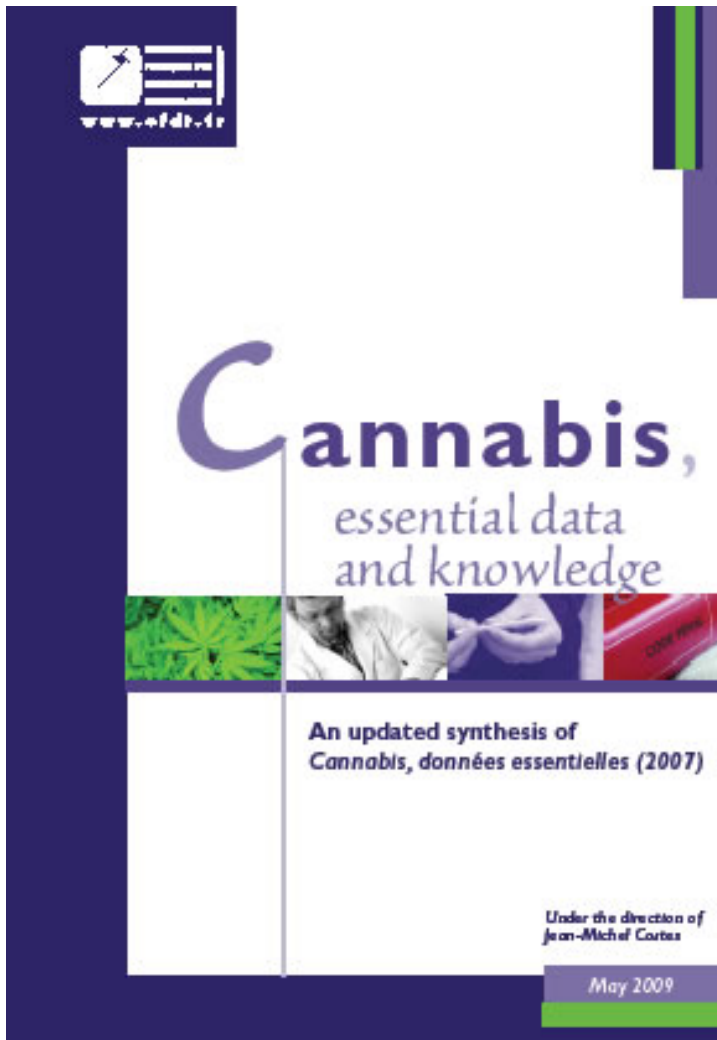


Cannabis, essential data and knowledge



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Cannabis is the most widely available and most used illicit drug in Europe. However, in terms of consumption, France is among the top list countries, at least among young people. Over the past few years, the public authorities have strengthened their efforts to highlight the dangers of this illicit drug. New communication campaigns have been launched via television and other media. The aim of the present document is to illustrate the different aspects of the situation of cannabis in France (consumption, market, risks and consequences, public policy, etc.). It is essentially based on the monograph published by the French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, *Cannabis, données essentielles* (July 2007), but also relies on several other publications that were published since then as well as updated data in this field, presented throughout the article as footnotes. It seeks to offer a somewhat updated synthesis of this monograph for the English-speaking public and Internet users.

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