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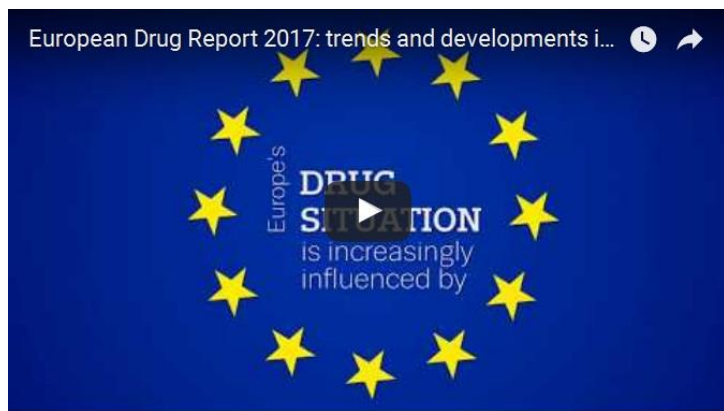
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### Statistical Bulletin 2017

The Statistical Bulletin is published annually by the EMCDDA and consists of the most recent available data on the drug situation in Europe, all available to view interactively on screen and download in Excel format. The Statistical bulletin is the result of close interaction between focal points and experts at the country level, and the EMCDDA at the European level.

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Prevalence of drug use	Overdose deaths	Infectious diseases	Problem drug use
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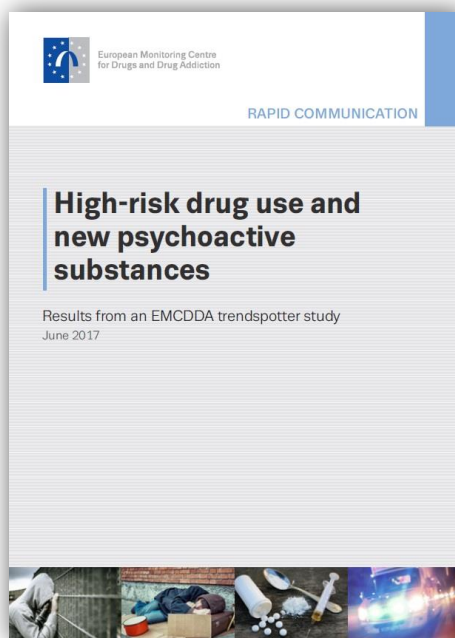
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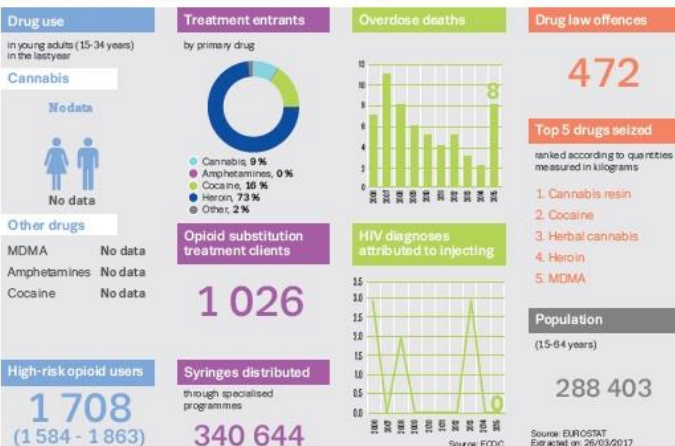
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#### THE DRUG PROBLEM IN MALTA AT A GLANCE



NB: Data presented here are either national estimates (prevalence of use, opioid drug users) or reported numbers through the EMCDDA indicators (treatment clients, syringes, deaths and HIV diagnosis, drug law offences and seizures). Detailed information on methodology and caveats and comments on the limitations in the information set available can be found in the EMCDDA Statistical Bulletin.

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FI	201
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- Joint press point by Commissioner Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, Laura D'ARRIGO, EMCDDA Chair of the Management Board, and Alexis GOOSDEEL, Director of the EMCDDA





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2017 European Drug Report... Spain becoming Europe's cannabis garden



**Is Spain becoming Europe's cannabis garden?**

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Cannabis production in Spain has grown significantly in recent years with more than 300,000 plants seized in 2015. Marijuana labs are believed to be operated by organized groups who want to export to northern Europe.

They called her 'the president'. She runs a prosperous business in the holiday town of Marbella, on the southern coast of Spain. Francisca Pérez, 50, had allegedly set up three marijuana labs in three separated townhouses in the same luxury Aloha Village Lake estate. The Spanish Police seized 1225 cannabis plants and five loaded guns.

