releases.

News releases will also be available at <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/?nnodeid=875>

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