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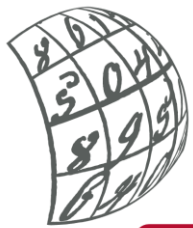


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PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE IN MONTENEGRO

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The background features a collection of medical supplies rendered in a flat, illustrative style. There are several pills in various colors (pink, yellow, blue, orange), syringes with different colored barrels (pink, blue, orange), and a pill bottle with a white cap and a red 'Rx' label. The items are scattered across a teal and blue background.

EUROPE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

- EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY
- 11 strategic priorities

EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY 2021 – 2025

- The strategy is based on the basic principles of EU law, with full respect for the basic values of the EU (human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, solidarity, rule of law and human rights). The strategy is also based on international law, relevant United Nations conventions that provide an international legal framework for dealing with the phenomenon of illegal drugs, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- The EU strongly supports the outcome document of the 2016 special session of the UN General Assembly on the world drug problem, which is the most comprehensive policy document on the issue
- .It also supports the ministerial statement from 2019 on strengthening action at the national, regional and international level

- The strategy was created based on the principles established by the Treaty of Lisbon

Strategy fully respects the European Convention on Human Rights and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, and is based on the human right to health, which should apply equally to everyone regardless of differences (for example, gender or age).

The goal of the Strategy is to ensure the protection and improvement of the well-being of society and individuals, the protection and improvement of public health, a high level of security through an integrated, balanced and multidisciplinary approach to the drug phenomenon, which is based on evidence, at the EU, national and international level.

The strategy is based on three policy areas that will contribute to the achievement of its goals, and on three cross-cutting themes that support policy areas

11 strategic priorities:

1. Disrupting and disabling high-risk drug-related organized crime groups operating in, originating from or directed at EU Member States, responding to links with other security threats and strengthening crime prevention.
2. Increasing the detection of illegal wholesale drug and drug precursor trade at points of entry into and exit from the EU.
3. Suppressing the misuse of logistics and digital channels for the distribution of illegal drugs in medium and small quantities and increasing the seizure of illegal substances smuggled through these channels, in close cooperation with the private sector.
4. Preventing the production of illegal drugs and suppressing illegal cultivation, preventing the diversion of drug precursors and their trade for the production of illegal drugs and solving environmental damage.
5. Preventing drug use and raising awareness of the harmful effects of drugs.
6. Ensuring access to treatment and care services and their strengthening.
7. Interventions to reduce risks and harmful consequences and other protection and support measures for people who take drugs.
8. Addressing the health and social needs of drug users in the prison environment and after release.
9. Strengthening international cooperation with third countries, regions, international and regional organizations and cooperation at the multilateral level, in order to achieve the approach and goals of the Strategy, among others in the field of development. Strengthening the EU's role as a global mediator for people-centred drug policy and human rights.
10. Building synergies to provide the EU and Member States with the comprehensive research evidence base and forecasting capacity needed to enable a more effective, innovative and agile

MONTENEGRO STRATEGY FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

2013-2020

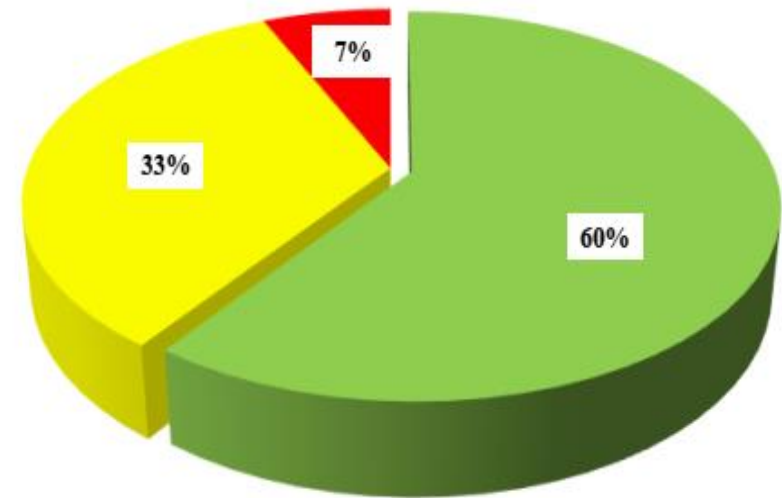
The two key dimensions of drug policy are:

1. Reducing the demand for drugs
2. Reducing the supply of drugs;

It was supplemented in the areas of international cooperation, networks for data and information, research, and inter-sectoral cooperation and coordination.