This operation in July 2016 was one of many the Spanish police have launched in the past few years. "We are dismantling marijuana labs each week", a policeman who wanted to remain anonymous told Euronews. "Organized groups may rent out different chalets, flats and warehouses or they hide the plants in the middle of maize fields".

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The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction's annual report on Malta finds that fewer people are using heroin, while the number of cocaine users continues to rise

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## Drogues : la mortalité par surdose en hausse en Europe

Dans son rapport annuel, l'Observatoire européen des drogues et des toxicomanies alerte sur une augmentation des risques de santé liée à l'usage des stupéfiants.

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Par Esther Attias

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Pour son rapport annuel sur les données 2016, publié mardi 6 juin, l'Observatoire européen des drogues et des toxicomanies (OEDT) – l'agence de l'Union

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# Highlights from the European Drug Report 2017

**Overdose deaths** — rise for third year in a row

**New synthetic opioids** — a growing health threat

**NPS** — fewer new detections, but availability high and problems continue

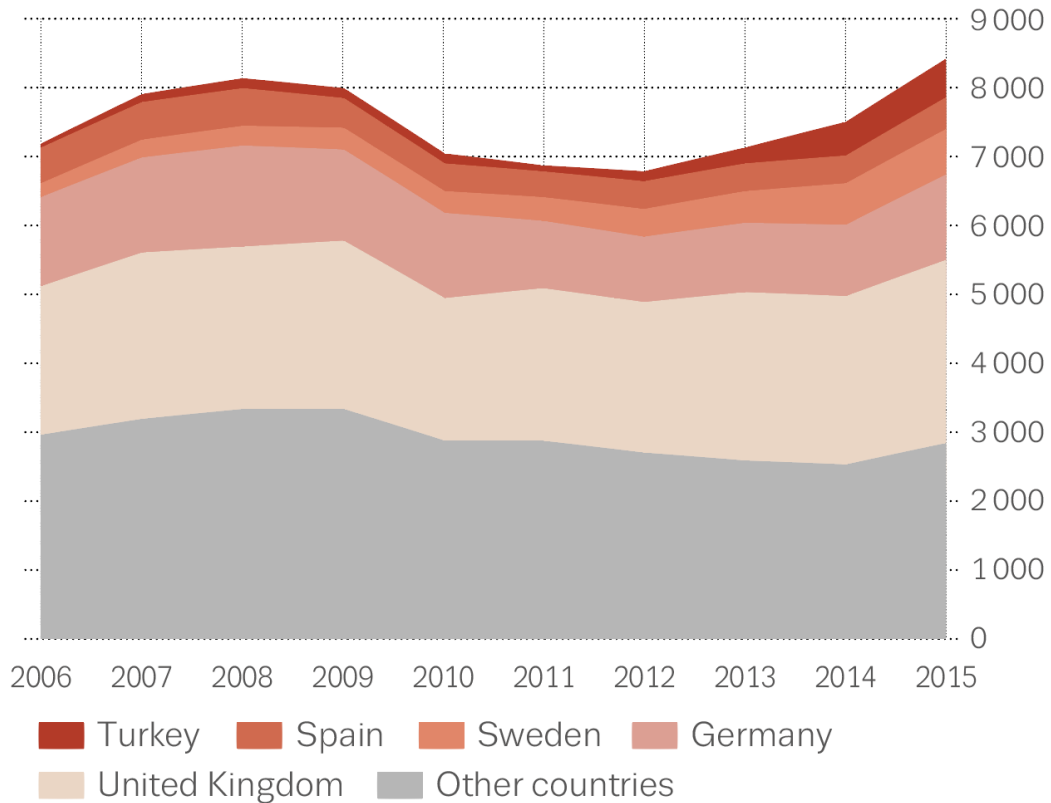
**Cocaine** — first signs of increasing availability?

