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## Introduction

The *Information System in Addictions* (ISA) is a comprehensive system for monitoring the situation in the field of substance use and behavioural addictions in the Czech Republic. Previously, the system was referred to as the *Drug Information System* (DIS), as it had historically focused solely on the area of addictive substances and, above all, illicit drugs. Since 2019, when the *National Strategy for Prevention and Reduction of Harm Related to Addictive Behaviour 2019-2027* (National Strategy 2019-2027) explicitly integrated all addiction topics, i.e. alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs, psychoactive medicines, gambling and digital addictions, the monitoring area has also expanded.

The monitoring is an indispensable component of the National Strategy 2019-2027 as well as the follow-up three-year action plans for implementation of the strategy. The current *Action Plan on Addiction Policy 2023–2025*, approved by the Government of the Czech Republic on 5 April 2023 by resolution no. 230, also highlights the need to ensure systematic and continuous monitoring of the situation across the full spectrum of addictions, i.e. the need to monitor the extent of substance use and other forms of risk behaviour in the population, including its health and social impacts.

The *National Action Plan of the Information System in Addictions* (NAPISA) is formulated as a tool to plan and frame ISA evaluations, succeeding the National Action Plans of the Drug Information System (NAPDIS) over past periods.

It is co-ordinated and guaranteed by the National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction (NMC), established by government resolution no. 643 of 19 June 2002 in the Secretariat of the Council of the Government for Drug Policy Coordination (renamed by resolution no. 412 of the Government of the Czech Republic of 18 May 2022 to the Council of the Government for Addiction Policy Coordination), which is an organisational part of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic and its activities are laid down in the statute of the Government Council.

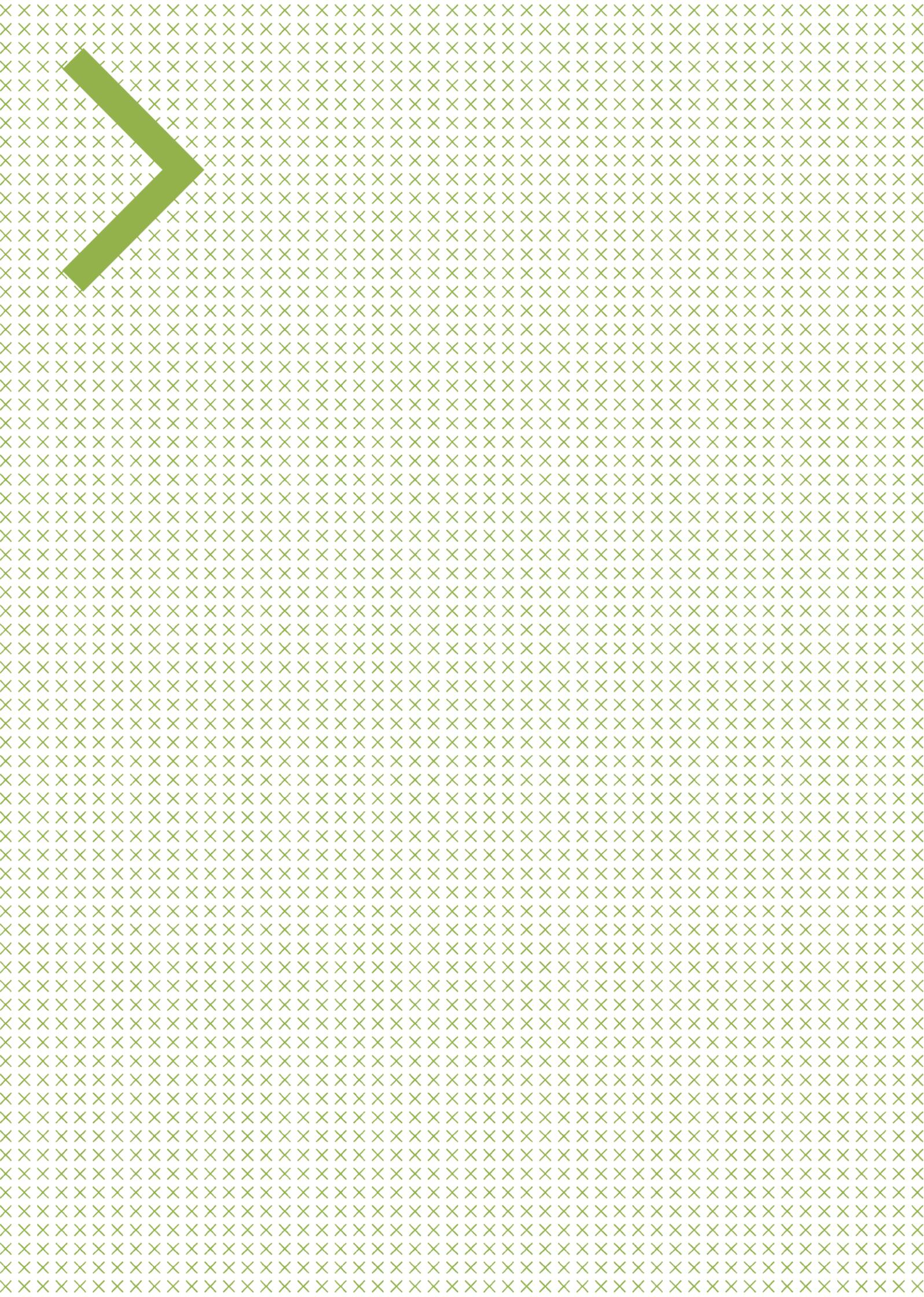
The National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction is the Czech national partner of the European Union's decentralised drugs monitoring agency, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), based in Lisbon, within the meaning of Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006, and Article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2023/1322 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2023 on the European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA).

