



PIPAPO Recreational drug use depicted with drug checking

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Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

A country of 2.586 km^2

- maximal length 82 km
- maximal width 57 km

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590.7k residents

- 46% of which without a Luxembourgish passport, over 170 nationalities
- ▶ 107.000 people in Luxembourg-City, 70% of foreigners
- border countries: Germany, France and Belgium

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Outreach project in the party scene relaunched in 2016 (since 2009)

- peer approach
- recreational drug use

Harm reduction through

- information about drugs
- earplugs
- condoms
- sunscreen

Surveys about drug consumption habits of the partygoers

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PIPAPO survey

Anonymous multiple choice questionnaire

Questions about

- gender and age
- understood languages
- residency
- ► transport
- recent use of psychoactive substances (last 2weeks)



PIPAPO 2016 - 2018 survey

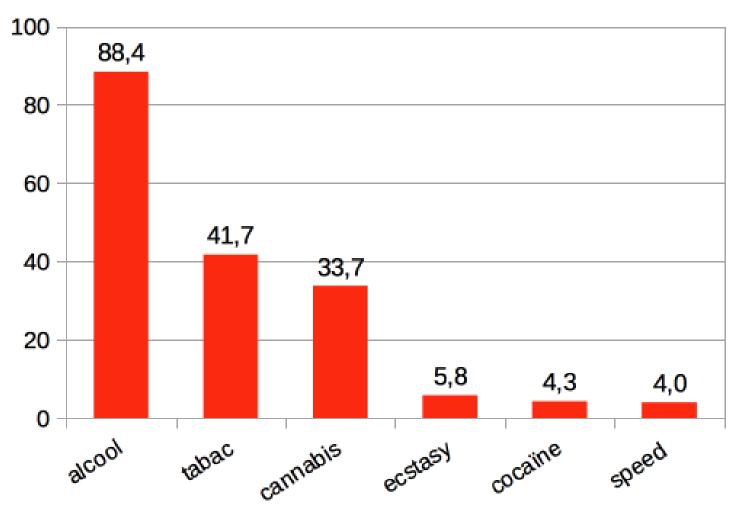
11 / 24 / 27 events

1806 / 2455 / 2207 validated questionnaires

▶ 52.7% / 51,2% / 46% women

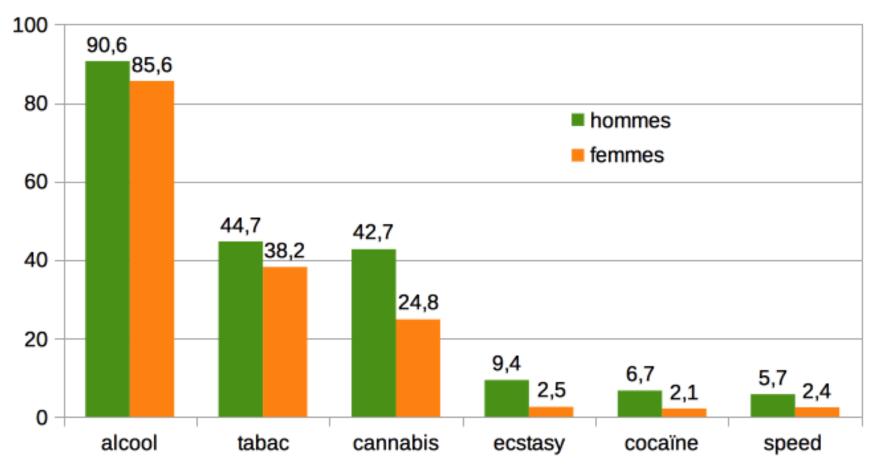
Age from 12 to 65 (median 22 years) / 11 to 66 (median 23 years) / 12 to 65 (median 23 years)

PIPAPO 2016 survey (in%)