**Cannabis trends** — EU and US student substance use compared

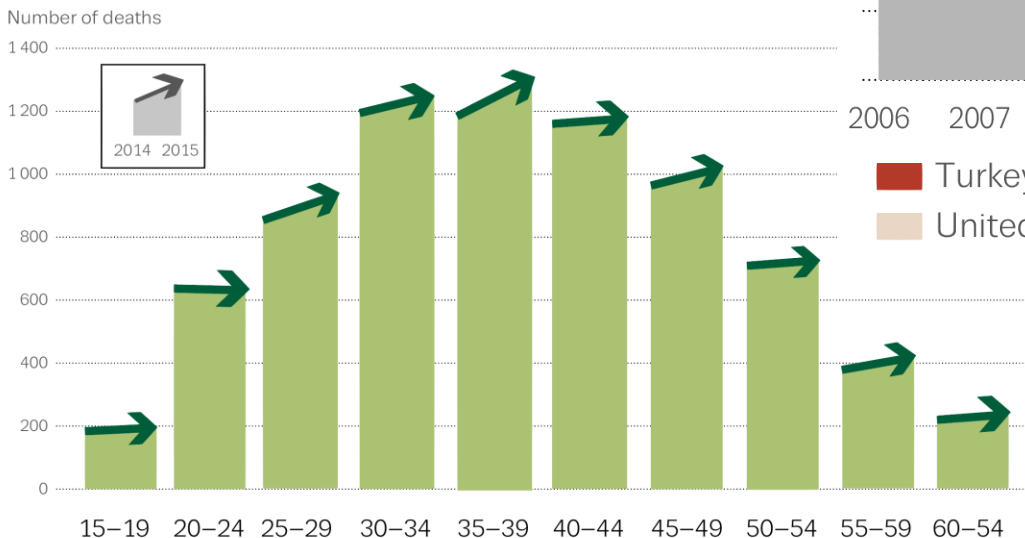
# 1. Overdose deaths: rise for third year

- 8 441 deaths in 2015
- Heroin and other opioids a concern
- Increases among almost all age groups

Trends in overdose deaths



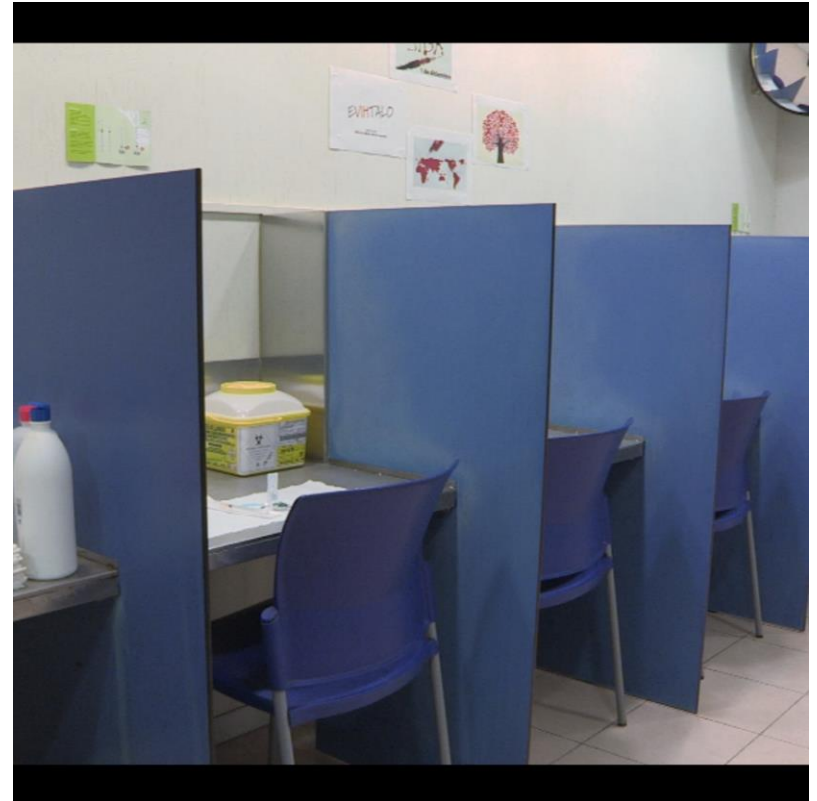
Number of drug-induced deaths reported in Europe in 2014 and 2015, by age band