Since 2002, an annual report on the state of drugs in the Czech Republic, and since 2015 an annual report on gambling in the Czech Republic have been presented to the Government. The areas of alcohol, tobacco, psychoactive medicines and excessive use of new technologies have not been systematically monitored and evaluated over the long term.

As of 2021, the NMC handles a decision of the Government of the Czech Republic no. 650 of 19 July 2021 specific thematic reports focusing on each addiction area, namely:

- › *Report on Tobacco and Nicotine Products in the Czech Republic,*
- › *Report on Alcohol in the Czech Republic,*
- › *Report on the Problematic Use of Psychoactive Medicines in the Czech Republic,*
- › *Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic,*
- › *Report on Gambling in the Czech Republic and*
- › *Report on Digital Addictions in the Czech Republic.*

The thematic reports are followed by the *Summary Report on Addictions in the Czech Republic*. All reports are available at [www.drogy-info.cz](http://www.drogy-info.cz).



## 1 Evaluation of NAPISA 2020-2022

In 2023, the *National Action Plan on Information System in Addictions 2020-2022* (NAPISA 2020-2022) was evaluated. One of the main objectives of NAPISA 2020-2022 was to design systemic changes in monitoring to reinforce monitoring in those areas of the integrated addiction policy which have long been neglected, and to set up a comprehensive approach to monitor the scale of these phenomena and their public health effects, i.e. tobacco, nicotine and related products, alcohol, psychoactive medicines and behavioural addictions, including the issue of excessive use of digital technologies.

### 1.1 Assessment of NAPISA Objectives for 2020-2022

| Objectives  | Evaluation  |
|---|---|
| <p>➤ A comprehensive overview of the situation regarding both licit and illicit addictive substances and behavioural addictions in the Czech Republic.</p>            | <p><b>Achieved.</b></p> <p>In 2021, in line with the new concept of the Report Package in the Field of Addictions, approved by the Government of the CR by Resolution no. 650 of 19 July 2021, thematic reports focusing on other areas of addictions were prepared and published, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Report on Tobacco, Nicotine and Related Products in the Czech Republic 2021,</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Report on Alcohol in the Czech Republic 2021,</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Report on the Problematic Use of Psychoactive Medicines in the Czech Republic 2021,</i></li> <li>➤ <i>The Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic 2021,</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Report on Gambling in the Czech Republic 2021.</i></li> </ul> <p>The thematic reports were followed by the <i>Summary Report on Addictions in the Czech Republic 2021</i>, approved by the Government of the Czech Republic on 6 April 2022. In July 2022, the abovementioned thematic reports were complemented by the <i>Report on Digital Addictions in the Czech Republic 2022</i> and later by the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic 2022</i> in November 2022.</p> <p>A <i>Summary Report on Addictions in the Czech Republic 2022</i> was then prepared and discussed by the Government of the Czech Republic on 12 April 2023.</p> |
| <p>➤ Regular reporting and dissemination of information on the situation regarding both licit and illicit drugs and behavioural addictions in the Czech Republic.</p> | <p><b>Achieved.</b></p> <p>In 2021 and 2022, the NMC delivered comprehensive reports on the addiction situation as well as detailed reports per thematic area. Other reports, based on thematic analyses or summarising the results of main studies and surveys (e.g. National Survey on Substance Use, NAUTA study, ESPAD, HBSC), are published by the institutions coordinating the data collection for each</p>  |

