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Below you will find a selection of OFDT research studies and information systems available on our website: www.ofdt.fr

EROPP (Survey on the Representations, Opinions, and Perceptions Regarding Psychotropic Drugs): a survey relating to the opinions of French individuals aged over 15 on various substances and public policies.

ESCAPAD (Survey on Health and Drug Uses During Call-up and Preparation for Defence Day): this survey evaluates the uses of around 15 licit or illicit substances among 17-18 year old French teenagers.

ESPAD (European School Survey on Alcohol and Other Drugs): French section of a European survey among secondary school pupils, carried out with INSERM (National Institute for Health and Medical Research).

OFDT also takes part in the illicit drugs, alcohol and tobacco section of the INPES (National Institute for Health, Education and Prevention) *Baromètre Santé*.

ILIAD (Local Indicators for Information About Addictions): a database gathering the main pointers available at département and region levels within the realm of addiction to illicit and licit substances.

RECAP (Common Data Collection on Addictions and Treatments): an information system relating to outpatient treatments in Specialised centres for drug addicts and Outpatient alcoholism treatment centres.

SINTES (National Poison/Substance Identification System): a databank on synthetic substances seized by law-enforcement authorities or collected among users.

Tableau de bord Tabac : a monthly table of indicators relating to tobacco and tobacco addiction in France (sales data, sales of substitutes, etc.)

TREND (Recent Trends and New Drugs): a system including a network of locations that allows for the detection of emerging phenomena as far as illicit drug uses and context of uses are concerned.



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French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

The French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction - OFDT - is a public interest group (Ministerial Order of March 5th, 1993) in charge of observing in France the drug and drug addiction phenomenon and its consequences.

Production, collection, analysis, and summary of national data

Who uses illicit substances, alcohol, tobacco, and psychotropic medicines in France? What are the health and social consequences of such uses? What public responses are developed to address that phenomenon? How should they be assessed? In order to answer these questions, OFDT is responsible for collecting, analysing, and summarizing data in connection with drugs. As far as surveys are concerned, it is also consulted for its expertise and methodology counselling. The data produced relates to general population, as well as the specific areas or user-groups. Such facts and figures inform public authorities before they make their decisions and

are available both to professionals and citizens. The OFDT gathers experts in statistics, demography, economy, medicine, sociology, epidemiology, and public policy assessment. Its board of directors brings together representatives from the various Ministries pertaining to the fight against drugs, the MILDT (Interministerial Mission for the Fight against Drugs and Drug Addiction), the national drug documentation network Toxibase and the FNORS (National Federation of Regional Health Monitoring Centres). OFDT is supported by a scientific committee, which gives advice on its projects and directs its research projects.

Development of research

OFDT survey reports, databases, various summary notes, and statistical series are available to professionals and the general public on the website www.ofdt.fr and the government portal www.drogues.gouv.fr. Every two years OFDT publishes and distributes a global perspective

digest with detailed facts and figures, entitled *Drugs and Drug Addiction, Essential Data*. OFDT also issues a bulletin, *Tendances* (in English, *Trends*), supplying the most recent data relating to drug addictions.

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A regional role

While supplying national indicators, OFDT also attempts to deliver data involving various regional and geographical facts, through its surveys and information systems, in terms of uses and medical treatments. Responsible for coordinating the observational activities of the CIRDDs

(Regional Centres for Information and Resources on Drugs and Dependences), OFDT therefore contributes towards improving knowledge at local levels.

A European and international relay

OFDT is one of the 27 national relays or focal points (EU Member States, Norway and the European Commission), comprising the Reitox Network of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA). This European Union agency located in Lisbon is responsible for supplying objective, reliable and comparable information on illicit substances at a European level. OFDT takes part in EMCDDA projects,

and particularly in its *Annual report on the state of the drugs problem in Europe* which gives an overall picture of the drug phenomenon in the EU and Norway. OFDT distributes EMCDDA publications in France (www.emcdda.eu.int). OFDT is also involved in several other international projects.

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