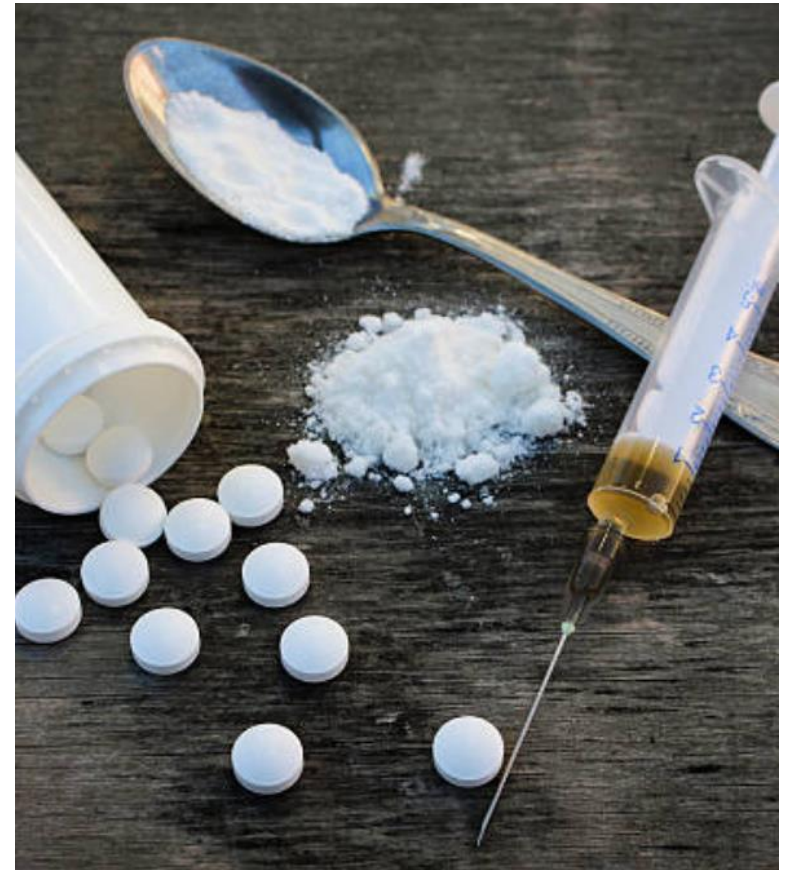
# Preventing drug overdose deaths

- Opioid substitution treatment (OST) — sound evidence...
- Importance of reducing diversion of OST medications
- Naloxone schemes: 10 countries
- Drug consumption rooms: 7 countries



## 2. New synthetic opioids — a growing health threat

- 25 new synthetic opioids detected between 2009 and 2016
- Highly potent, also found in other products
- Intoxication risk to users and to those accidentally exposed