| Objectives  | Evaluation  |
|---|---|
|   | <p>population group and the EMCDDA European Drug Report is presented annually.</p> <p>Ad-hoc analyses are performed and published when required. The results and analyses of different aspects of the drug situation are regularly published in the outputs and publications of a number of ISA institutions.</p> <p>The periodical bulletin is published by NMC called <i>Focused</i> (previously <i>Focused on Drugs</i>), as well as <i>Addictology in Prevention and Treatment practice</i> (<a href="http://aplp.cz">aplp.cz</a>), <i>Addictology journal</i> (<a href="http://adiktology-journal.eu">adiktology-journal.eu</a>), which are directly focused on addiction issues, and other specific periodically published journals covering the wider areas of prevention, treatment and psychiatry.</p> <p>The information is published continuously via the website <a href="http://drogy-info.cz">drogy-info.cz</a>, <a href="http://szu.gov.cz">szu.gov.cz</a>, <a href="http://uzis.cz">uzis.cz</a>, <a href="http://adiktologie.cz">adiktologie.cz</a>, <a href="http://nudz.cz">nudz.cz</a>.</p> <p>The NMC is part of the European Reitox network. Data for the Czech Republic are reported annually to the EMCDDA and UNODC as requested by these institutions.</p> |
| <p>➤ Ensuring comprehensive monitoring in the area of tobacco and alcohol in the Czech Republic.</p>  | <p><b>Achieved.</b></p> <p>In 2021, the NMC prepared thematic reports summarising the state of tobacco use and alcohol consumption, health and social impacts and context. From 2023 onwards, the information package for the annual reports on addiction will contain 6 thematic reports each year, supplemented by the <i>Summary Report on Addictions in the Czech Republic</i>.</p> <p>The new package includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Report on Tobacco, Nicotine and Related Products in the Czech Republic.</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Report on Alcohol in the Czech Republic.</i></li> </ul>  |
| <p>➤ Introducing comprehensive digital addiction monitoring in the Czech Republic with focus on digital games, internet, social networks.</p> | <p><b>Achieved.</b></p> <p>In 2022, the NMS prepared the first <i>Report on Digital Addictions in the Czech Republic</i>, which summarises the extent of the phenomenon in the Czech Republic and its health and social impacts and context.</p>  |
| <p>➤ Establish a comprehensive monitoring for psychoactive medicines abuse/problematic use, particularly for sedatives and hypnotics.</p>     | <p><b>Achieved.</b></p> <p>In 2021, the NMS prepared a thematic <i>Report on the Problematic Use of Psychoactive Medicines in the Czech Republic</i>, which summarises the extent of the phenomenon in the Czech Republic and its health and social impacts and context.</p>  |

## 1.2 Evaluation of the Implementation of NAPISA for the Period 2020-2022

### 1.2.1 Monitoring and Data Collection: Substance Use and Extent of Behavioural Addictions in the General Population and Specific Population Groups

| Activity   | Description  | Responsible institution                                      | Frequency of data collection  | Evaluation   |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| European school survey project on alcohol and other drugs (ESPAD)      | A questionnaire study on a representative sample of 16-year-old students focused on the use of addictive substances and attitudes towards their use, gambling, playing digital games and time spent online.      | NMC and NIMH (National Institute of Mental Health)           | Every 4 years from 1995, in accordance with the international timetable for undertaking the study | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2019. The results were published in 2020 on the website <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz">drogy-info.cz</a> (Focused 5/2020, <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2020-zaostreno/05-20-evropska-skolni-studie-o-alkoholu-a-jinych-drogach-espad-2019/">https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2020-zaostreno/05-20-evropska-skolni-studie-o-alkoholu-a-jinych-drogach-espad-2019/</a> ).<br>The next wave of the study will take place in accordance with the international schedule after 5 years (2024), again at 4-year intervals.<br>In 2022, preparation for the next wave of the study was started. |
| HBSC (International Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children study)    | A health and lifestyle interview of 11-, 13- and 15-year-old primary school pupils, which includes a module on prevalence of substance use and attitudes towards substance use, gaming and spending time online. | Faculty of Physical Culture of Palacký University in Olomouc | Every 4 years from 1994   | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2022. The results of the study are published on an ongoing basis on the website of the project <a href="https://zdravagenerace.cz/">https://zdravagenerace.cz/</a> and through articles in professional journals.  |
| Population-wide substance use study (National Survey on Substance Use) | Questionnaire study of a representative sample of the adult population focused solely on substance use experience, gambling and attitudes.   | NMC  | Every 4 years from 2004   | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2020. The results of the study were published on the website <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz">drogy-info.cz</a> (Focus 5/2021, <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2021-zaostreno/05-21-narodni-vyzkum-uzivani-navykovych-latek-2020/">https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2021-zaostreno/05-21-narodni-vyzkum-uzivani-navykovych-latek-2020/</a> ).   |

