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EU-funded prevention research: current situation and future developments

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Drug-related research and EU policy on drugs

- Drugs policy in the EU - A balanced, evidence-based approach
- Priorities established in EU drugs strategy (2013-2020)
 - 'Actions must be evidence-based, scientifically sound and cost-effective, and aim for realistic and measurable results that can be evaluated'
- and action plans (2013-2016):
 - Prevent drug use and delay the onset of drug use (objective 1, includes 4 specific actions)
 - Evaluation of policies and interventions (action 47)
- The Council's Annual Dialogue on Research – where research priorities for funding can be discussed

Disseminating and supporting research

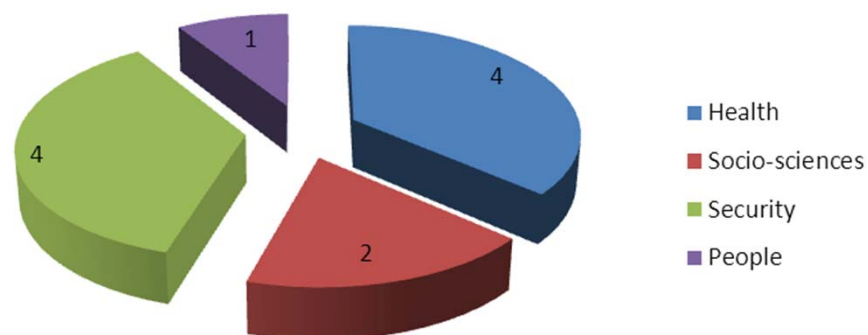
The EMCDDA:

- Monitors research/studies used for Reitox reports
- Follows-up on and collaborates with EC funding programmes and with EC funded studies/research
- Contributes to the Council's Annual Dialogue on Research (Scientific Committee)
- Keeps a web area on research (national and EU level updates)
- Supports Member States, Reitox Focal Points and research organisations

Which programmes are funding research/studies

The 7th Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP7) – 2007-2013

Distribution of projects (11)



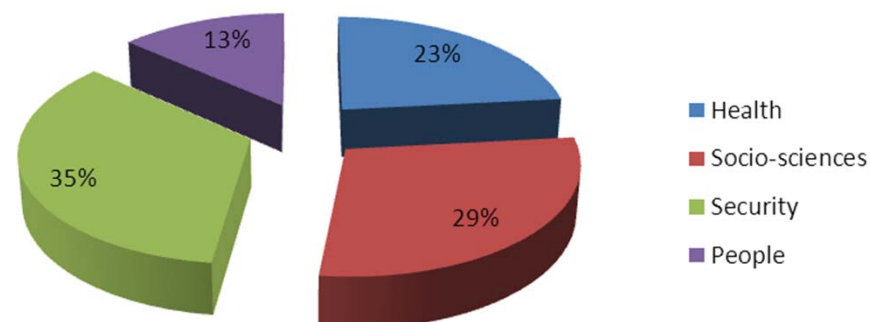
11 drug-related research projects funded since 2007 by programme. For most of these projects illicit drugs is not the main area of research.

Total contribution: €29 698 893,00

Average grant: €2 700 000,00

Min: €1 480 000,00 (Health); max: €6 500 000,00 (SS)

Distribution of funding



Ongoing drug-related research under FP7

Potentially relevant for prevention:

- ALICE-RAP (SS) – Area 3: Determinants of addiction; Area 6: Addicting the Young
- ERANID (SS) – Setting research priorities for joint calls in BE, ES, FR, IT, NL, PT and the UK.
- DECIDE (Health) – Communicating evidence
- PARADISE (Health) – Looking at psychosocial difficulties linked to brain disorders
- TACTICS (Health) – Translational Adolescent and Childhood Therapeutic Interventions in Compulsive Syndromes
- Others - LINKSCH (Security); SEWPROF (Initial Training Network - People)



