Structure and Dynamics of International Drug Markets as a Challenge for European Forensic Practice



ILLICIT DRUG MARKET TRENDS

- HIGH ACCESSIBILITY OF ALL KINDS OF DRUGS
- CHANGES IN PREFERENCES OF USERS
- GROWTH IN HEROIN AND COCAINE PRODUCTION
- MARKET WITH NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES
- PRECURSORS AND PRE-PRECURSORS
- INFLUENCE OF BOTH THE DARKNET AND OPEN INTERNET
- PSYCHOACTIVE PHARMACEUTICALS AND THEIR COUNTERFEIGHTS

ORGANIZED CRIME ACTIVITIES





Amphetamine Methamphetamine MDMA

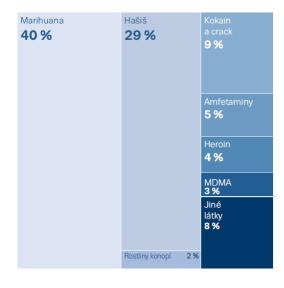


Note: Data reported to Europol by national authorities using the ERISSP tool.

Source: Europol.

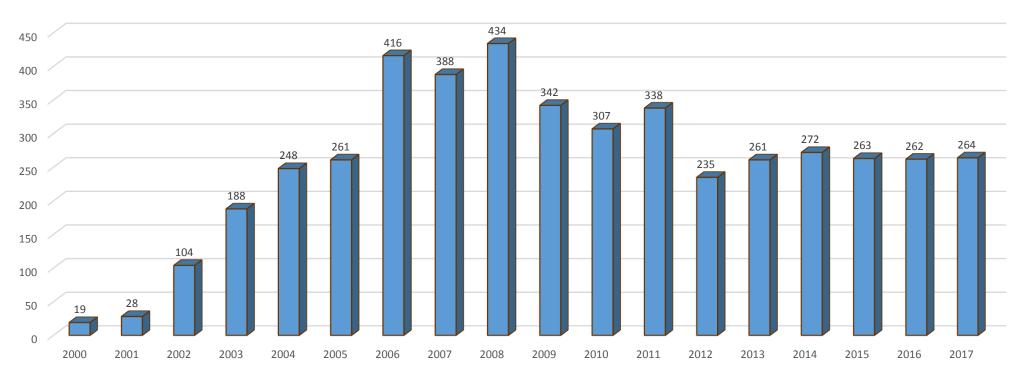
DETECTED ILLICIT DRUG PRODUCTION IN EUROPE

- PROBLEM ADDRESSED
- INFORMATION SOURCES
- CONCEPTS AND REALITY
- RESULT-BASED PREDICTIONS



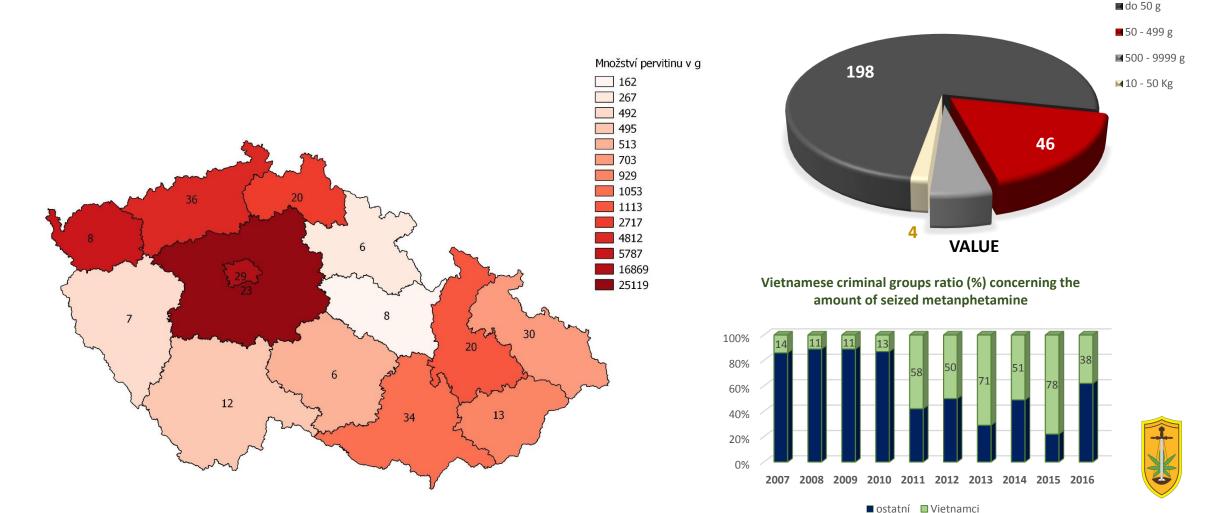


DETECTED METANPHETAMINE LABS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC





