



Public Consultation

POLICY FOUNDATIONS

- Based on the WHO preamble to its 1946 Constitution.....
- “Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity”
- People who use drugs are not criminals but individuals like all of us and should be treated with the same dignity and respect.

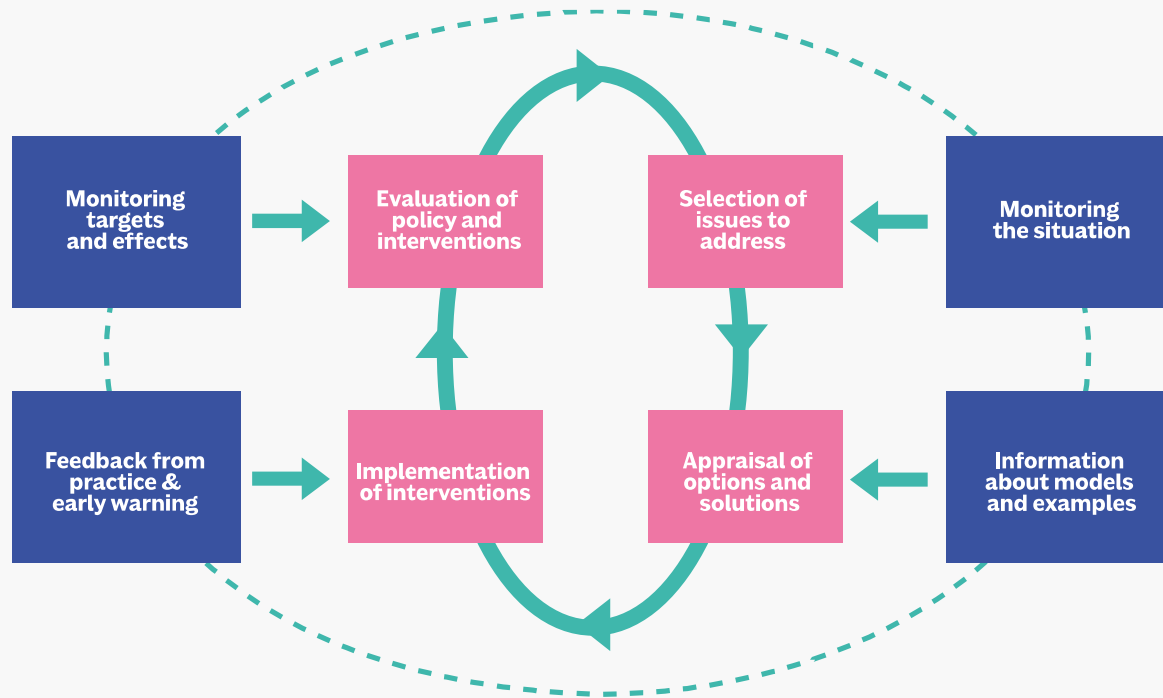
“Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Article 1”

UNGA – 10th December 1948.

