

European Web Survey on Drugs: patterns of use (EWSD)

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Description	<p>Web-based surveys are a useful and quick tool for collecting information on patterns of drug use from a wider range of people who use illicit drugs. Web-based surveys should complement data coming from general population surveys.</p> <p>The European Web Survey on Drugs (EWSD) is an international initiative using a web-based questionnaire to collect information on drug use, such as amounts of drugs used by different groups of drug users. While not being representative of the general population, web surveys carefully conducted may nevertheless provide valuable information about variations in use among different groups of drug users that can be a valuable adjunct to General Population Surveys.</p> <p>The project aims to develop and test a web survey tool to collect information on the amounts of drugs used by different groups of drug users and to draft guidance for adapting and administering it in 30 different countries. Data provided by participating partners will contribute to the body of information available on quantities of drugs used in order to enhance market size estimation at both the national and European level and for use in policy development more widely.</p> <p>A web-based survey will be translated in German and will be tested and adapted to the needs of participants by the means of cognitive interviewing. Furthermore, an adequate recruitment strategy will be developed. The questionnaire will be implemented in early 2021. Data will be compared between participating countries and is foreseen to be published.</p>
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