PRODUCTION VOLUMES AND TERITORIAL DISTRIBUTION OF DETECTED LABS

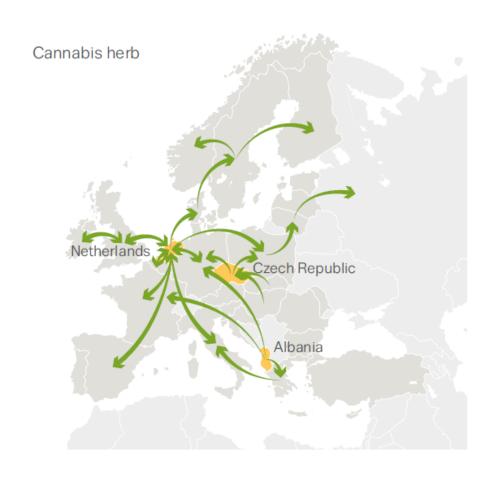


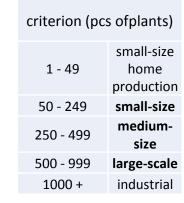
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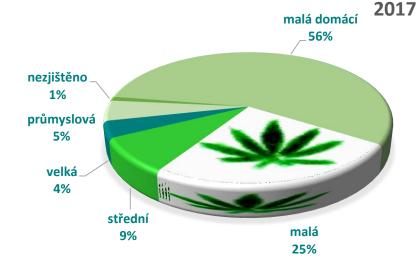
- massive import of pharmaceuticals containing PSE (30,000 35,000 CZK/kg)
- detection of labs with higher production volume in dozens of kg
- tendency to use other precursors than pseudoephedrine or ephedrine
- tendency of criminal groups to run own ephedrine production
- import of ephedrine and pharmaceuticals containing pseudoephedrine from West Balkans and import of nonregistered generics containing PSE produced outside the EU
- growing demand in metanphetamine in Poland and Austria
- metanphetamine cutting

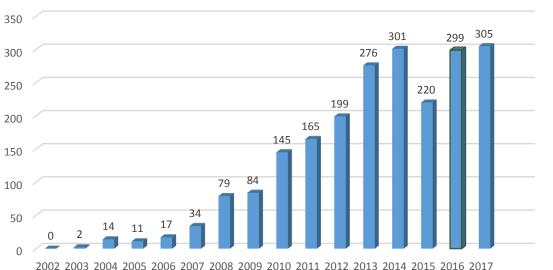


DECTED CANNABIS FARMS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC











DRUG-RELATED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES

1.5 million tonnes

Estimated annual world production of acetic anhydride

810 tonnes •

Estimated quantity of acetic anhydride required to manufacture heroin quantities (range 430–1190 tonnes, midpoint 810 tonnes shown)

163 tonnes

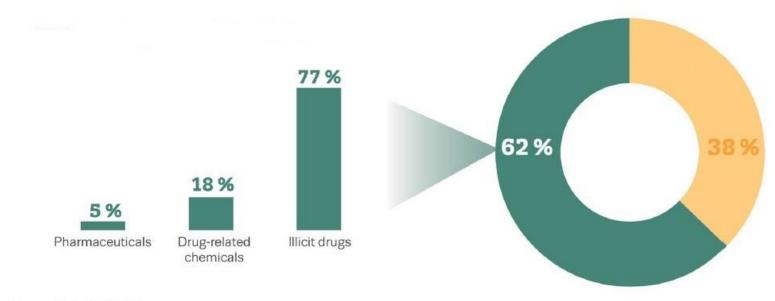
Amount of acetic anhydride seized

- LEGAL HIGHS
- RESEARCH CHEMICALS
- DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS
- DESIGNER DRUGS
- PSYCHOACTIVE PHARMACEUTICALS AND THEIR COUNTERFEITS

Source: INCB, 2015a.



DARKNET – DRUGS AND DRUG-RELATED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES



Source: Web-IQ (2017).



INTERNATIONAL POLICE AND JUDICIAL COOPERATION

- legal help, joint investigation team
- role of international acencies (EUROPOL, INTERPOL, EUROJUST, EMCDDA, UNODC)
- legislative differences between countries
- absence of tools of rapid international cooperation



FORENSIC CHALLENGES

- DRUG PROFILATION AND DRUG ADULTERANTS
- GENETICS OF PLANTS
- SHARING AND ANALYSES OF STANDARD FORENSIC DATA ON DRUG SEISURES
- DRUG TESTING
- EVALUATION OF PUBLIC-HEALTH-RELATED RISKS
- INFLUENCE OF DARKNET AND OPEN INTERNET
- PSYCHOACTIVE PHARMACEUTICALS AND THEIR COUNTERFEITS

Thank you for your attention

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