



European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction

PROGRAMME

Drug-related deaths (DRD)

2018 expert meeting

8–9 November 2018
EMCDDA, Lisbon

Thursday 8 November 2018	
09.00	<p>Session 1: Objectives, introduction to the meeting</p> <p>Chairs: Isabelle Giraudon and Mário João Dias</p> <p><i>Objectives: To introduce the meeting, to review the latest drug-induced deaths data reported; to reflect on fentanyl-related deaths trends in Europe and Canada</i></p> <p>Opening by Alexis Goosdeel, EMCDDA Director</p> <p>Objectives of the meeting, updates on our activities, and latest data and trends in drug-related deaths (Fonte 2018) for discussion — Isabelle Giraudon, EMCDDA</p> <p>Fentanyl deaths: contrasted pictures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opioid-related death epidemic in Canada — Benedikt Fischer, Canada • Drastic decline in deaths caused by fentanyl analogues in Sweden during 2018 – what has happened? — Mimmi Eriksson Tinghög, Sweden • Fentanils outbreak in 2017 : intelligence sharing and public health advice for preparedness — Martin White, United Kingdom
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	<p>Session 2: (re) Emerging challenges – cocaine, NPS</p> <p>Chairs: Julian Vicente and Vasil Atanasov</p> <p><i>Objectives: To provide an update on cocaine- and NPS-related deaths in Europe</i></p> <p>Cocaine-related deaths in the context of increased cocaine availability, use and purity. Reflections and updates on the Trendspotter findings — Alessandro Pirona, EMCDDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Cocaine use in Luxembourg – what do we know?’— Michel Yegles, Luxembourg <p>Potential impact of NPS on drug-related deaths, and public health impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS-related deaths: perspective from the EU EWS — Rachel Christie, EMCDDA • Drug trends in Glasgow and Scotland with particular emphasis on cocaine and benzodiazepines — Roy Robertson, Scotland, United Kingdom • Synthetic cannabinoid related deaths in Turkey in 2017 — Bülent Sam, Turkey
12.30	Lunch break
14.00	<p>Session 3: Mortality cohort studies</p> <p>Chairs: Federica Mathis and Thomas Clausen</p> <p><i>Objectives: To provide an update on recent cohorts conducted in Europe among drug users, and to discuss their implications for public health</i></p> <p>Large new cohort in Austria — Martin Busch, Austria</p> <p>Findings from a 42000 persons cohort followed up from 2000 to 2016 in Poland — Janusz Sierosławski, Poland</p> <p>Opioid, stimulants and synthetic cannabinoids users followed up to 2017 — Linda Veisberga, Latvia</p> <p>Overdose is the most common cause of death among an HIV patients cohort — Gleb Denissov, Estonia</p> <p>Short updates</p>
15.30	Coffee break
16.00	<p>Session 4: Improving DRD information. Coherence of the epidemiological indicators: an exploratory exercise</p> <p>Chairs: Julian Vicente and Martin Busch</p> <p><i>Objectives: To identify and understand factors influencing DRD results, to analyse the coherence of existing indicators, both with country-by-country analysis and cross-country analysis.</i></p> <p>Introduction — Julian Vicente, EMCDDA</p> <p>Coherence of opioid indicators with a focus on DRD; a multi-country analysis — Julian Vicente, EMCDDA</p> <p>Discussion and questions</p> <p>Countries examples and feedback — Isabelle Giraudon, EMCDDA and national experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latvia, Bulgaria <p>‘Opioid deaths – findings from further analyses and ‘deep dive’ exercise in England’ — Martin White, United Kingdom</p>

17.45	End of day one
19.30	Dinner at IBO restaurant and networking

Friday 9 November 2018			
09.00	<p>Session 5: Responses</p> <p>Chairs: Dagmar Hedrich and Marica Ferri</p> <p><i>Objectives: To review recent developments regarding interventions to prevent drug-related deaths</i></p> <p>The opioid epidemic in OECD countries: preliminary results from an international comparative policy analysis — Cristian Herrera, OECD</p> <p>Responding to the opioid overdose epidemic in Canada — Benedikt Fischer, Canada</p> <p>Naloxone distribution in response to overdoses in Scotland: how can we measure its effect? — Roy Robertson, United Kingdom</p> <p>Ageing OMT patients; consequences for service provision — Thomas Clausen, Norway</p> <p>Short updates</p> <p>Supervised drug consumption facilities — André Noor, EMCDDA</p> <p>National brief updates on THN programmes and drug consumption facilities</p> <p>Introduction to the parallel workshops</p>		
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13.15	End of the meeting		