

Recommendations on future options for enhancing the data flow & combination of existing information on NPS at European level

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Need for enhancement of existing structures, because...

- Complex & fast moving drug market
- Detection & identification provide base for risk assessment & perspective controlling of dangerous new substances
- Establishment of reference point on NPS
- Enhancement of collection of NPS related information
- Facilitation of information exchange between stakeholders/professionals
- Promotion of good working practices

Objectives



Suggestions for improvement

- Official reference point/central contact point bringing together all information available
- Further efforts on standardised collection of information related to existing methodologies
- Focus on the development of friendly & easy to use tools, also for field-level workers
- Systematic development & utilising of modern technology in collecting sharing & analysis of data
- Sharing information, best practices & using the collective knowledge should be supported by the better networking among the experts active in the field

Source: DBDD enquiry 2013/14

How to implement the recommendations

- Better linking of available NPS-related information sources/systems
- Broader spectrum of reference material readily available
- Enhancement of dissemination of continuously updated NPS-related information
- Increasing visibility of outputs
- Better reaching of target audience

Key issues for the discussion

- Reporting forms / information sources / data collection process
- Target audiences
- Fixed procedures for communication (e.g. newsletters)
- Online portals / databases / platforms
- Central portal (multidisciplinary, multilingual, constant update)

Lessons learned

- What type of cooperation concerning the collection/identification of NPS has been proved useful and in which way?
- Which instruments are/have been proved useful in the collection/identification of NPS at national or European level?
- Which instruments/practices have been not so useful?

Perspectives

- In which areas concerning the collection/identification of NPS do you wish improvements at national or European level?
- What other instruments should be developed to facilitate the information collection and exchange concerning NPS?

Thank you

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