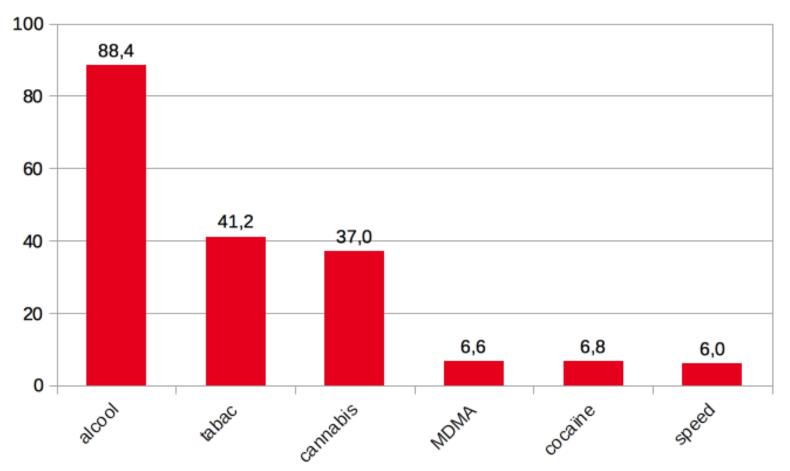
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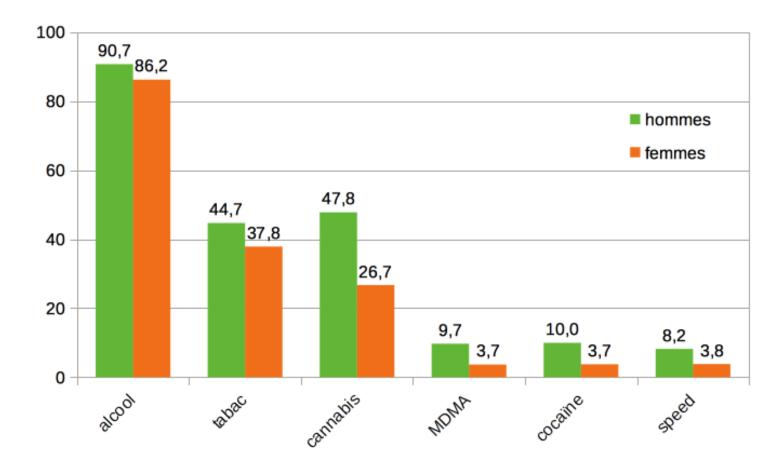
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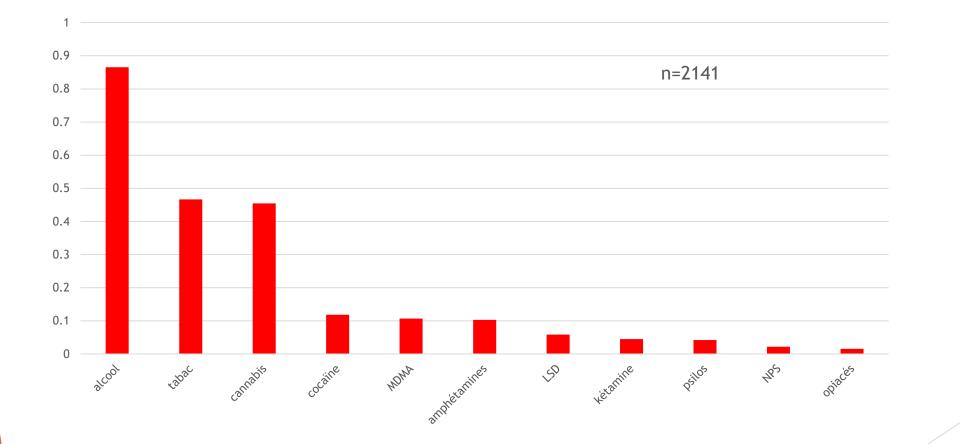
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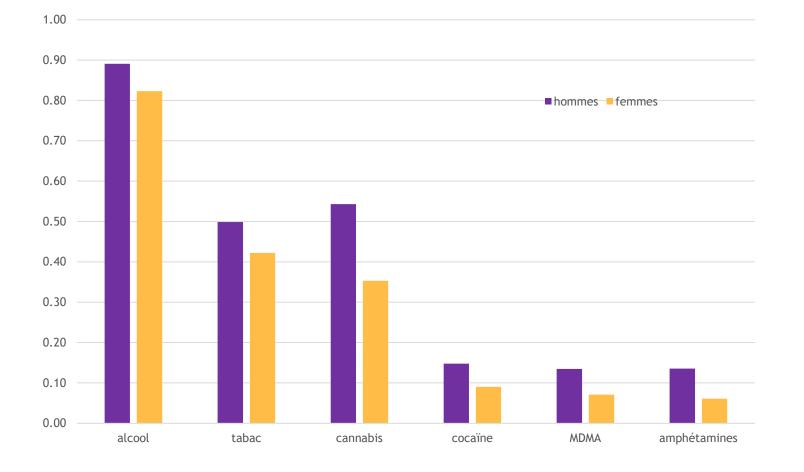
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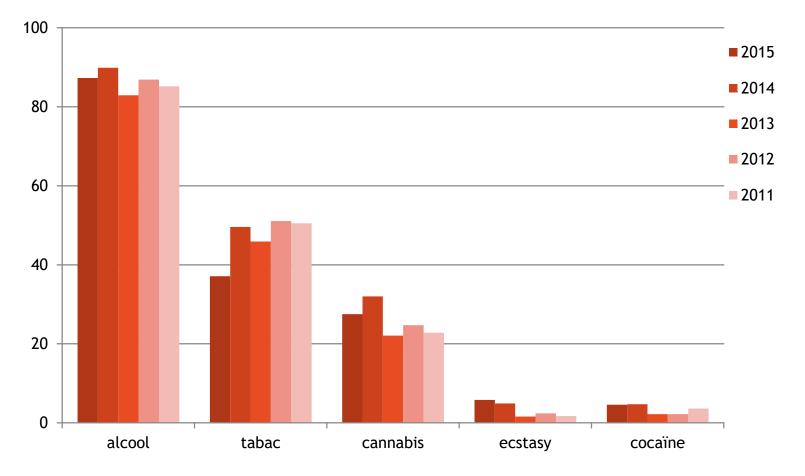
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The past years in Luxembourg



