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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 Hesse (Germany).



The Dutch National Police have located Hansa Market and taken over control of this marketplace since June 20, 2017. We have modified the source code, which allowed us to capture passwords, PGP-encrypted order information, IP-addresses, Bitcoins and other relevant information that may help law enforcement agencies worldwide to identify users of this marketplace. For more information about this operation, please consult our hidden service at gullipohh2zeu.onion.

This seizure was part of **Operation Bayonet**, which includes the takeover of Hansa Market by the National Police of the Netherlands and the takedown of AlphaBay Market by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States of America on July 4, 2017.



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as a part of a law enforcement operation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and European law enforcement agencies acting through Europol

in accordance with the law of European Union member states and obtained pursuant to a forfeiture order by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and the U.S. Department of Justice's Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section.



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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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Project Summary | **Technical Advisors**

The prohibition dominated approach to non-medical and non-scientific use of certain psychoactive substances is a long-standing feature of international drug policy, but the trade in drugs online is a relatively new feature. Historic interventions by state and international law enforcement agencies against online drug

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