

# In a glimpse

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## Drug user practices and drug-related interventions in Martinique in 2022

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Martinique is characterised by geopolitical and sociocultural specificities that contribute to the dynamism of illicit drug trafficking and use on its territory. The contribution of qualitative data makes it possible to uncover local contexts previously described by quantitative surveys. In addition to their comparison with other territories, these results firstly allow initial conclusions to be drawn on the question of the methods of use, the particularities of users as well as interventions provided by harm reduction structures and specialised structures in Martinique, and to provide elements on the evolution or persistence of certain phenomena.

- With Martinique acting as a link in the chain of cocaine export from South America to Europe, the supply of this substance is very abundant also locally.
  - Users of illicit drugs, particularly crack cocaine, are aging and often have a long history of consumption, due to a particularly early initiation.
  - Polydrug use is particularly common among crack cocaine users, with all respondents also using alcohol and/or cannabis.
  - Cocaine injection practices in hydrochloride form are noted in the context of practices linked to chemsex in the territory.
  - Crack cocaine dealers in Martinique use financial pressure tactics (credit sales, confiscation of credit cards, threats, etc.) to control a vulnerable clientele also in great precariousness.
  - The semi-directed interviews and focus groups unanimously revealed that the territorial coverage of specialised treatment services was too broad and that there were difficulties in accessing harm reduction equipment.
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