## Coming soon: 2019 EU Drug Markets Report from the EMCDDA and Europol

Drug trafficking is a highly profitable commercial activity and remains a core business for organised crime groups across Europe today. Understanding the reality of the European drug market requires a holistic approach, following the supply chain from production and trafficking to distribution and sales.

Taking such an approach, two EU agencies — the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and Europol — have joined forces to provide their third state-of-the art overview of the European illicit drug market in the 2019 EU Drug Markets Report.

To be launched in Brussels on **26 November**, this strategic and action-oriented analysis combines data from the EMCDDA's drug monitoring system with Europol's operational intelligence on organised crime.

The 250-page graphic-rich report (including an executive summary) is accompanied by 13 background papers addressing gaps identified in the 2016 edition.

A news release, with the main highlights, will be available in 24 languages, while graphics will be downloadable from an <u>online media library</u>.

## Press conference

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Time: 10.00 Central European Time (CET/Brussels); 09.00 (WET/Lisbon) Venue: Résidence Palace, International Press Centre, 155 Rue de la Loi,

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The report and complementary materials will be available in English at: <a href="https://www.emcdda.europa.eu/2019/drug-markets">www.emcdda.europa.eu/2019/drug-markets</a> and <a href="https://www.europol.europa.eu">www.europol.europa.eu</a>.

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