FP6 and 7 funded research projects

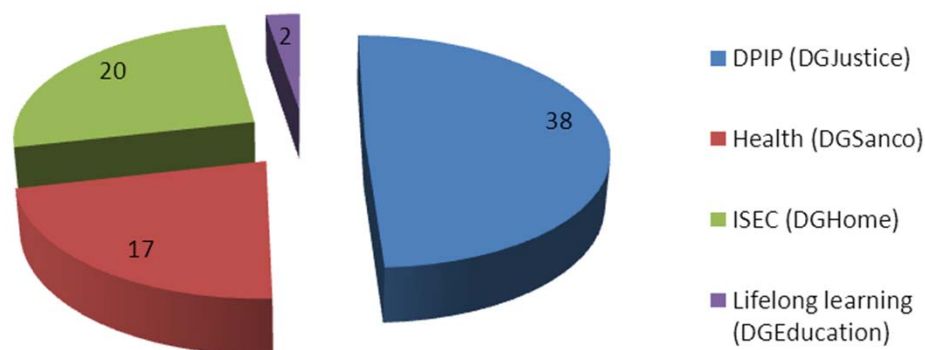
Acronym/name	Programme/call	Status
ERANID (European Research Area Network on Illicit Drugs)	ERANET — 2012	Project ongoing
SEWPROF (A new paradigm in drug use and human health risk assessment: Sewage profiling at the community level)	People — 2012	Project ongoing
LINKSCH (Understanding the unintended consequences of global illicit-drug control measures)	Security — 2011	Project ongoing
ALICE-RAP (Addiction and lifestyles in contemporary European societies)	Socio-economic sciences and humanities — 2010	Project ongoing
TACTICS (Translational Adolescent and Childhood Therapeutic Interventions in Compulsive Syndromes)	Health — 2011	Project ongoing
CUSTOM (Drugs and Precursor Sensing by Complementing Low Cost Multiple Techniques)	Security — 2010	Project ongoing Periodic report available here >>
PARADISE (Psychosocial factors relevant to brain disorders in Europe)	Health — 2009	Project ongoing Publications available on OpenAIRE Final recommendations >>
AMASS (Autonomous maritime surveillance system)	Security — 2009	Project completed
ATOME (Access to opioid medication in Europe)	Health — 2007	Project ongoing
LOTUS (Localisation of threat substances in urban society)	Security — 2007	Project completed
CRCC (Crime repression costs in context)	Policies — 2005	Project completed
PHECOMP (Phenotypical characterisation of animal models for neuropsychiatric disorders related to compulsive behaviour)	Lifescihealth — 2005	Project completed
IMAGEN (Reinforcement-related behaviour in normal brain function and psychopathology)	Lifescihealth — 2005	Project completed
DRUID (Driving Under the Influence of Drugs)	Sustdev — 2005	Project completed. Final report available here >>

Other programmes funding research/studies

- DG Justice – Drugs Prevention and Information Programme (DPIP) and DAPHNE III (Prevention of violence)
- DG Health – Public Health Programme
- DG Home - Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme (ISEC)
- DG Education and Learning – Lifelong Learning Programme
- Others...

Other programmes funding research/studies

- 77 entries on database since 2007;
- Min: €120,00 (DPIP), Max: €2 146 974,48 (ISEC);
- All focus on drugs/addiction



- The European Cooperation in Science and Technology (**COST**) calls – fund network efforts. Promotes international cooperation. Calls always open, with deadlines on March and September. Highly competitive.

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What will happen from 2014 on?

- **Horizon 2020 (2014-2020) replacing FP7**
 - Paperless
 - International collaboration
 - Open access outputs – repository OpenAir (<http://www.openaire.eu/>)
- But... no specific topic for addiction:
 - Societal challenges:
 - Health;
 - Demographic change and wellbeing;
 - Inclusive, innovative and secure societies
 - Excellence in Science (Marie-Curie, ITN schemes, European Research Council)
- First Horizon 2020 calls to be published 11 December 2013
- **DG funding programmes** – no clear overall picture
- **COST** scheme will continue

Current challenges

Research projects, societies, collaborative academic centres, scientific paper awards and academic summers schools are contributing to **‘promote, coordinate and improve more addiction research in Europe and to make its usefulness clearer to policy, public health and the general public’** (Bühringer, 2012)

But still a big gap to fill in terms of science translation, advocacy and coordination...

More active and coordinated engagement/follow-up on Horizon 2020 and other funding programmes is needed

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Drug-related research is crucial to understanding Europe's drug problems. Drug-related research enables Europe to learn lessons from the past and sharpens Europe's awareness and monitoring of the present. Research also helps Europe to prepare for the future, by looking at issues such as resource allocation, best practices, and the piloting of innovative approaches to managing problem drug use. In short, science and research enable policymakers to better understand the multiple facets of drug use as it affects both the individual and society.

Latest news

- Information on drug-related research in Member States (26.06.2013)
- COST open call on scientific and technological collaboration in Europe (deadline 28.03.2014)
- NIDA's international program: fellowships and research grants
- Thematic paper on 'Drug-related research: recent developments and future perspectives' (21.05.2012)
- Information on FP6 and FP7 funded research projects (06.03.2013)
- List of drug research peer-reviewed journals in Europe (updated 05.03.2013)
- Projects, studies and research on illicit drugs funded by the European Commission
- Report by the European Commission: Comparative Analysis of Research into Illicit Drugs in the European Union (full report, executive summaries in de, en, fr)
- Commission staff working document 'Strengthening EU Research Capacity on Illicit Drugs'
- Council conclusions on strengthening EU research capacity on illicit drugs

Open calls!!

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Drug-related research

Information about drug-related research in Member States is difficult to collect and analyse. A better overview of ongoing research and existing research structures may assist researchers in Member States to avoid duplication, improve collaboration and help disseminate knowledge of funding opportunities. In these pages you will find a selection of the information provided by National Focal Points.

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