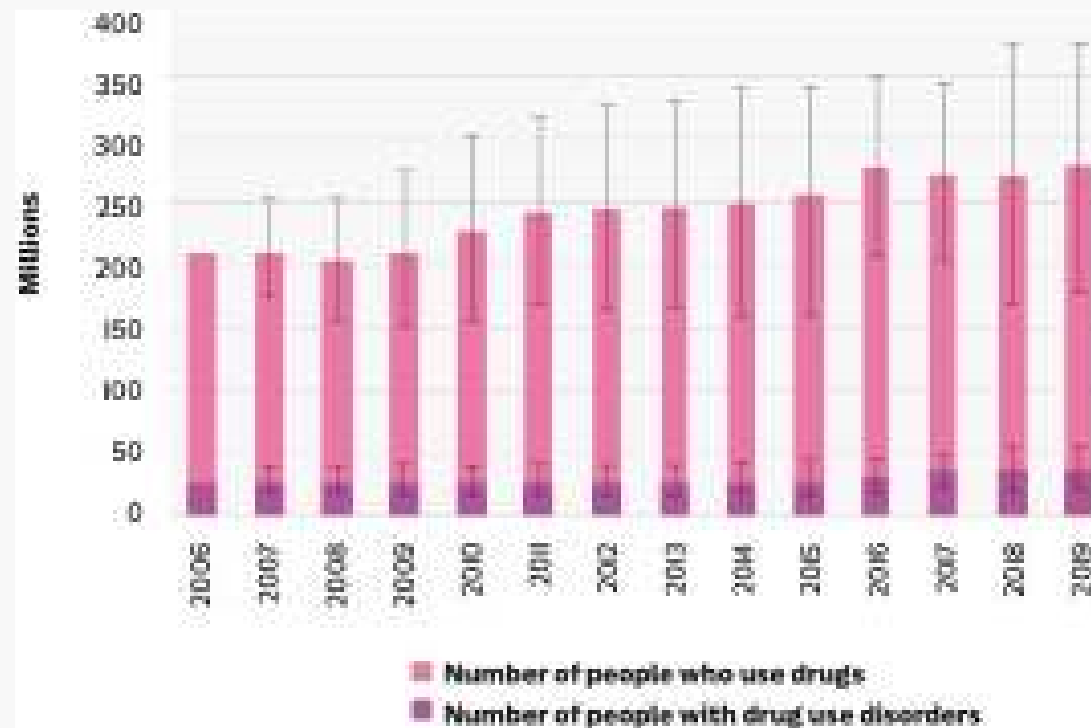
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- Evidence informed
- Yearly National Reports on the Drug Situation and Responses
