



at least partly victims of an overwhelming addiction, requiring medical and social support. In all European countries, supply offences are penalised more heavily than the use or possession of narcotic substances. These fall within the scope of the criminal justice system.

In conclusion, the report focuses on the special case relating to new psychoactive substances (NPS), the development of which is putting the legislative systems in the different countries to the test.

Two maps illustrate the legislation on narcotic substances in the UE, one focus on use/possession-related offences and the other on traffic-related offences.

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