| Activity   | Description   | Responsible institution   | Frequency of data collection                          | Evaluation   |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Representative surveys on substance use and gambling in the general population in the Czech Republic | Questionnaire surveys on semi-representative sample of the general population of the Czech Republic (quota selection) in the framework of 2 omnibus surveys (ppm factum research, INRES-SONES)  | NMC   | Annually since 2009 and 2012                          | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Two omnibus studies are carried out each year — Prevalence of Drug Use in the Czech population and Survey on the Opinions and Attitudes of Citizens of the Czech Republic Towards Health and Health Issues (Citizen Survey). The results are published through the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> ( <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/vyrocnizpravy/zprava-o-nelegalnich-drogach-v-ceske-republice-2022/">https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/vyrocnizpravy/zprava-o-nelegalnich-drogach-v-ceske-republice-2022/</a> ). |
| Monitoring tobacco use in Czechia's population   | Population-wide study (NAUTA) on adult smoking via the WHO or WHO/CDC Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) standard set of questions. Via an omnibus survey on a quasi-representative sample of the adult population carried out by INRES-SONES agency. | NIPH (National Institute of Public Health)  | Annually  | <b>Achieved.</b><br>An annual data collection exercise is carried out in the framework of the Research on the Opinions and Attitudes of Citizens of the Czech Republic on health and health issues (Citizen research). The results are published on the <a href="https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/nauta/">https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/nauta/</a> website.   |
| Monitoring the consumption of alcohol in the Czech Republic  | Population-wide study (NAUTA) using a SMART development methodology. Via an omnibus survey on a quasi-representative sample of the adult population carried out by INRES-SONES agency.  | NIPH (National Institute of Public Health) and NIMH (National Institute of Mental Health) | Every two years from 2012 onwards, annually from 2018 | <b>Achieved.</b><br>An annual data collection is carried out in the framework of the Research on the Opinions and Attitudes of Citizens of the Czech Republic on health and health issues (Citizen survey). The results are published on the <a href="https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/nauta/">https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/nauta/</a> website.  |
| Monitoring tobacco use among youth in the Czech Republic   | The Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS, a specific youth smoking   | NIPH (National Institute of Public Health)  | Interval of 3-5 years, according to WHO/CDC           | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2022. The results of the study were published on the NIPH  |

| Activity   | Description   | Responsible institution | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation   |
|--|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|  | survey for school-age children.   |                         |                              | website ( <a href="https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/gyts/">https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/gyts/</a> ).   |
| Study of substance use among prisoners carrying prison sentences | Questionnaire survey on a representative sample of the Czech prison population focused on substance use and gambling. | NMS and Prison Service  | Every 2 years from 2010      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The study was carried out in both 2020 and 2022. Another wave of the study is planned for 2024. The results are published in the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> ( <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/vyrocnizpravy/zprava-o-nelegalnich-drogach-v-ceske-republice-2022/">https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/vyrocnizpravy/zprava-o-nelegalnich-drogach-v-ceske-republice-2022/</a> ). |

### 1.2.2 Monitoring and Data Collection: Estimates of High-risk Substance Use, Problem Gambling and Excessive Use of Digital Technologies

| Activity   | Description  | Responsible institution | Frequency of data collection   | Evaluation  |
|--|--|-------------------------|--|---|
| Population estimates at risk of addiction through screening scales | Estimates from screening surveys included in the population-wide surveys (National Survey on Substance Use, Citizen survey).                                     | NMC                     | Annually, and with regard to the frequency of conducting a population-wide study, respectively | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the National Survey on Substance Use took place in 2020. The results of the study were published on the website <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2021-zaostreno/05-21-narodni-vyzkum-uzivani-navykovych-latek-2020/">drogy-info.cz</a> (Focus 5/2021, <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2021-zaostreno/05-21-narodni-vyzkum-uzivani-navykovych-latek-2020/">https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2021-zaostreno/05-21-narodni-vyzkum-uzivani-navykovych-latek-2020/</a> ). Estimates are also drawn from the annual Citizen survey omnibus study. |
| Prevalence estimates of problem drug users                         | Estimation, using the standard multiplier method, of the number of clients of problem drug users in contact with low-threshold programmes in the Czech Republic. | NMC                     | Annually since 2002  | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Estimates are made annually. The results are published via the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .   |

| Activity  | Description  | Responsible institution | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation  |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Multiplier Study  | Survey among problem drug users in low-threshold programmes on patterns of use and risk behaviours.  | NMC                     | At intervals of three years  | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2022 in the low-threshold programmes. The results were published in the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> . Another wave of the study is planned for 2025.   |
| Survey among general practitioners and estimation of the number of problem users of substances and problem gamblers | Survey among general practitioners on substance use and substitution treatment. An estimate of problem drug use and problem gambling based on data from general practitioners, including general practitioners for children and adolescents. | NMC                     | Every 2 years                | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2022. The results are continuously published in the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> . Another wave of the study is planned for 2024.   |
| Quantitative and qualitative monitoring of a drug scene by workers of addiction services                            | Cross-sectional study and focus groups on selected issues related to current substance and addiction situation and trends.   | NMC                     | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Two studies were run in 2022, the topic was digital addiction and the issue of addictive behaviours in people who left Ukraine as a result of the state of war. The results were published in the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> and in the <i>Report on Digital Addictions in the Czech Republic</i> . |