- EU Drug Policy – 2021 -2025
- UNGASS Document 2016
- UN Ministerial Declaration 2019
- SDGs -2030

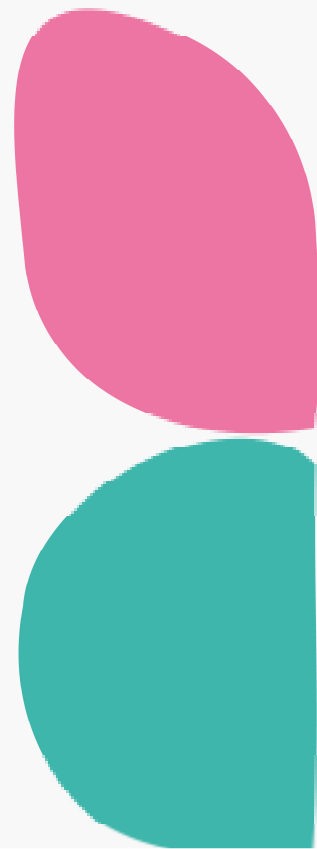
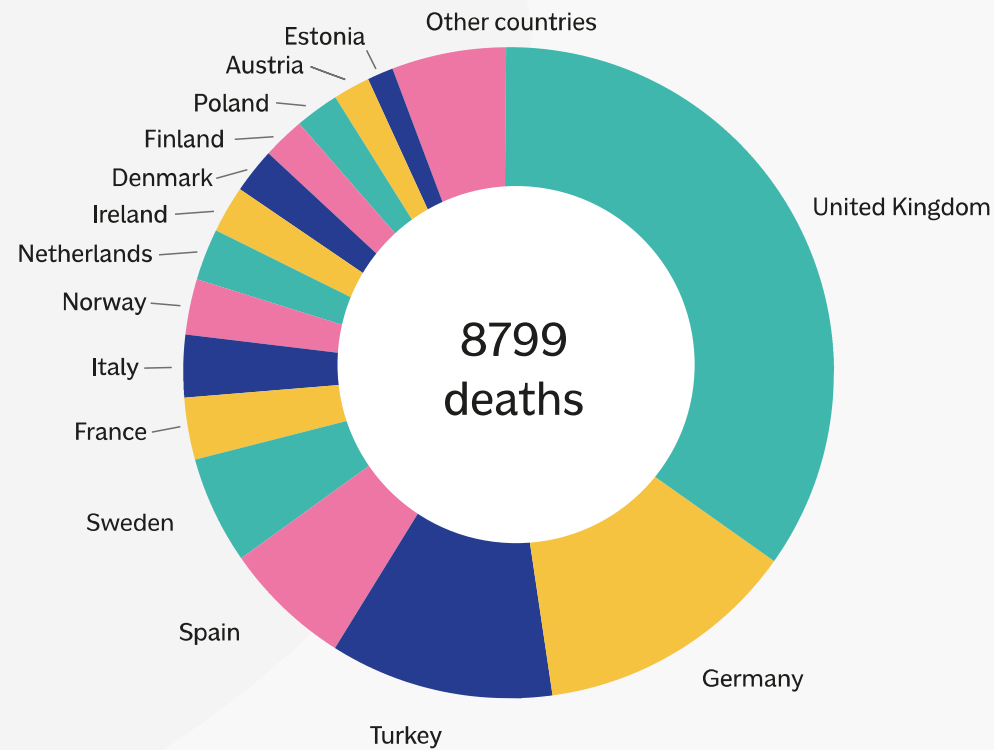
POLICY CYCLE



