

IMPRESA – a multidisciplinary project aims to provide an in-depth understanding of the theory to practice translation processes for the methamphetamine prevention and harm reduction strategies

During the last decades the large methamphetamine consumer markets in Czech Republic and Slovakia have been steadily expanding to the bordering cities in Poland and Germany. In recent years, the results from the wastewater analysis in 80 cities and towns (Wastewater analysis, EMCDDA) shows a rise in methamphetamine use in more European cities. However, the methamphetamine use prevention remains limited and inconsistent. There is a lack of understanding of which prevention strategies are effective and in what context. Problematic methamphetamine use can have serious damaging affects to the users and the general public, which raises the need for an effective, public health orientated strategy (-ies) to prevent and/or reduce methamphetamine use in Europe.

Implementing Methamphetamine Prevention Strategies into Action (IMPRESA) project overview

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Project aim: to reduce methamphetamine use related harm in Europe by providing an in-depth understanding of the translation processes of the best-practice selective and indicated methamphetamine prevention strategies.

Project objectives:

1. To synthesize the latest evidence on methamphetamine use prevention and harm reduction.
2. To establish multi-stakeholder partnerships in five EU pilot cities: Chemnitz (DE), Jelenia Góra (PL), Košice (SK), Prague (CZ), Vilnius (LT).
3. To tailor and implement best practice methamphetamine prevention and harm reduction intervention packages in five EU pilot cities.
4. To evaluate the translation processes and the public health impact of the intervention packages in five EU pilot cities using the RE-AIM evaluation tool.

Project results:

A systematic literature review on the evidence-based methamphetamine prevention and harm reduction strategies.

1. Working paper containing the summarized results from the Delphi process including a ranked list of best prevention and harm reduction strategies.
2. Narrative reports about the local context of five EU pilot cities.
3. Drafts of tailored city-level intervention packages for five EU pilot cities.

4. Protocols for the implementation of the tailored city-level intervention packages and a set of training and intervention materials for each EU pilot city.
5. Case study reports on the intervention implementation outcomes, including recommendations for each EU pilot city.
6. A guidance document on the implementation of methamphetamine prevention strategies.
7. A policy brief on effective methamphetamine prevention strategies in local settings.

IMPRESA project work package diagram