### 1.2.3 Monitoring and Data Collection: Health and Social Impacts of Substance Use and Behavioural Addictions

| Activity                 | Description   | Responsible institution   | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation   |
|--------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|--|
| Surveillance of HIV/AIDS | Number and characteristics of people who have been detected with HIV infection or AIDS (monitored injecting drug use).<br>Number and outcome of HIV | NIPH (National Institute of Public Health) – National Reference Laboratory for AIDS | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is published annually on the NIPH website ( <a href="https://szu.gov.cz/temata-zdravi-a-bezpecnosti/a-z-infekce/h/hiv-aids/">https://szu.gov.cz/temata-zdravi-a-bezpecnosti/a-z-infekce/h/hiv-aids/</a> ) and provided for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> . |

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|   | laboratory tests performed.  |   |                              |   |
| Information System on Infectious Diseases (ISIN, EpiDat)  | The number and characteristics of people who have been detected with viral hepatitis (monitored for injecting drug use).   | NIPH via the network of regional hygiene stations (EpiDat) and data of Institute of Health Information and Statistics | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually to the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| Register of Sexual Diseases (RSD)   | Number and characteristics of people with reported sexually transmitted diseases (including injecting drug use and risk behaviour).  | Regional hygiene stations and data of Institute of Health Information and Statistics                                  | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually to the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| Register of tuberculosis (RTBC)   | Number and characteristics of people with reported tuberculosis (problem alcohol and drug users monitored).  | Regional hygiene stations and data of Institute of Health Information and Statistics                                  | Ongoing                      | <b>Partially achieved.</b><br>Data is provided for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> . The latest data available is for 2020.                              |
| Routine data monitoring of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic   | The number of people tested and treated for hepatitis and HIV/AIDS.  | Prison Service  | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data are processed annually to evaluate the activities of the Prison Service and are provided for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .  |
| Monitoring of infection testing in low-threshold programmes   | Numbers of HIV, viral hepatitis and syphilis tests performed in the low-threshold programmes.  | NMC   | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2022. The results are published on an ongoing basis in the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> . |
| National registry of post-mortem and toxicological examinations carried out for the Department of Forensic Medicine (NRPTE) | Information system of post-mortem and toxicological examinations of deceased persons carried out at forensic departments enabling the extraction of overdose deaths and associated | Institute of Health Information and Statistics (IHIS)   | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .  |

| Activity   | Description  | Responsible institution  | Frequency of data collection    | Evaluation  |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------|---|
|  | with addictive substances.   |  |                                 |   |
| The Information System on deceased persons (IS ZEM)  | Information system for all deceased persons in the Czech Republic, enabling the extraction of overdose deaths using addictive substances.  | Czech Statistical Office, Institute of Health Information and Statistics | Ongoing                         | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .  |
| Survey of Agency for Social Inclusion (ASI) representatives in Socially Excluded Locations | Degree of severity of the gambling compared to other problems, rate of occurrence of gambling and gambling problems socially excluded areas, rate of use of different types of drugs, prevalence of sales and drug production. | ASI and NMC  | Annually                        | <b>Partially achieved.</b><br>It ran until 2020 on an annual basis. No study performed in 2021 and 2022.  |
| Statistics of the Association of Civil Counselling Offices                                 | Number of clients in debts caused by gambling, level of indebtedness.  | Association of Civil Counselling Offices                                 | Annually                        | <b>Not achieved.</b><br>The statistics were not available when the <i>Report on Gambling in the Czech Republic</i> was prepared.  |
| Pathological gamblers in treatment   | A cross-sectional questionnaire study among problem gamblers in treatment, focusing on their characteristics, their gambling patterns, factors condition for entering treatment, etc. It has a prospective part.               | NMC  | At two-year intervals from 2013 | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2021. Results are continuously published in the <i>Report on Gambling in the Czech Republic</i> .                 |
| National Drug Squad Data Processing System   | Drug offenders, by drugs and under individual provisions of the Penal Code.  | The Police of the Czech Republic – National Drug Squad                   | Ongoing                         | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually to the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| Estimate of the secondary drug-related crime   | Expert retrospective estimate made by staff of the Regional Directorates and Departments of  | National Drug Squad and NMC  | At two-year intervals           | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2022. The results are published on an ongoing basis in the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> . |

