



INCB work with Member States to prevent adverse consequences and reduce risks from NPS



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NPS Related Challenges

- Few therapeutic measures available
- New types of substances emerge quickly
- Potent substances cheap to manufacture
- Microscopic quantities can kill

General Overview – NPS/Synthetic Opioids

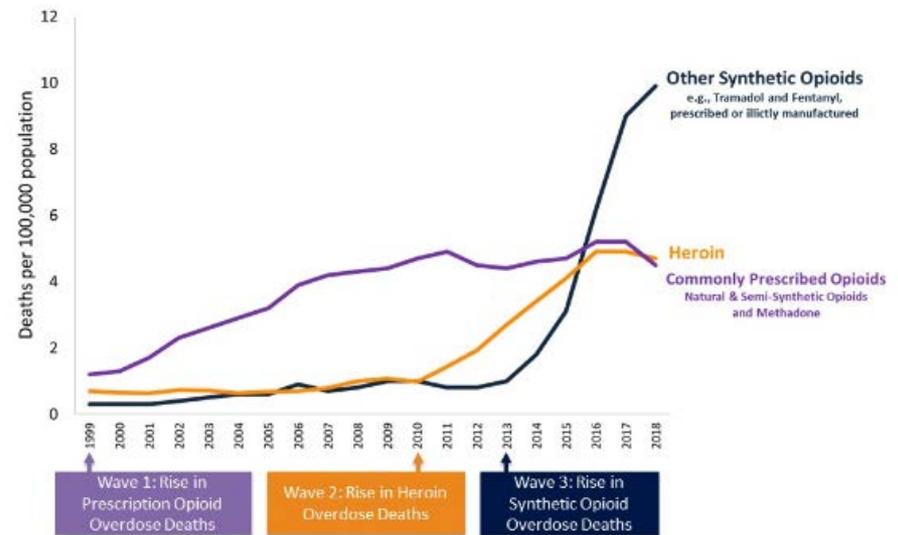
After falling slightly in 2017, the number of overdose deaths in the United States is again on the rise. **Opioids** are responsible for most overdose deaths, accounting for 46,802 in total in 2018. Prescription and heroin deaths have declined, but synthetic-related deaths continue to skyrocket

(CDC 2020)

New Psychoactive Substances have become a more persistent problem. >50 NPS continue to be detected for the first time annually by the EU Early Warning System

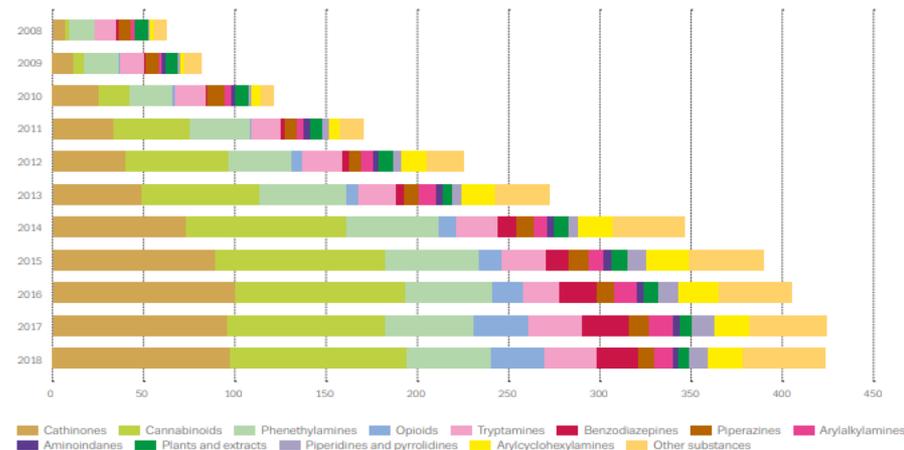
(EMCDDA European Drug Report September 2020)

3 Waves of the Rise in Opioid Overdose Deaths



SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System Mortality File.