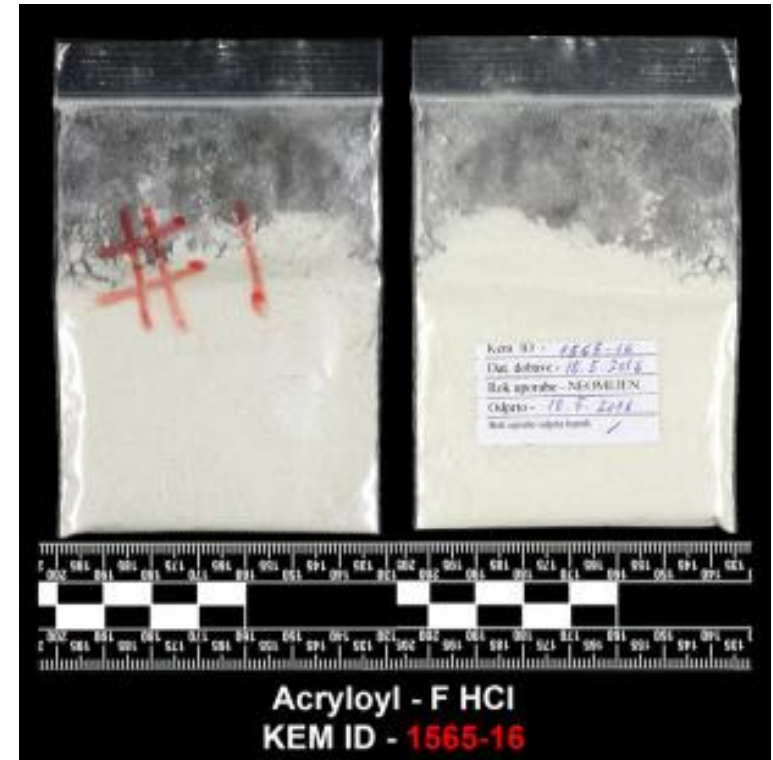
# Two fentanils risk assessed in 2017

8 new fentanils reported to EU  
Early Warning System (EWS)  
in 2016

Acryloylfentanyl and  
furanylfentanyl assessed

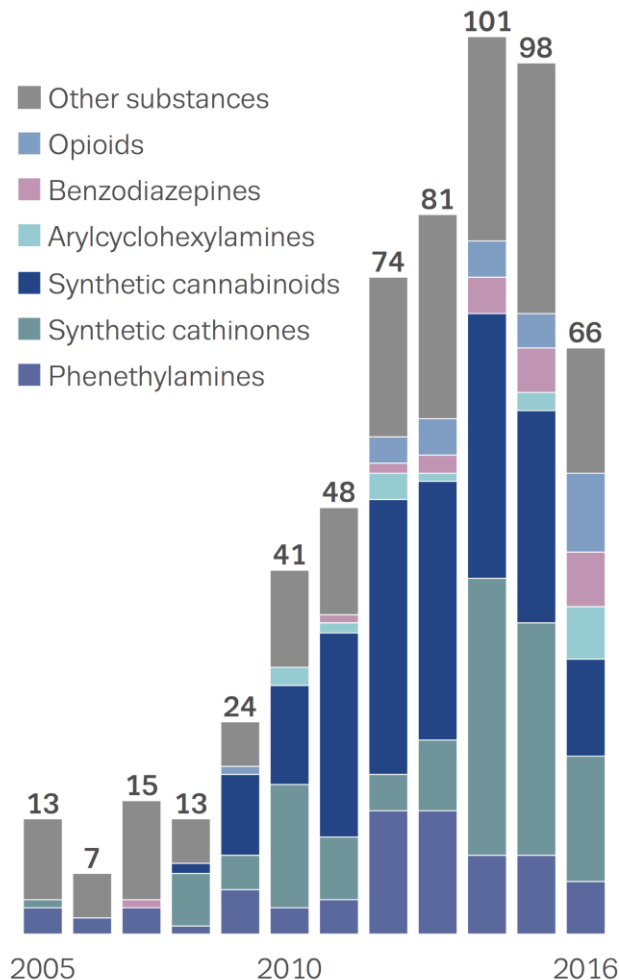
- Multiple deaths associated
- Being considered for control in EU

Three new fentanils under  
investigation



### 3. NPS: drop in new detections but availability still high

Number and categories of new psychoactive substances notified to the EU Early Warning System for the first time



- 66 new substances detected in 2016
- Decline from 2014 peak
- Impact of regulation in EU and China?
- 620+ substances monitored by EWS
- Deaths and acute intoxications still a problem



# NPS: high-risk use in marginalised populations

Low use in general population but problems for some groups:

- cathinone injection by opioid users, MSM
- synthetic cannabinoids among homeless
- use in prison a growing concern

