Evolving Reality: The Strategic Shift in Crypto-Drug Market Enforcement

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Crypto-Drug Markets (CDMs):

Also referred to as Dark Net Drug Markets are anonymised internet sites which facilitate the sale and purchase of narcotic substances both domestically and internationally.
This hidden site has been seized and controlled since June 20.

by the Dutch National Police in conjunction with the Bundeskriminalamt, Lietuvos Policija, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Europol, under the authority of the Dutch National Prosecutor's Office and the Attorney General’s office of the Federal State of Hessa (Germany).

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World Drug Report 2014
Described the CDM issue as ‘growing’

World Drug Report 2015
As moving ‘increasingly into the dark markets’

World Drug Report 2016
That ‘drug supply via...the dark net may have increased in recent years’

World Drug Report 2017
Online trade is ‘growing rapidly’

World Drug Report 2018
Dark net markets issue ‘continues to grow rapidly, despite success in shutting down popular trading platforms’
Further Reading:

http://www.swansea.ac.uk/gdpo/projectpages/crypto-drugmarketsproject/

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