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|  | the Police of the Czech Republic   |                                       |                              | Another wave of the study is planned for 2024.  |
| Register of misdemeanours held by the Criminal Records Register                | Misdemeanours concerning the possession of drugs and the growing of plants containing illicit substances in small quantities.  | Ministry of Justice                   | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually to the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| Register of misdemeanours for illegal handling with drugs                      | Tracking of misdemeanours for illegal substances   | National Drug Squad                   | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually to the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| ESSK (Registration statistical system of crime statistics of the Czech police) | Drug law offences and their perpetrators. Offences under the influence of addictive substances. Gambling related crime.  | Police of the Czech Republic          | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> and for the <i>Report on Gambling in the Czech Republic</i> .  |
| Ministry of Justice Statistics (Public Prosecution Service and Courts)         | Drug law offences and their perpetrators (prosecutions, defendants, convictions), by type of drug and penalties and measures imposed.                                | Ministry of Justice                   | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually to the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| Data processing system of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic             | Substance use monitoring/testing among prison inmates. The number and volume of seizures of addictive substances (alcohol and drugs) in prisons.                     | Prison Service                        | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is prepared annually for the Evaluation of the Activities of Prison Service of the Czech Republic in drug policy and provided for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> . |
| Probation and Mediation Service Data Processing System (PMS)                   | The number of newly created files in which the PMS client is reported in connection with drug misdemeanours or crimes under the influence of addictive substances or | Probation and Mediation Service (PMS) | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> and for the <i>Report on Gambling in the Czech Republic</i> .  |

| Activity | Description                                       | Responsible institution | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation |
|----------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
|          | drug offences, or crimes in relation to gambling. |                         |                              |            |

### 1.2.4 Monitoring and Data Collection: Economic Indicators, Supply, Consumption and Market for Addictive Substances and Gambling

| Activity  | Description  | Responsible institution  | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation  |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|
| Customs Service Processing System                   | Numbers and volume of drug and precursor seizures.   | Customs Service  | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually to the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs of the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| National Drug Squad Data Processing System          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Numbers and volume of drug and precursor seizures.</li> <li>› Prices and purity of drugs.</li> <li>› Illicit drug production.</li> </ul>    | The Police of the Czech Republic – National Drug Squad           | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually to the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| Data processing system of the Prison Service        | Recording of drug seizures in prisons  | Prison Service   | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is prepared annually for the Evaluation of the Activities of Prison Service of the Czech Republic in drug policy and provided for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .       |
| Ministry of Finance Gambling Statistics             | Market volume, market share per type of gambling. Collection of the Gaming Tax. Number of inspections, quantities, and total amount of fines imposed for breach of the Gambling Act. | Ministry of Finance and Customs Service                          | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided annually for the <i>Report on Gambling in the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| Ministry of Finance General Binding Orders Database | Number and type of binding orders at local level.  | Ministry of Finance, from 1 January 2022<br>Ministry of Interior | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is processed every year for the <i>Report on Gambling of the Czech Republic</i> and the <i>Report on Alcohol of the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| Tobacco and alcohol consumption                     | Data related to the consumption of tobacco (cigarettes) and alcohol per  | Czech Statistical Office   | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is published on the Czech Statistical Office website ( <a href="https://csu.gov.cz/produkty/spotreba-potravin-2022">https://csu.gov.cz/produkty/spotreba-potravin-2022</a> ) and has been used for |

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| Activity  | Description   | Responsible institution          | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation  |
|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|   | capita in the Czech Republic.   |                                  |                              | the <i>Report on Alcohol in the Czech Republic 2021</i> and for the <i>Report on Tobacco, Nicotine and Related Products in the Czech Republic 2021</i> .  |
| Estimates of drug consumption and market            | Regular estimates of consumption of illicit drugs and the drug market   | Czech Statistical Office and NMC | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> .   |
| Early Warning System on new synthetic drugs         | The EWS network is working and maintained on a continuous basis. Report on the activities of the EWS in the Czech Republic to the EMCDDA. | NMC                              | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Regular and ad hoc meetings of the EWS Working Group take place, with outputs being published on the <a href="http://drogy-info.cz">drogy-info.cz</a> website on an ongoing basis. The outputs are published annually in the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> . |
| Monitoring the online supply of new synthetic drugs | Continuous monitoring of the emergence of new synthetic drugs and their effects.  | NMC                              | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Targeted monitoring of specific substances handled within the EWS is performed from 2015.   |