STATE OF PLAY

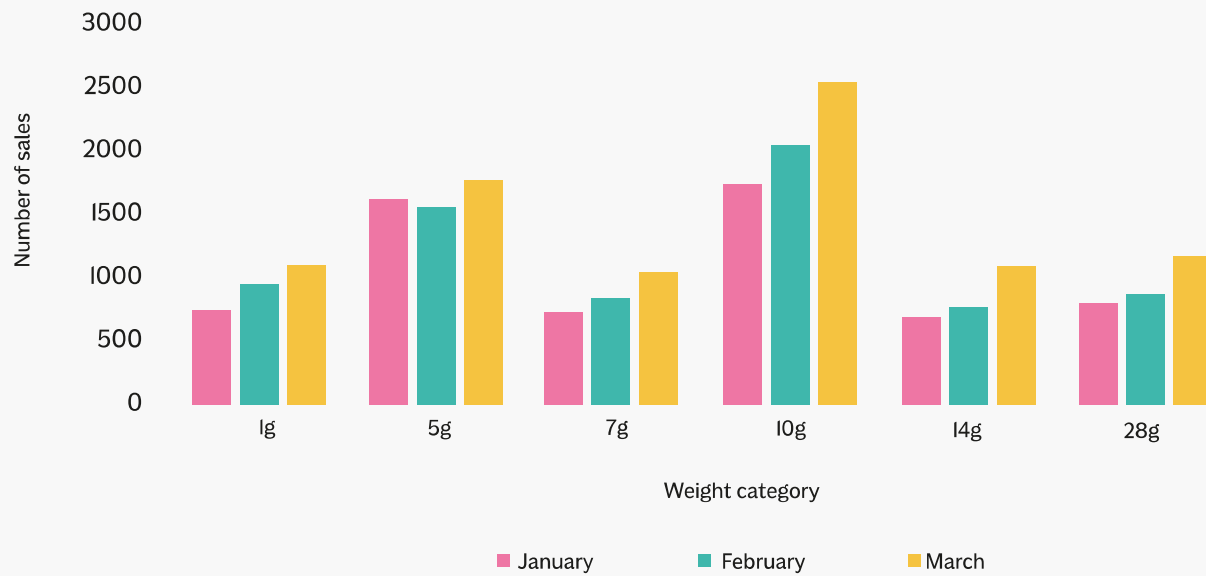


DRUG RELATED DEATHS

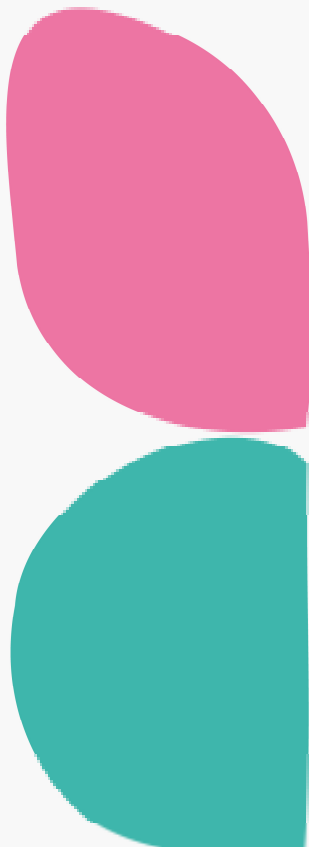
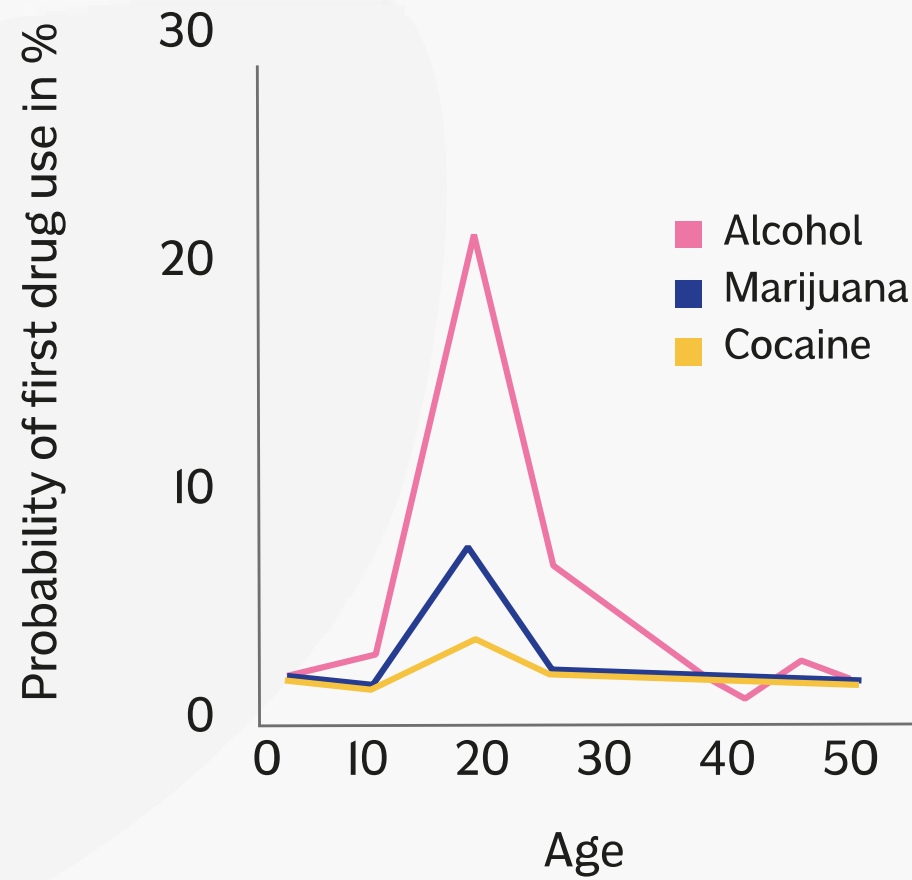