NUMBER AND CATEGORIES OF SUBSTANCES DETECTED EACH YEAR, FOLLOWING THEIR FIRST DETECTION, 2008-18



INCB assisting member states

Article 12 of the 1988 Convention requires the Board to recommend to the CND to place substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in Table I or Table II. (e.g., the 2016 recommendation of two fentanyl precursors – NPP and ANPP)

CND Resolution 62/2:

“Reiterating the importance of approaches to countering drug and precursor trafficking that involve the cooperation and coordination among competent authorities, as well as industry and the private sector, while highlighting the importance of the current International Narcotics Control Board platforms for real-time information exchange, specifically the Project Ion Incident Communication System, the global Operational Partnerships to Interdict Opioids’ Illicit Distribution and Sales project and the Precursors Incident Communication system..”

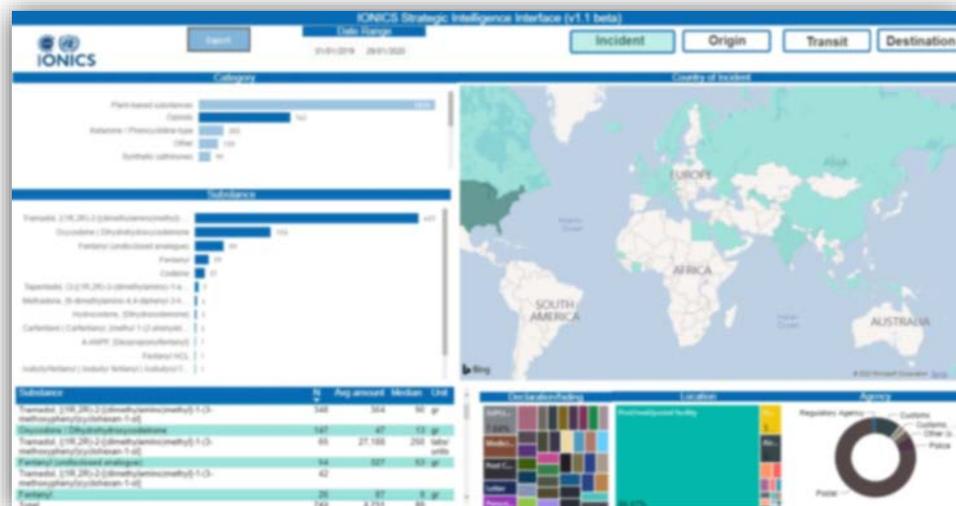
The Board has used PICS and IONICS data exchange platforms to help Member States more rapidly address NPS challenges





Cooperation and Partnerships

Supporting regulatory, law enforcement, customs and postal authorities in preventing NPS from reaching the consumer market through real-time information related to NPS incidents (PICS, IONICS and GRIDS Intelligence Tool).



Responding to increased small-amount NPS shipments, INCB strengthened cooperation with UPU and WCO to heighten their alerts on shipments containing NPS and train officers on intelligence sharing and safe handling.



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION

INCB promotes partnership between Governments and industries including chemical manufacturers, Internet-related services, and logistic services (mail and couriers), to prevent legitimate business services from being abused for marketing and trafficking in NPS.

The infographic titled 'The 4 M's of trafficking' illustrates the cycle of drug trafficking. It features four main components: **Manufacture** (represented by a flask and test tubes), **Movement** (represented by a hand holding a box with a Euro symbol), **Marketing** (represented by a megaphone and a bar chart), and **Monetization** (represented by a hand holding a dollar sign). The infographic also includes the INCB logo, the United Nations logo, and contact information: www.incb.org and [@INCB_GRIDS](https://twitter.com/INCB_GRIDS).



The Board has built on its long history of operational support to Member States by fostering data-driven partnerships to address NPS with Member States, Inter-governmental organizations, and the private sector, and during the pandemic, by rapid transformation to virtual platforms for communication and training.