### 1.2.5 Monitoring and Data Collection: Prevention, Treatment and Risk Reduction Activities

| Activity   | Description  | Responsible institution   | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation  |
|--|--|---|------------------------------|---|
| System of Evidence of Prevention Activities (SEPA)   | Voluntary reporting system for risky behaviours in primary and secondary schools. Implementation of preventive activities by type of activity and type of risky behaviour. | Department of Addiction Studies 1st Faculty of Medicine of Charles University and Ministry of Education | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided for individual thematic reports on the situation in addictions in the Czech Republic each year.  |
| National register on treatment of drug users (NRLUD) | Regular reporting of numbers and characteristics of people entering treatment in a network of specialised health and social addiction services.                            | Institute of Health Information and Statistics  | Ongoing                      | <b>Partially achieved.</b><br>Data is provided for individual thematic reports on the situation in addictions in the Czech Republic. Data from NRLUD is available for the last time after 2020. Numbers for opioid agonist treatment clients are also available for 2021. |
| Report on activities of the                          | Monitoring selected areas of health services.  | Institute of Health Information and Statistics  | Annually                     | <b>Partially achieved.</b><br>Data is provided for using the <i>Report on</i>   |

| Activity  | Description   | Responsible institution                        | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation   |
|---|---|--|------------------------------|--|
| health service provider   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Number and characteristics of facilities and of those in outpatient treatment of psychiatric care facilities.</li> <li>➤ The number and characteristics of facilities and people intercepted for alcohol/other psychoactive substance intoxication.</li> <li>➤ Number and characteristics of patients treated for injuries under the influence of alcohol and other addictive substances.</li> </ul> |  |                              | <i>Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic.</i><br>Some data is available for 2020 for the last time.  |
| Detoxification from addictive substances in hospital departments and psychiatric hospitals (attachment to bed fund statement) | Number and characteristics of people in detoxification from psychoactive substances in inpatient health centres.<br>Number and characteristics of health care facilities providing detoxification.  | Institute of Health Information and Statistics | Annually                     | <b>Partially achieved.</b><br>Data is provided for <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic.</i> Data last available for 2020.   |
| Reports on activities of the health service providers   | Number and characteristics of facilities and people in outpatient treatment of psychiatric care facilities.<br>The number and characteristics of facilities and people intercepted for alcohol/other psychoactive substance intoxication.<br>Number and characteristics of patients treated for alcohol and other addictive substances.<br>Number of patients with dg. F10-F19 treated by the Emergency Service following an emergency call.  | Institute of Health Information and Statistics | Annually                     | <b>Partially achieved.</b><br>Data is provided for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic.</i> Some data are available for 2020 for the last time. Information on number of patients with dg. F10-F19 treated by the Emergency Service following an emergency call is not available. |
| National Registry Hospitalised (NRHOSP)   | Number and characteristics of hospitalised people, including hospitalised   | Institute of Health Information and Statistics | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided on an annual basis for <i>the Report on Illicit</i>   |

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|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|
|   | ones due to substance-related disorders, in particular in inpatient psychiatric settings. Number and characteristics of health care facilities providing inpatient care for substance users. |  |                              | <i>Drugs in the Czech Republic.</i><br>Data is available from the National Register of Paid Health Services and not from the National Register of Hospitalised.   |
| Census of addiction services (Facility Survey)    | Census among addiction services in relation to their structural characteristics, services provided, staff, etc.  | NMC  | At intervals of three years  | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The last wave of the study was conducted in 2020. The study results were published on the website <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2021-zaostreno/03-21-scitani-adiktologickych-sluzeb-2020/">drogy-info.cz</a> (Focus 3/2021, <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2021-zaostreno/03-21-scitani-adiktologickych-sluzeb-2020/">https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2021-zaostreno/03-21-scitani-adiktologickych-sluzeb-2020/</a> ).  |
| Revision of the performance of addiction services | Ensuring compliance in reporting across services   | Secretariat of the Council of the Government/NMC | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The performance review was carried out within the framework of the RAS project. The document <i>List and Definition of the Interventions of Addiction Professional Services</i> was published on <a href="https://vlada.gov.cz/cz/ppov/%20protidrogo-politika/vyrocnizpravy/seznam-a-definice-vykonu-adiktologickych-odbornych-sluzeb-200338/">https://vlada.gov.cz/cz/ppov/%20protidrogo-politika/vyrocnizpravy/seznam-a-definice-vykonu-adiktologickych-odbornych-sluzeb-200338/</a> . The project was concluded in 2021, and the document is continuously updated. |
| Methodologic support for UniData users            | Ensuring the operation of the application for client registration and performance in addiction services.   | Secretariat of the Council of the Government/NMC | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Due to the non-functioning of the AdiData developed within the framework of the RAS project,  |