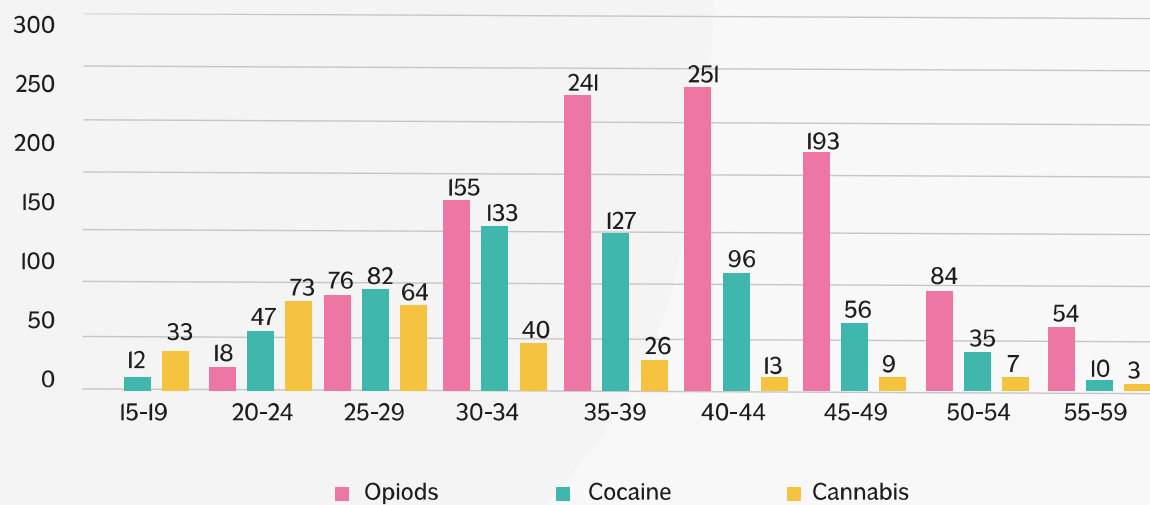
NUMBER OF SALES FOR COMMON RETAIL-LEVEL WEIGHT CATEGORIES BY MONTH, JANUARY – MARCH 2020



AGE OF FIRST USE



AGE DISTRIBUTION BY PRIMARY DRUG IN 2020



PROTECTIVE FACTORS AND RISK FACTORS FOR SUBSTANCE USE

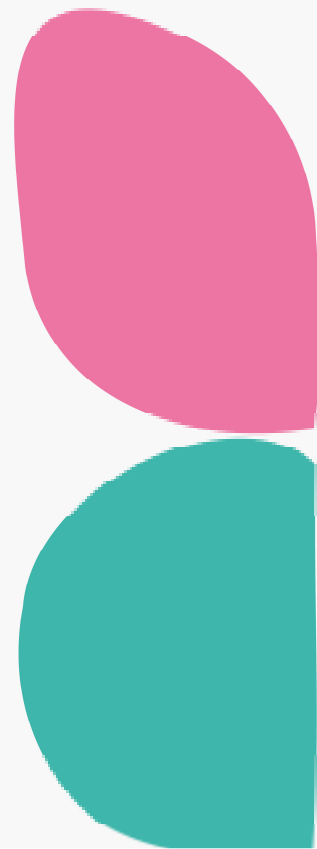


Protective Factors

- Safe neighbourhoods
- Physical safety and school inclusion
- Quality school environment
- Access to health care
- Caregiver involvement and monitoring
- Health and neurological skills:
 - coping skills
 - emotional regulation

Risk Factors

- Poverty
- Conflict / war
- Homeless, refugee status
- Social exclusion and inequality
- Neighbourhood disorders
- Peer substance use and drug availability
- Mental health problems
- Trauma and childhood adversity





POLICY ACTIONS

- LEGAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- SUPPLY REDUCTION
- DEMAND REDUCTION

POLICY ACTIONS

- LEGAL INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Implementation of changes to the Treatment not Imprisonment Act
2. Law Enforcement links with FIAU
3. Asset recovery
4. Conduct certificate changes
5. Professional Body
6. Random drug testing – zero tolerance for all drivers of all vehicles

