



news release

from the EU drugs agency in Lisbon

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Operational/diary note

Launch at 11H00 (Brussels time) on 20 November 2001 & on the Internet

LATEST ON THE EU DRUG PROBLEM

EU drugs agency to launch 2001 Annual report

- * Drug facts, figures and analyses: EU-wide and by Member State
- * Special focus on cocaine, infectious diseases and synthetic drugs
- * Latest trends and social, legal and political responses
- * Spotlight on drug problem in central and eastern Europe

Key issues on drugs in Europe are addressed in the *2001 Annual report on the state of the drugs problem in the European Union* out soon from the Lisbon-based EU drugs agency, the EMCDDA. The report – available in the 11 EU languages plus Norwegian – is launched at 11H00 (Brussels time) on Tuesday 20 November at the European Parliament in Brussels.

Simultaneously, it will appear – for the first time – on a dedicated website *2001 Annual report online* at <http://annualreport.emcdda.org> or <http://emcdda.kpnqwest.pt>. The site will offer a better opportunity to explore the report's contents as well as additional reference data. Features include the full report, complementary statistical tables, data sources, direct links to topical issues and news releases.

The *Annual report* presents the EMCDDA's yearly overview of the drug phenomenon in the EU Member States. This year it offers a special chapter spotlighting central and eastern Europe.

**Launch details: 11H00, 20 November 2001
European Parliament press room (PHS A055)
Rue Wiertz, B-1047 Brussels**

From 11H00 (Brussels time), the *Annual report* can be downloaded from the dedicated website (see above), along with related news releases in 12 languages. These will include:

- Main release: cocaine, infectious diseases and synthetic drugs;
- Overview release: latest trends and responses; and
- Special focus release: the drug problem in central and eastern Europe.

A helpdesk for journalists will be open at the EMCDDA (Lisbon) on the day of the launch (Tel: 351 21 811 3000). The EMCDDA's National Focal Points in each EU Member State and Norway will also be available to answer queries. Contact details can be found at <http://www.emcdda.org/partners/nfp.shtml>. National reports on the drug situation in each of the 15 EU Member States will be downloadable from <http://www.emcdda.org>.

Register on the EMCDDA's homepage (<http://www.emcdda.org>) for automatic news and site updates.

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