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Drug Checking



Since April 2016 (pilote 2014-2015), PIPAPO offers at selected events a drug checking service (DUCK) for synthetic substances.

DUCK is a joint project from 4motion, the National Health Laboratory (LNS) and the Ministry of Health.

Since April 2018, permanent offer and expanding.

Main Objectives

- Taking inventory of actually consumed synthetic psychoactive substances by recreational drug users in Luxembourg.
- Contribute to the monitoring of NPS emergence and prevalence in Luxembourg.
- Enable health alerts in the event substances or products of increased risk are detected.
- Enable appropriate governmental, public health responses if new drug consumption trends emerge.

The Players

- National Health Laboratory (LNS) for the analyses
- Political and expert support from the Ministry of Health
- Legal and jurisdictional clearance, namely by the General Prosecutors' Office
- A contact point with the users the PIPAPO booth
- The festival organisers, the sound systems and the club owners
- The consumers

Quack Alerts

If a substance or product of increased risk is detected:

- → Personal feedback to the consumer and the organiser
- → Post on the PIPAPO facebook page
- → Transfer of the relevant information to the Ministry of Health and the National Focal Point
- → Note to the TEDI network and their database
- → TEDI involved in the Drug Report of the EMCDDA

Procedure



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Characterizing the collected sample

Size, weight, price,

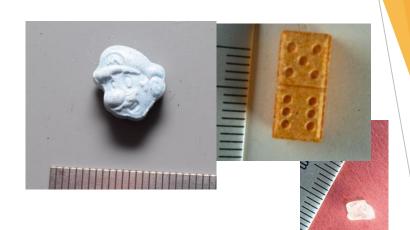
Semi directive interview with the user

- on consumption habits and patterns
- motivation and effects
- mode of consumptiom

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Qualitative results for 98 interviews



Pure MDMA in form of pills (70%), powder (15%) and crystals (15%).

- Since 2017, pure cocaine (up to 70%) sold as cocaine but also also as other.
- ▶ In 2018, 16% of the samples were presumed cannabis.
- Since ever, completely aleatory for speed (very expensive caffeine).

Discussion and conclusion

- Increasingly, facing young unexperienced and unaware users or partygoers.
- Selection of the events (limited capacity).
- Offering during the week consulting opportunities and a drug checking service (in preparation).

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