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Progress in alcohol measurement at the EMCDDA: discussion of a revised EMQ alcohol module

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Rationale

To make better use of general population surveys to collect comparable data on alcohol use in the context of polydrug use

Current module is out dated and limited

The information collected by the EMCDDA is only the basic prevalence timeframes: LTP, LYP and LMP

The intention is not to create an alternative alcohol questionnaire nor to discuss what questions works best!



Rationale

In some countries, prevalence data is only obtained through a limited set of questions on drug use that are inserted in other national surveys (health, youth, lifestyle, school surveys, etc.). This affects the methodology and comprehensiveness of the results

For this reason, the revised module should consist of a sub-set of core questions that can be used when space is limited

Benefit from the RARHA SEAS project

Add 'voluntary' questions



Draft EMQ module - process

Draft module developed based on the current EMQ version and the RARHA project

The draft document was sent for comments to an expert group, with experience in alcohol research and/or participated in the RARHA project

After this meeting, the module will be sent to all experts and feedback should be received by October 15th

The EMCDDA will then finalise the new module

As for the new modules on perceived availability and NPS, a field trial can be established to test the module before its 'formal' adoption



Draft EMQ module

- **Lifetime, last 12 months and last 30 days prevalence**
- **Age of onset of drinking alcohol**
- **Frequency of use in the last 12 months**
- **Frequency of use in the last 30 days**
- **Greatest number of drinks on one occasion in the last 12 months**
- **Questions on risky single occasion drinking (RSOD)**
- **Questions on drunkenness from RARHA**
- **Rapid Alcohol Problem Screen (RAPS)**



Draft EMQ module – feedback received

- **Most suggested the inclusion of Beverage Specific Quantity Frequency (BSQF) questions**
- **Exclude questions on drunkenness**
- **Most would include AUDIT instead of RAPS**
- **Include the RARHA questions about setting of alcohol use (CD questions)**
- **For binge drinking questions, keep the categories as for other drugs**

What are your views?





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Thank you


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