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DRUG SITUATION IN SERBIA

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There are no precize estimation of problem drug use prevalence in Serbia. The research about drug use in a whole population has been done two years ago, but the results have shown far to much underestimated results regarding problem drug use then expected. Preliminary preparations for an ESPAD survey have been done in 2005. The results were concordant with similar researches conducted on a local or municipality level and they have shown that 13% adolescent at the age of 16 have had an experience with cannabis.

Official records show that a wide mayority of patients in state or private medical facilities request an opiate dependency treatment. There is far too more requests then available medical capacities and trained professionals for different treatment programs.

An intensified efforts are made for overcoming this actual discordance and an adopting and implementing a national strategy and an

action plan to fight drug problems in society are of a greatist significance.