POLICY ACTIONS

- **SUPPLY REDUCTION**

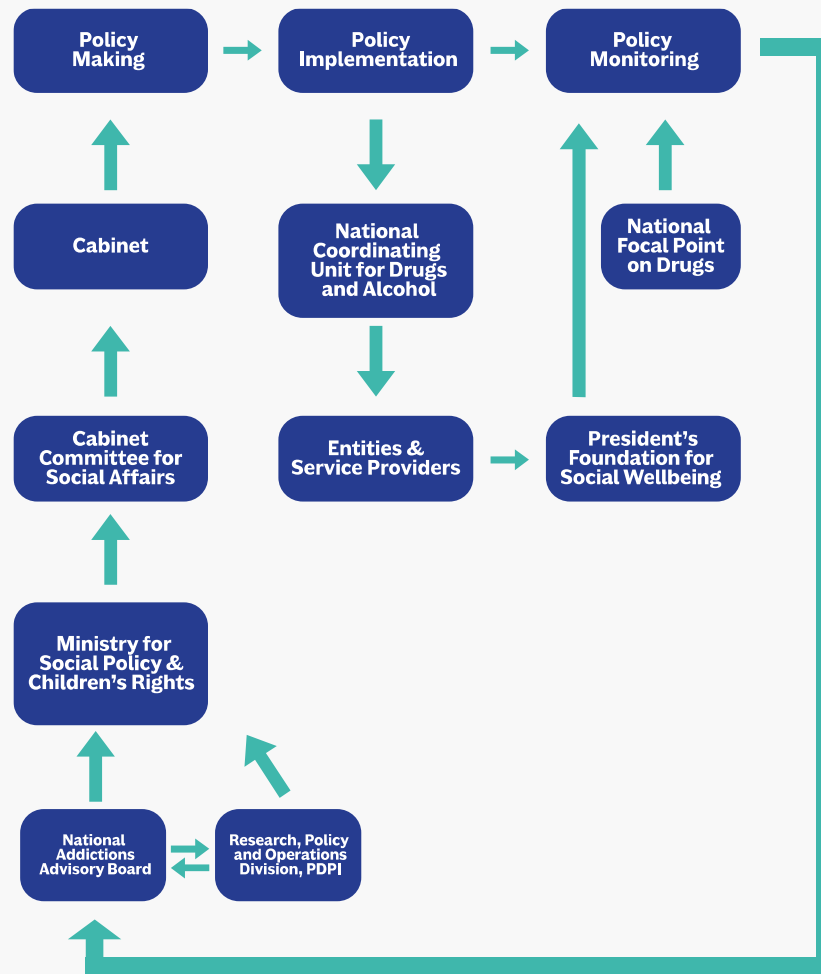
1. National Law Enforcement Body
2. Cybercrime unit to monitor internet transactions
3. Postal services better equipped to intervene with suspect packages
4. Psychoeducational services at CSA
5. Community Policing and links to Community services
6. Early Warning System Network

POLICY ACTIONS

- DEMAND REDUCTION

1. National Co-ordinating Body for Prevention Services
2. Community Centre's
3. Recovery services in both Community and CSA
4. Intensive Addiction Unit at Mount Carmel Hospital
5. Availability of Buprenorphine and Narcan
6. Respite Centre for those in difficulties

IMPLEMENTATION, COORDINATION & MONITORING





INDICATORS



- **Supply Reduction**

1. Number of drug law offences, possession, and trafficking.
2. Number of drug seizures, police, and customs.
3. Purity and price of drugs.
4. Number of drug-related financial investigations.
5. Number of drug related asset recovery probes.
6. Number of drug related confiscations or freezing of assets.
7. Number of detected money laundering activities based on drug trafficking.
8. Number of drug users served notice to appear before Professional Committee.
9. Number of drug users appearing before Justice Commissioner.



INDICATORS



- **Demand Reduction**

1. Prevalence of drug use in the population.
2. Prevalence of drug use in school aged children.
3. Number of individual requests for treatment.
4. Number of repetitive requests for treatment.
5. Number of new provisions related to harm reduction.
6. Number of new provisions related to dual diagnosis.
7. Number of non-fatal drug emergencies.
8. Prevalence of HIV, Hep C and Hep B within the drug using population.
9. Number of fatal drug overdoses.

CONSULTATION PERIOD

- Public consultation will be open for five weeks.
- Feedback to be received via email on **consultations.family@gov.mt**



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