Reducing the demand for drugs in the areas of:

1. Prevention of drug abuse;
2. Treatment / cure;
3. Rehabilitation of drug addicts, reintegration into society and recovery, including drug addicts serving prison terms;
4. Reducing the risk and harmful consequences caused by drug abuse.



60% realized 33% partially realized 7% unrealized

1. Priority area: Prevention of drug abuse

- In the area of prevention of drug abuse, of the three activities foreseen in the action plan, all three have been partially implemented.
- Due to the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus, no public tender was held in 2020 "Supporting Drug Abuse Prevention Programs Among Key Populations."
- Preventive activities carried out in Montenegro are mainly from the field of universal prevention, and programs for

2. Priority area: Treatment/cure

- In the field of treatment, of the four activities foreseen in the action plan, all four were implemented
- The recommendation of the activity holder is that it is necessary to work on strengthening the professional capacities of professionals who are in direct contact with clients and to implement anti-stress programs for professionals

DRUG SUPPLY REDUCTION

- In order to implement the key measures, a total of ten activities were planned, of which one activity was not implemented (10%), and nine were fully implemented (90%), which is shown in the graph
- The two priority areas are:
 1. Police;
 2. Customs;



**SAY NO TO
DRUGS**

1. Priority area: Police

- The police is expected to implement five activities, four of which were implemented and one was not.
- The European Commission's Progress Report, published in October 2020, states, among other things: "Seizures of cocaine and heroin increased by 250% and 1300%, respectively, compared to 2018. Montenegro participated in four multinational police operations. A positive trend continued in 2020."

2. Priority area: Customs

- Customs Administration is expected to implement five activities and all of them have been fully implemented.
- Total number of drug seizures in 2020 by the Customs Administration is:
 - 2033.00 kg of marijuana,
 - 12.00 kg of heroin
 - and 53.00 kg of hashish.

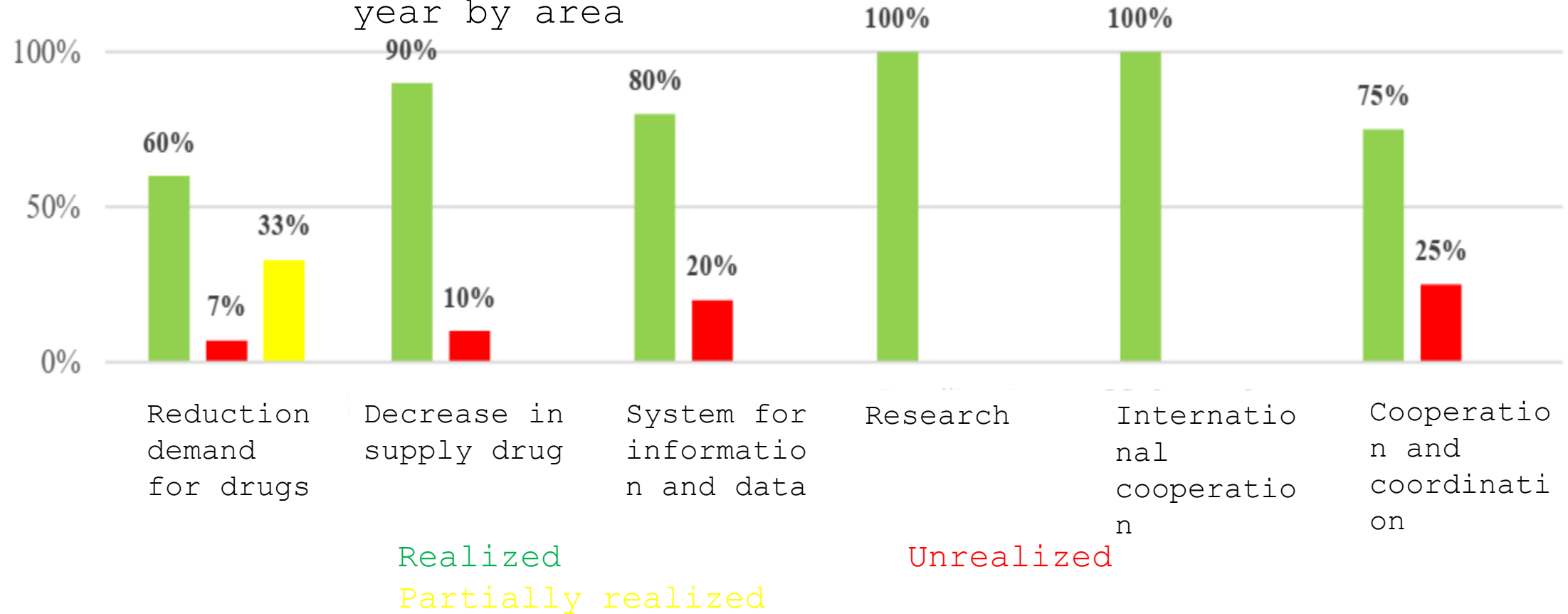
INFORMATION AND DATA SYSTEM:

