



IMPRESA

Implementing Methamphetamine
Prevention Strategies into Action

IMPRESA – AIMS, SCOPE & METHODOLOGY

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IMPRESA project overview

Why?

Who?

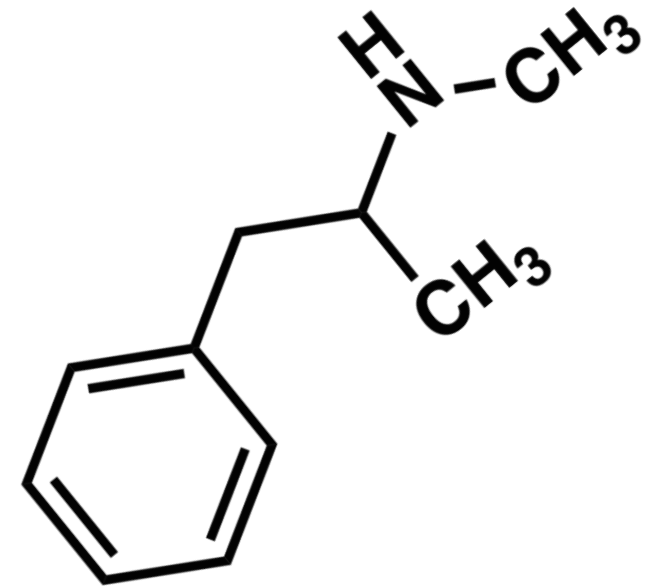
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How?

Where?

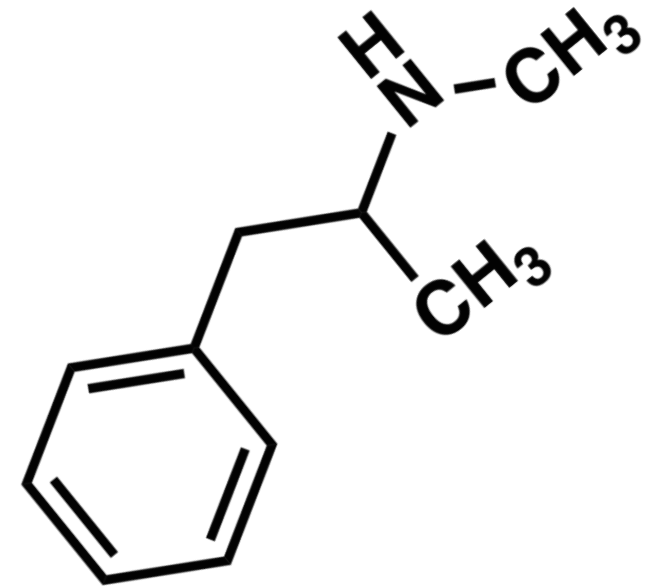
Why was there a need for IMPRESA project within the EU context?

- Popular drug in some countries for decades (Czechia, Slovakia) but there are signals that methamphetamine availability and use in EU are increasing (57 city wastewater analysis for 2020 and 2021, 26 reported an increase).
- Surveys (2016-2021) in 25 EU countries - 1.4 million young adults (15–34) used ATS in LY. High-risk methamphetamine use in Czechia 4.84 per 1 000 populations, 2.8/1000 – Slovakia.
- In Czechia, Germany, Slovakia and Turkey treatment entrants (9400) report methamphetamine as their main problem drug.



Why was there a need for IMPRESA project within the EU context?

- Problematic use poses serious health risks to the individual and the public (cardiovascular disease, addiction, infectious disease, economic burden and etc.)
- Lack of clear guidance on the best prevention and harm reduction practices.
- Can what is effective in theory translate into effective practices?



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Implementation period: 2021-2022
(extension – June 2023)

