



THE GLOBAL DRUG POLICY INDEX 2021: A GLOBAL TOOL FOR EVALUATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

ONLINE SIDE EVENT - #CND65

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Organised by the International Drug Policy Consortium with the support of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association; the Eurasian Network of People Who Use Drugs; the European Network of People who Use Drugs; the Global Drug Policy Observatory, Swansea University; Harm Reduction International; the Middle East & North Africa Harm Reduction Association; the Women and Harm Reduction International Network and Youth RISE

This event will be in English, with interpretation in French, Spanish and Russian

The Global Drug Policy Index is the first of its kind that measures, evaluates and ranks countries according to how well their drug policies are aligning with the recommendations included in the UN System Common Position on Drugs and its Task Team's report from March 2019. Based on 75 indicators running across five thematic dimensions (absence of extreme sentencing, proportionality of the criminal justice response, harm reduction, access to controlled medicines, and development), this first edition of the Index covers 30 countries from all regions of the world. The first data from the Index were launched in November 2021, and this side event will offer an overview of the methodology and key findings, illustrated with testimonies from people directly affected by drug policies worldwide.

Speakers:

- **Dave Bewley-Taylor**, Global Drug Policy Observatory - Swansea University, United Kingdom
- **Marialba Quesada**, Youth RISE, Costa Rica
- **Annie Madden**, Harm Reduction Australia
- **Zhannat Kosmukhamedova**, UNODC Regional Programme Office for Eastern Europe
- **Moderator: Marie Nougier**, International Drug Policy Consortium

