

An aerial photograph of a historic European city, likely Gdansk, Poland, featuring a dense cluster of buildings with red-tiled roofs and a river in the foreground. The image is split diagonally, with the top-left portion being a dark, semi-transparent overlay containing white text, and the bottom-right portion showing the actual city scene under a bright sky.

Drug Consumption Rooms- Exploring Alternatives to Street Use

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harm reduction

- Harm reduction is a multi-dimensional response encompassing interventions, programmes and policies that seek to reduce the health, social and economic harms of drug use to individuals, communities and societies.
- EMCDDA monograph on Harm Reduction (2010)

reducing risks

- Harm reduction is about fostering protective “enabling environments” as well as improving services for individuals.
- This involves seeking to minimise negative dimensions of risk settings whilst developing alternative approaches that enable safer and healthier environments for both drug users and local community.



DCRs: definition

- Drug consumption rooms (DRCs) are protected places for the hygienic consumption of pre-obtained drugs in a non-judgemental environment and under the supervision of trained staff

other labels: MSIC, SIF...

- professionally run facilities,
- publicly acknowledged and funded,
- addressing a defined target group of marginalised drug users.

DCR objectives

- Reach and stay in contact with those who are not able or willing to quit;
- Reduce health risks related to drug use and provide access to other services, in particular medical care and drug treatment;
 - conditions of hygienic and lower risk consumption;
 - Reduce risk behaviours
 - Reduce morbidity and mortality
 - Improve access to health care and drug treatment
- Create an acceptable situation for the public with regard to public order and safety concerns arising from drug use in public.

90 official drug consumption rooms in Europe

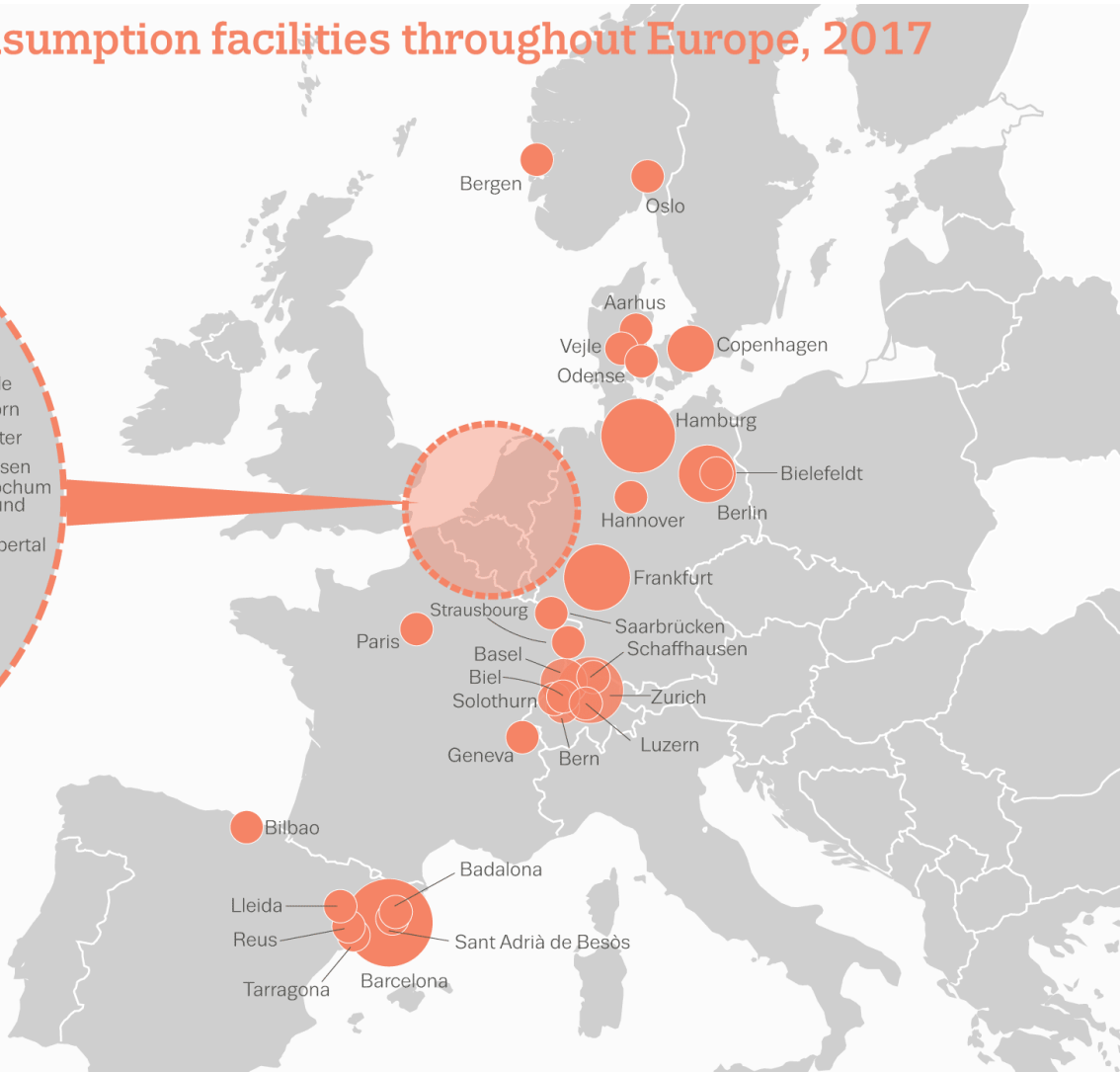
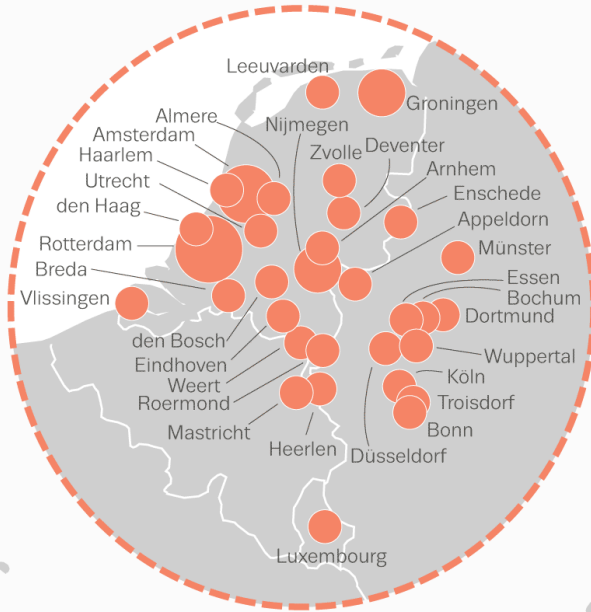
Switzerland	12	... first one in:	1986
Netherlands	31		1994
Germany	24		1994
Spain	13		2000
Norway	2		2005
Luxembourg	1		2005
Denmark	5		2011*
France	2		2016

* DK: opening of inofficial facility in 2011; legal basis created in 2012.

Sources for EU: EMCDDA National Focal Points. Data for Switzerland : internet. A DCR operated in Greece between October 2013 and July 2014.

Ninety DCRs in Europe

Location and number of drug consumption facilities throughout Europe, 2017



Key — circle size represents number of facilities



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- European drug report, drug data
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