

The social cost of drugs in France



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Studies on social cost allow public authorities to evaluate the economic burden of a social problem on the community. The French National Health Directorate has subsidised a study on this subject, entrusted, at the end of 2013, to Pierre Kopp, professor at Paris 1 University and researcher at the Economics Centre at the Sorbonne and the Paris School of Economics.

For the year 2010, the study evaluated that the social cost of alcohol amounted to 118 thousand million euros, while the social cost of tobacco was 122 thousand million euros. The social cost related to illegal drugs reached 8.7 thousand million euros.

A 10-page French-language note outlining the main conclusions of this undertaking is available on the OFDT website and has been summarised in English (3 pages).

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