- The biggest challenge in this area is the Drug Addiction Registry, which is still not fully functional.
- The recommendation of the activity holder is that it is necessary to establish the complete functionality of the Registry and eliminate recognized deficiencies in the delivery of data by health institutions.

COOPERATION AND COORDINATION:

- Cooperation and coordination - the implementation of a total of four activities is planned, of which one activity is not implemented (10%), and three are fully implemented (90%)
- From the analysis of the state of the implemented activities, it follows that a positive trend

Percentage of realized activities in 2020 year by area



Paragraph 300 and 301 of Criminal Law MNE

Article 300

Unauthorized

Production, Keeping and Releasing into Circulation of

Narcotic Drugs offense- High Court

- Sale element is essential, which needs to be proven
- Generally, the court considers a larger quantity of drugs to be intended for sale

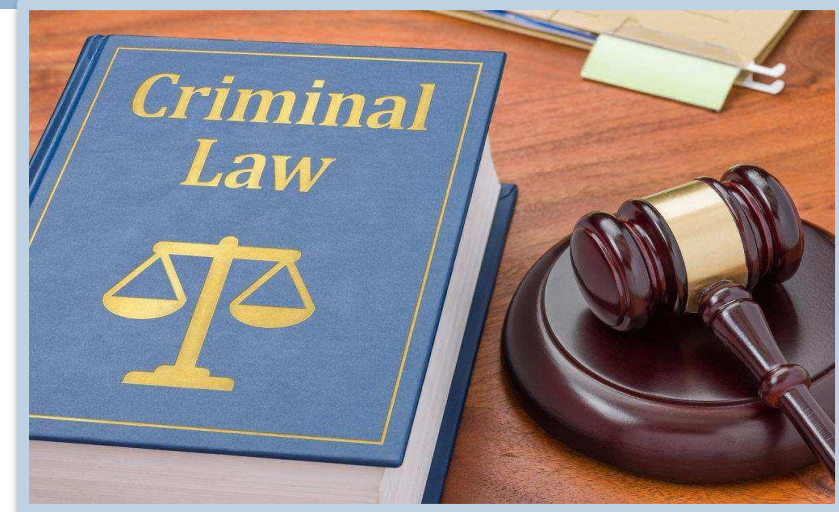
Article 301

Enabling the

Enjoying of

Narcotic Drugs

- Lesser offense- Basic Court
- Almost all persons defend themselves from the position that the drug is intended for their personal use
- If this circumstance is proven, it does not fall under this type of criminal act



Cases

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First case

- On the 27 July 2022 Montenegrin police successfully carried out their action where many people were arrested as the members of international criminal organization. They are suspected of smuggling 6 tones of cocaine at international level.
- These people are suspected of criminal organization and illegal drug production and selling.
- 8 people were arrested.



"Zelena milja"

Second case

- On 15 January 2012, Montenegrin police arrested 11 people suspected of narcotic sale. In that action 110 kilos of skank was confiscated.
- The action "Zelena milja" lasted for 7 months, starting from 15 June 2012 .
- 11 suspects were arrested as members of the criminal organization involved in drug crimes at international level.
- In similar action in late December 2011 police arrested 16 people, suspected of selling drugs.
- Judgment: They were convicted of 30 years and 2 months of jail time.

“Bruda” ”

Third case

- On 15th December 2022 in the “Bruda” action 10 people were arrested and 18 people were prosecuted, as they were charged for their links to the smuggling of almost of ton marijuana at international level.
- Searches were carried out at 14 locations in Montenegro: in Budva, Podgorica and Kolasin
- The activity was being carried out over a long period of time, with support on international partners-the FBI and the NCA
- This planned activity was carried out in 2021 and its result was cutting the routes used by members of this criminal group. Also, in several individual seizures in the territory of Montenegro



Conclusion

- From the whole presented material, it can be concluded that Montenegro is making great efforts to prevent drug abuse. It has been trying to stop organized crime by implementing various actions and measures.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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