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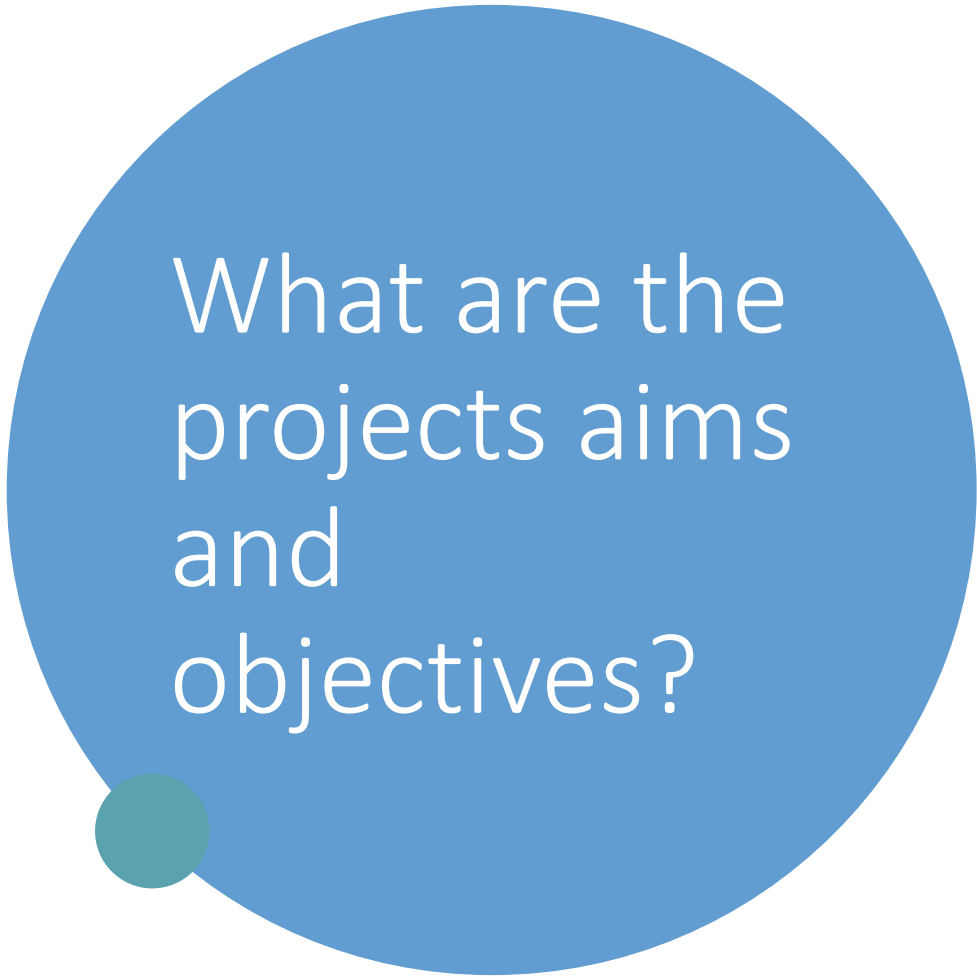
Who are the members of IMPRESA consortium?

5 countries with high methamphetamine availability and use:

Germany (coordinator), Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Lithuania

- Centre for Interdisciplinary Addiction Research and University of Hamburg (Germany)
- Pavol Jozef Šafárik University (Slovakia)
- Charles University (Czech Republic)
- The Maria Grzegorzewska University and PBIS (Poland)
- Republican Centre for Addictive Disorders (Lithuania)

Organizations from countries with methamphetamine use and representing educational and addiction treatment sectors



What are the
projects aims
and
objectives?



Aim - to reduce methamphetamine use related harm in Europe

Objective - provide an in-depth understanding of the how best-practice prevention and harm reduction interventions for methamphetamine use can be translated into action (practical application of research).

How – the methodology overview

RESEARCH

Learning what is effective?

IMPLEMENTATION

of selected interventions in 5 cities (Chemnitz, Prague, Kosice, Warsaw and Vilnius)

ADAPTATION

Forming local multistakeholder partnerships (MSP)

EVALUATION

using RE-AIM tool

Activity 1 – Literature review and evidence synthesis

- Systematic literature review - analyzing the latest evidence-based prevention and harm reduction interventions
- Delphi expert consensus process



- Results:
- A systematic literature review
 - A ranked list of effective prevention and harm reduction practices

Activity 2 - Development of tailored prevention intervention packages

- Forming local multistakeholder partnerships
- Review of local city-level context
- Conducting a RE-AIM planning tool informed electronic surveys
- Selecting best practice strategies for each five cities
- Production of tailored city-level intervention strategies



Results:

- 5 narrative reports about the local city context based on desk review and RE-AIM informed survey
- 5 intervention packages tailored for 5 cities

Activity 3 - Implementation of tailored prevention intervention packages

- Production of city-level intervention protocols
- Preparation of the implementation including recruitment and training of providers
- Implementation
- Data monitoring processes



Results:

- A protocol for the implementation of tailored city intervention packages for each city
- A set of training and intervention materials and assessment tools for each city

Activity 4 - Evaluation of implementation processes and public health impact

- Assessing the impact: reach, effectiveness, adoption, implementation and maintenance
- Mixed-methods data integration
- City case study reports
- Context specific recommendations and conclusions



- Results:
- 5 city case study reports on implementation outcomes
 - A guidance document on local implementation
 - A policy brief on effective methamphetamine prevention strategies in local settings

Where are we within IMPRESA timeframe?

Activity 1 – Literature review and evidence



Activity 2 - Development of tailored prevention intervention packages



Activity 3 - Implementation of tailored prevention intervention packages



Activity 4 - Evaluation of implementation processes and public health impact



Expected published results by June 2023



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Thank you for your time

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