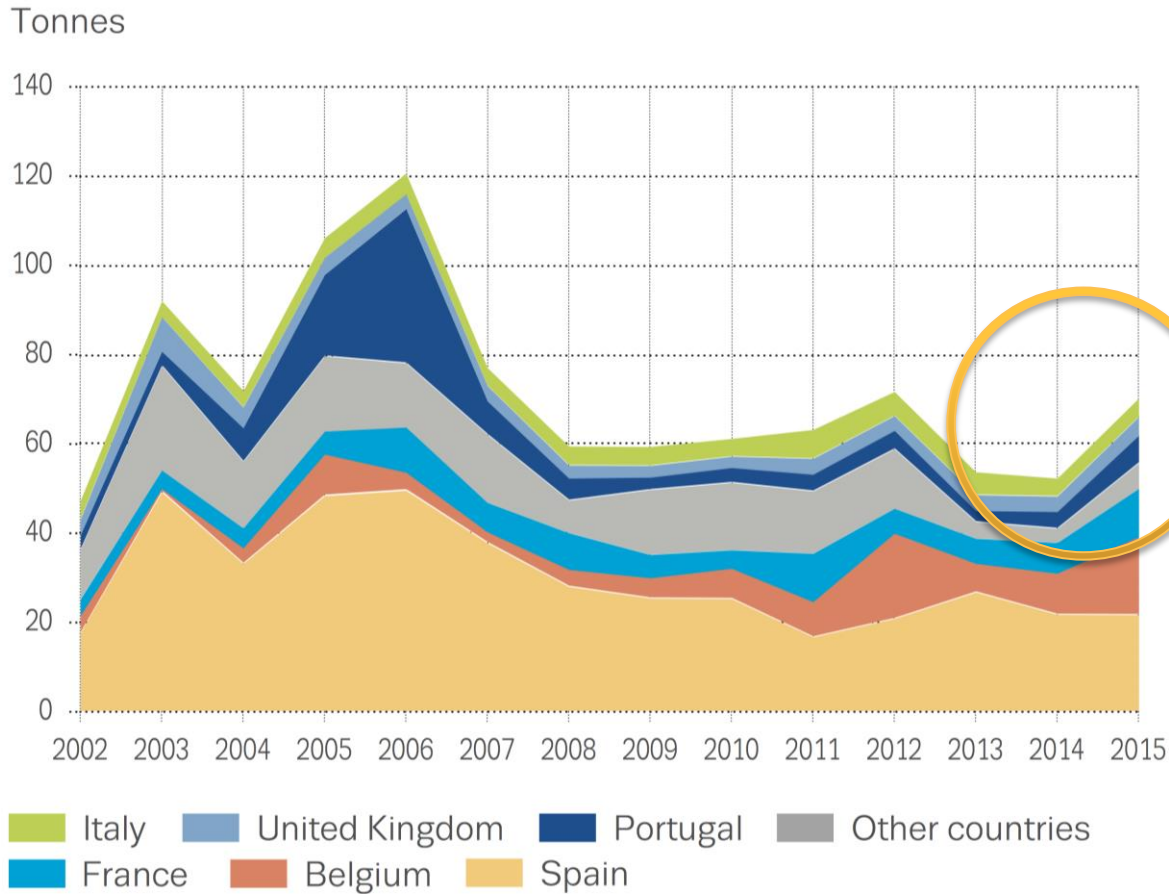
*New report published:*

*High-risk drug use and new psychoactive substances*

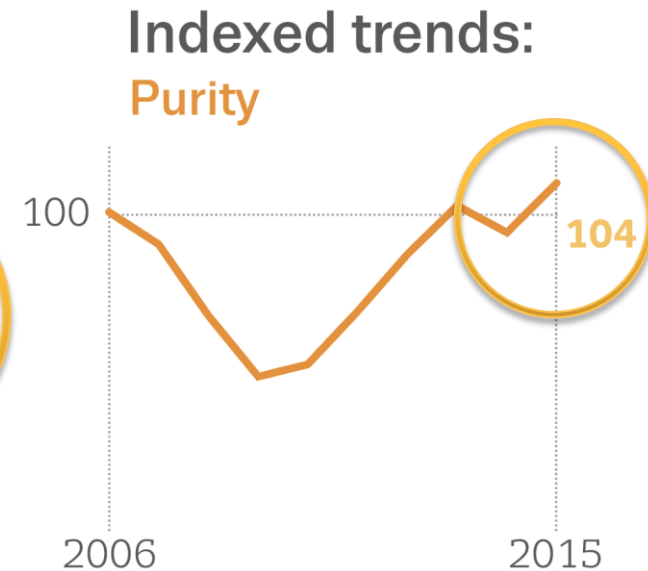


# 4. First signs of rising cocaine availability?

## Quantity of cocaine seized



## Purity

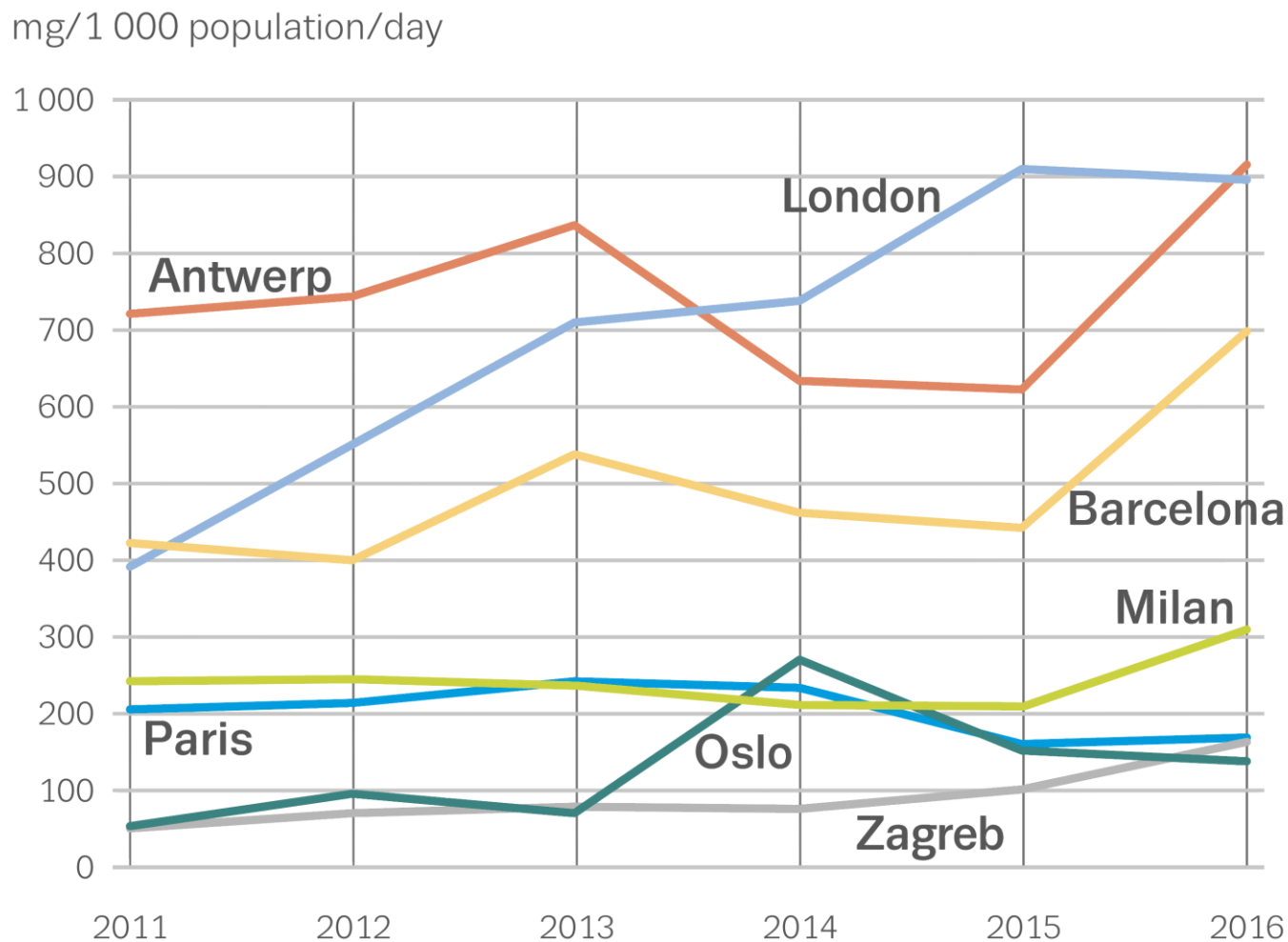


# Cocaine: increases in wastewater analysis

Cocaine residues 

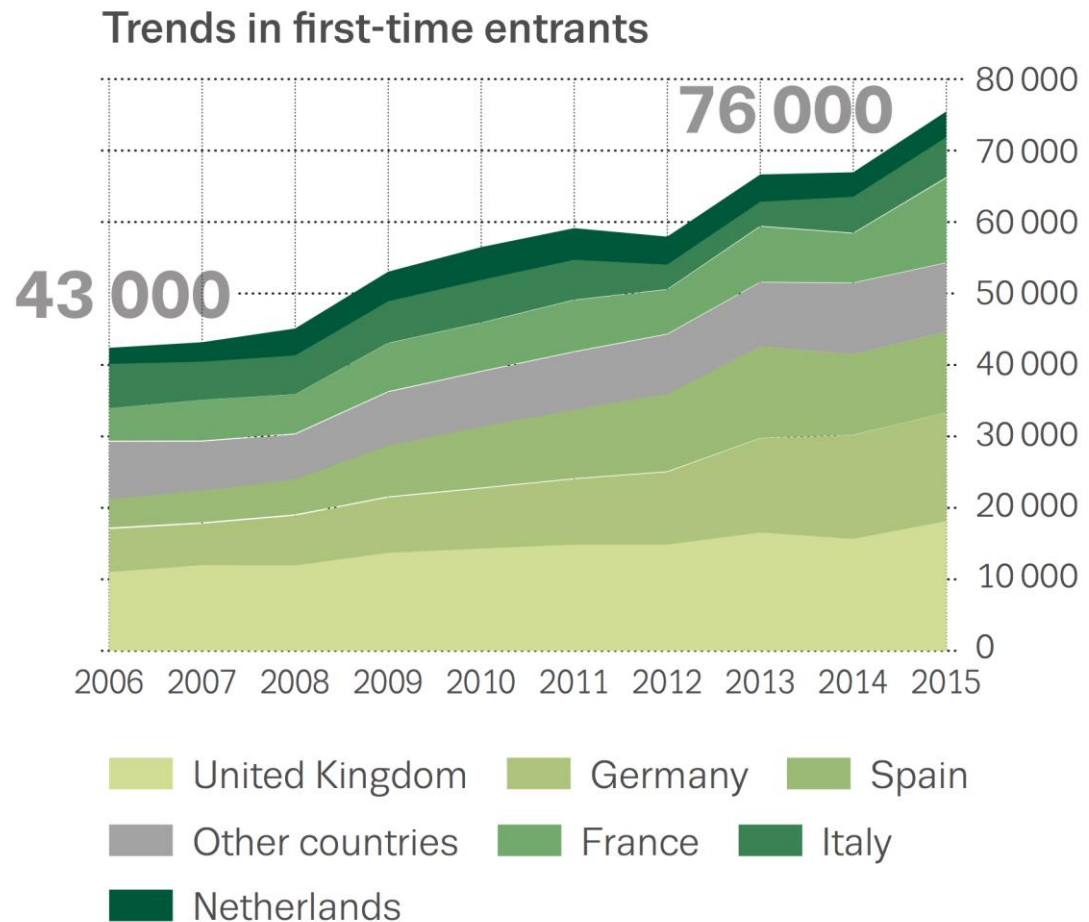
in 22/33 cities  
between  
2015-2016

Cocaine residues in wastewater in selected European cities: trends



