




Focal Points

Latvian NFP within Reitox, the European information network on drugs and drug addiction

	
Collaboration with European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)	
Name	Latvian national focal point (Latvian NFP) within Reitox, the European information network on drugs and drug addiction.
Leading organisation	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA). EMCDDA is the central reference point for drug information in the EU. Set up in 1993, and based in Lisbon, its role is to provide the EU and its Member States with objective, reliable and comparable information on drugs and drug addiction. It is one of the EU's decentralised agencies. More: www.emcdda.europa.eu
The network's main mission	<p>The Regulation governing the EMCDDA's work requires that each EU Member State or other country participating in the work of the Centre shall establish one national focal point (NFP). This designated national focal point then becomes a member of the network, which currently includes each of the 27 EU Member States plus Croatia, Turkey, Norway and the European Commission.</p> <p>Reitox directly contributes to the EMCDDA's core task of collecting and reporting consistent, harmonised and standardised information on the drug phenomenon across Europe.</p> <p>Reitox links national drug information systems and is the main way in which the EMCDDA exchanges data and methodological information on drugs and drug addiction in Europe. Data collected through the Reitox network are also utilised to monitor and support the evaluation of the outcomes of the EU drugs action plans, within its drug strategy. Furthermore, the data help guide EU drug policies and develop recommendations for appropriate national responses for organising treatment, prevention and harm reduction activities. The information gathered through the EU Early warning system for new psychoactive substances implemented in cooperation with the network makes it possible to adopt decisions for putting these under control within the EU.</p>

The main functions of national focal point	<p>The national focal points are the cornerstone of the European drug monitoring and reporting system. On an annual basis, a NFP should collect information and produce comparable and scientifically sound data on a national drug situation which will feed into monitoring the situation across Europe.</p> <p>The NFPs also help improve data collection methodologies and tools, and develop relevant guidelines for their implementation.</p> <p>In addition, the NFPs participate in the Early warning system and report to the EMCDDA on new trends in the use of existing psychoactive substances and/or new consumption patterns involving combinations of psychoactive substances which pose a potential public health risk.</p> <p>The three core functions of a NFP are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data collection and monitoring; • analysis and interpretation of data collected; • reporting and dissemination of the results at national level. <p>The Reitox NFP are asked to disseminate knowledge and best practice produced at European level and relevant for national needs to the extended community of professionals involved with drugs and drug addiction. They also support the broad dissemination of EMCDDA products and publications at national level.</p>
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