

OFDT, French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

What is OFDT?

First set up in 1993, the French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (OFDT) is a public interest group. It produces information collected from various and scientifically validated sources on licit as well as illicit drugs. It informs and documents number of questions in the fields of psychoactive substances and drug addiction. Who are the users? What are the uses? Which kinds of use exist? Which substances do circulate? What are health and social damages caused by drugs use? What are the public opinions and perceptions on drugs? OFDT is one of the four operators involved in the implementation of the "Drugs and Drug Addiction" Programme (which is linked to the Heath mission created within the framework of LOLF – Organic Law for Finances Laws). This programme comes under the authority of the President of the Interdepartmental Mission for the Fight against Drugs and Drug Addiction (MILDT). OFDT's financing is provided by the "Drugs and Drug Addiction" programme and by European credits (EMCDDA-Reitox) For more details you can download the presentation leaflet or the constituent charter of the OFDT.

How does it work?

The administration board of OFDT is composed of state representatives, i.e, representatives of the various departments involved in the fight against drugs and drug addiction, the Interdepartmental Mission for the Fight Against Drugs and Drug Addiction (MILDT) and, finally, a public body: the FNORS (National Federation of Regional Health Monitoring Centres).OFDT action is supported by a Scientific Committee bringing together representatives of the main bodies that produce data as well as individuals appointed. Theses personalities are recognized for their skills in the fields concerning OFDT's missions. OFDT's team is composed of experts and searchers in demography, economy, sociology, statistics, etc.

Production, collection, synthesis and diffusion of knowledge

OFDT plays today an inescapable role in the collection, analysis, synthesis and diffusion of produced knowledge. It thus allows public authorities to better anticipate evolutions; it also enlightens them before they take their decisions. OFDT is one of the 27 national relays or focal points (EU Members States, Norway and the European Commission) comprising the Reitox Network of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA). This European agency located in Lisbon is responsible for supplying objective, reliable and comparable information on drugs and drug addiction phenomenon and their consequences at a European level.

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