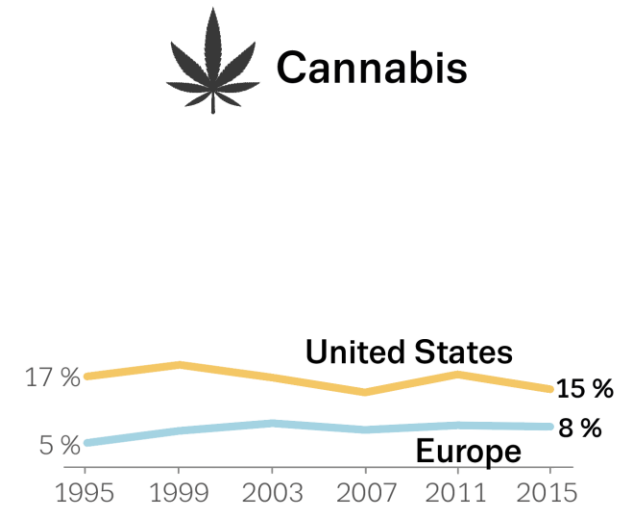
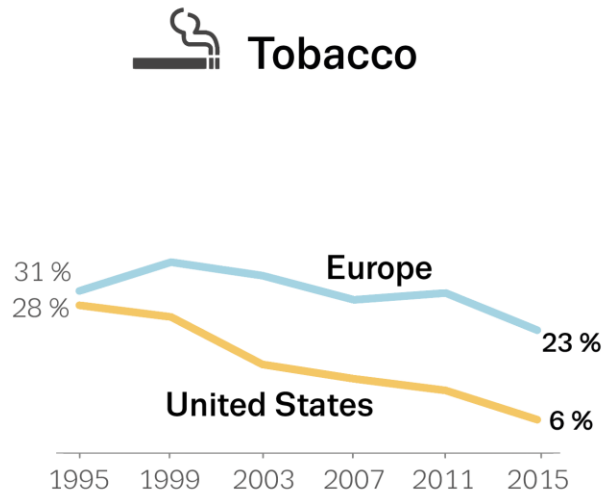
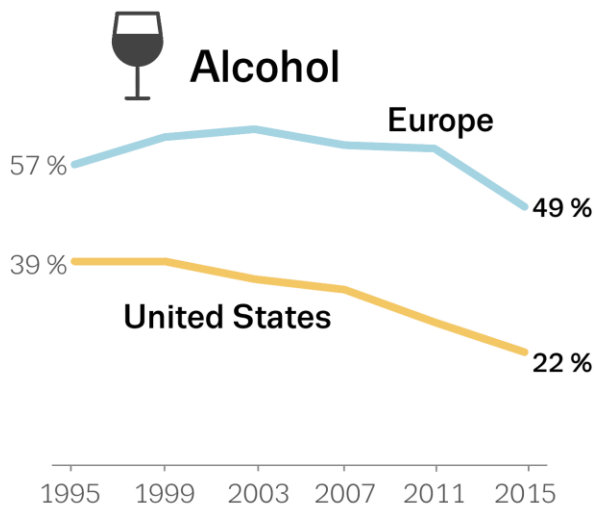
## 5. Cannabis use and problems

- 87.7 million European adults have tried cannabis
- 1% adults daily users
- National diversity in prevalence and trends
- Increasing treatment demand — 45% of new entrants





# EU and US students: last-month substance use compared



- EU cannabis use **half** levels found in US (stable)
- But alcohol use **2x** and tobacco **4x** higher in Europe (declining)
- Success for tobacco and alcohol transferable?

# Conclusions...

## Drug-related deaths

- Challenge of monitoring and responding to an evolving and complex problem
- Need to develop and share effective responses



## New psychoactive substances

- Remain a policy challenge
- New problems seen in marginalised communities and particular settings
- More interplay with the illicit drug market



## Cocaine

- Possible emerging problem, need for vigilance





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