

# 1998

MBDB is the first NPS risk assessed

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First operating guidelines for the risk assessment of NPS published | 4-MTA is the first NPS controlled following risk assessment

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2002

PMMA controlled

Ketamine and GHB risk assessed following their emergence in Europe

# 2001

First annual meeting of the EWS network in Lisbon | Norway joins the EWS | PMMA risk assessed | Cooperation agreement with Europol

2003 TMA-2, 2C-I, 2C-T-2, 2C-T-7 risk assessed and controlled

### 2005

1997

First EU legislation

on new psychoactive

substances (NPS):

Joint action 97/396/JHA

concerning the information

exchange, risk assessment

and control of new synthetic

drugs | EU Early Warning

System (EWS) on NPS

established

New legislation strengthens the EU response to NPS: Council Decision 2005/387/JHA on the information exchange, risk assessment and control of new psychoactive substances | 13 NPS notified to the EWS | 900 seizures of NPS reported, amounting to 2 kg

#### 2006

First EMCDDA-Europol annual report on NPS | First internet monitoring study on hallucinogenic mushrooms | European Database on New Drugs (EDND) launched

# 2004

10 new Member States join the EWS following EU enlargement: Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia

# Selected events from 25 years of early warning and response to new psychoactive substances in Europe



### 2020

New risk assessment operating guidelines | Isotonitazene is the first benzimidazole opioid risk assessed and controlled | MDMB-4en-PINACA and 4F-MDMB-BICA risk assessed | Alerts: impact of COVID-19 pandemic on drug markets; low-THC cannabis adulterated with synthetic cannabinoids | 46 NPS notified | 21 200 seizures, amounting to 5.1 tonnes

#### 2021

3-MMC and 3-CMC risk assessed | Alerts: benzimidazole opioids in fake medicines; risks posed by cannabis edibles | Outbreak of bleeding linked to brodifacoum in Israel | 52 NPS notified | **EMCDDA** monitoring 884 NPS

EMCDDA celebrates 25 years of early warning and response to NPS in Europe EU control measures on 3-MMC and 3-CMC adopted

#### 2019

New EWS operating guidelines | New EDND launched Alerts: flualprazolam, etizolam | Isotonitazene is the first benzimidazole opioid notified I Working arrangements with EU agencies: ECHA, EFSA 53 NPS notified

#### 2017

MDMB-CHMICA is the first synthetic cannabinoid controlled | Alert: increase in carfentanil seizures and deaths | Acryloylfentanyl, furanylfentanyl, AB-CHMINACA, ADB-CHMINACA, 5F-MDMB-PINACA, CUMYL-4CN-BINACA, 4F-iBF, THF-F and carfentanil risk-assessed | 51 NPS notified

# 2018

New legislation strengthens the EWS and brings faster response to NPS: Regulation (EU) 2017/2101 and Directive (EU) 2017/2103 enter into force | Working arrangements with EU agencies: ECDC, EMA, Europol | Methoxyacetylfentanyl and cyclopropylfentanyl risk assessed | Alerts: fentanils in fake medicines; risk of occupational exposure to fentanils; CBD e-liquids adulterated with synthetic cannabinoids | 55 NPS notified | 33 600 seizures, amounting to 4.1 tonnes

# 2016

MDMB-CHMICA is the first synthetic cannabinoid risk assessed | Alerts: ocfentanil sold as heroin; acryloylfentanyl deaths | MDA 19 (BZO-HEXOXIZID) notified | 66 NPS notified 46 000 seizures, amounting to 3.2 tonnes

### 2015

Toxicovigilance, signal management, open source information monitoring and risk communication systems established | Acetylfentanyl is the first fentanil causing EU concern | α-PVP risk assessed | Alert: 'Mocarz' mass poisoning by sy<mark>nthetic cann</mark>abinoids | BZP, mephedrone, 25I-NBOMe, AH-7921, MDPV controlled internationally | 98 NPS notified | 34 200 seizures, amounting to 4.6 tonnes

### 2007

First operating guidelines for the EWS published | BZP is the first piperazine risk assessed | EU enlargement: Bulgaria and Romania join EWS | Emergence of Spice and mephedrone in Europe | 14 NPS notified

#### 2008

Mephedrone and JWH-018 notified | BZP controlled [ First e-POD study on GHB and GBL I 13 NPS notified

#### 2009

Expert meeting on Spice | EWS alert on Spice | 21 NPS notified

# 2010

New guidelines for the risk assessment of NPS | Working arrangement with European Medicines Agency (EMA) | Mephedrone is the first cathinone risk assessed and controlled | 170 internet shops selling NPS identified | 41 NPS notified | 6 500 seizures, amounting to 1.1 tonnes

#### 2011

First international forum on NPS in Lisbon | First meeting on wastewater analysis of NPS | Alert on 4-methylamphetamine deaths | 314 internet shops identified | 48 NPS notified

# 2012

First international conference on NPS in Budapest | 4-Methylamphetamine risk assessed | Alert on 5-IT deaths | National EWS profiles published | 693 internet shops identified | 74 NPS notified

2013 5-IT risk assessed I EU enlargement: Croatia joins EWS | Alerts: AH-7921 deaths; 25I-NBOMe poisonings | Online interactive resource on synthetic cannabinoids | 81 NPS notified | 25 200 seizures, amounting to 1.9 tonnes

# 2014

Cooperation on NPS strengthened with World Health Organization and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime | Turkey joins EWS | AH-7921 is the first opioid risk assessed and controlled | MDPV, 25I-NBOMe, methoxetamine, MT-45, 4,4'-DMAR risk assessed Alert: MDMB-CHMICA poisonings | 101 NPS notified