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TREND

Emerging trends and New Drugs

The aim of the TREND scheme, which was established in 1999, is to provide information about illegal drug use and users, and on emerging phenomena. Emerging phenomena refer either to new phenomena or to existing phenomena that have not yet been detected by other observation systems. The observations are conducted in two social settings chosen due to the high likelihood of finding new or not as yet observed phenomena, even though these do not necessarily reflect the entire reality of the drug use in France:

- urban areas, as defined by TREND, mainly cover low-threshold structures (CAARUDs) and open sites (street, squats). Most of the people met and observed in these settings are problem users of illegal drugs living in particularly precarious conditions.
- Techno party settings refer to places where events are organised around techno music. These include so-called “alternative” techno settings (free-party, teknivals) and techno events in clubs, discothèques and private parties.

The system is based on data analysed by seven local coordinating sites (Bordeaux, Lille, Marseille, Metz, Paris, Rennes and Toulouse) that produce site reports, which are then extrapolated to a national level:

- continuous qualitative data collection by the local coordination network, which has a common data collection and information strategy
- the SINTES scheme, an observation system geared towards detecting and analysing the toxicological composition of illegal substances
- recurring quantitative surveys, particularly among CAARUD users (ENa-CAARUD)
- partner information system results
- thematic quantitative and qualitative investigations that aim to gather more information about a particular subject.

Results

[Psychoactive substances, users and markets: recent trends \(2015-2016\)](#)

Tendances N° 115, December 2016

Psychoactive substance use in France: recent trends (2014-2015)

[*Tendances* N° 106, December 2015](#)

Illegal or misused substances: recent trends (2013-2014)

[*Tendances* N° 96, December 2014](#)

Use of Ketamine in France: recent trends (2012-2013)

[Brief, June 2014](#)

Markets, products, users: recent trends (2011-2012)

[*Tendances* N° 86, July 2013](#)

Noteworthy phenomena and emerging trends in illegal drugs (2010-2011)

[*Tendances* N° 78, February 2012](#)

Illegal Drugs: the 2009 observations of the TREND system

[*Tendances* N° 73, December 2010](#)

The eight national report from the TREND system

[*Tendances* N° 58, February 2008](#)

Cocaine small-scale dealing in France

[*Tendances* N° 53, April 2007](#)

The seventh national report on the TREND system

[*Tendances* N° 52, December 2006](#)

Recent trends and new drugs in France - The results of the sixth national report on the TREND system : subject-based operations 2000-2004 and principal observations 2004

[*Tendances* N° 45, December 2005](#)

Recent trends and new drugs in France in 2002 - Results of the fourth national report

[*Tendances* N° 31, July 2003](#)

Emerging phenomena linked to the use of drugs in France in 2001

[*Tendances* N° 23, July 2002](#)

Emerging phenomena linked to drug use

[*Tendances* N° 15, July 2001](#)