| Activity   | Description   | Responsible institution                                       | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation   |
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|  |   |   |                              | the methodological support to UniData Lite users is ongoing.   |
| Final reports on implementation of drug policy projects  | Number and characteristics of clients and services provided in prevention, harm-reduction, treatment and rehabilitation programmes supported in the framework of the grant procedure of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic. | Secretariat of the Council of the Government/NMC              | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is provided in individual thematic reports on the dependency situation in the Czech Republic each year.   |
| Overview of projects supported in the grant procedure of Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs | Number of projects supported and volume of funds with information on the implementer, type of service and location.   | Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs                         | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>There is information on projects with a transregional character and this information is published on <a href="https://www.mpsv.cz/web/cz/dotace-na-poskytovani-socialnich-sluzeb">https://www.mpsv.cz/web/cz/dotace-na-poskytovani-socialnich-sluzeb</a> .   |
| Annual reports on the implementation of regional drug policy                                   | Overview of the drug situation in the regions, number and characteristics of drug policy programmes in the region, drug policy expenditure.   | Regions and Secretariat of the Council of the Government /NMC | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data is reported into individual thematic reports on the addictions situation in the Czech Republic each year. The summary of the situation has been published in the form of a synthesis report, resp. in the format of <i>Focused</i> bulletin (5/2022, <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2022-zaostreno/5-22-realizace-politiky-v-oblasti-zavislosti-v-krajich-v-roce-2021/">https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/2022-zaostreno/5-22-realizace-politiky-v-oblasti-zavislosti-v-krajich-v-roce-2021/</a> ). |
| The data processing system of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic                         | Counselling and treatment interventions in prisons. Number and characteristics of people in treatment   | Prison Service  | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Data are processed annually for the Evaluation of the Activities of the Prison Service in drug policy, the Statistical   |

| Activity | Description                                  | Responsible institution | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation   |
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|          | programmes, drug-free and non-smoking zones. |                         |                              | Yearbook of the Prison Service and are provided for the <i>Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic</i> . |

### 1.2.6 Evaluation of Interventions in the Addiction Policy Area

| Activity  | Description   | Responsible institution                           | Frequency of data collection   | Evaluation  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| Evaluation of the implementation of the <i>National Strategy for the Prevention and Reduction of Harm Associated with Addictive Behaviour 2019-2027</i>   | Evaluating the fulfilment of the national addiction policy strategy objectives.   | Secretariat of the Council of the Government /NMC | Once in nine years (after the expiry of the current national strategy) | The national strategy was not evaluated during the evaluated period.  |
| Evaluation of the implementation of the <i>Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Strategy for the Prevention and Reduction of Harm Associated with Addictive Behaviour 2019-2021</i> | Evaluating the fulfilment of the objectives and evaluating individual activities as specified in the Action Plan 2019-2021. | Secretariat of the Council of the Government /NMC | Every 3 years (after the expiry of the current action plan)            | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The <i>Summary Implementation Report of the Action Plan Implementing the National Strategy for the Prevention and Reduction of Harm Related to Addictive Behaviour 2019-2021</i> has been prepared and published. |
| Recommendations for addiction policy  | Continuous evaluation of the implementation of effective evidence-based measures of addiction policy in the Czech Republic. | Secretariat of the Council of the Government /NMC | Ongoing  | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Interim evaluations and recommendations are reported in the <i>Summary Report on Addictions in the Czech Republic</i> .   |

### 1.2.7 Distribution of Information

| Activity          | Description                                    | Responsible institution       | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Situation Reports | Prepare thematic and <i>Summary Reports on</i> | NMC in collaboration with the | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>In 2021, a new set of addiction situation reports was approved. |

| Activity  | Description  | Responsible institution                        | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation  |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|
|   | <i>Addictions</i> in line with the approved draft of the information package.  | other actors of the ISA                        |                              |   |
| Publications (books) in 3 NMS edition series                | Continuous publication in the Monographs, Methodology and Research Reports series.   | NMC  | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Publications are published on an ongoing basis.   |
| Newsletter Focus  | The magazine (two months) is published annually with six mono-thematic numbers.  | NMC  | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>In 2020-2022, Focused was published with a periodicity of 6x per year. The frequency was changed to 2x per year in 2023. The individual numbers are constantly published on the website of <a href="https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/">https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/zaostreno-na-drogy/</a> and distributed on paper according to the mailing list.  |
| Websites  | Operation of the <a href="http://drogy-info.cz">drogy-info.cz</a> , <a href="http://alkohol-skodi.cz">alkohol-skodi.cz</a> , <a href="http://koureni-zabji.cz">koureni-zabji.cz</a> , <a href="http://hazardni-hrani.cz">hazardni-hrani.cz</a> . | NMC  | Ongoing                      | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The different pages are kept up to date. The information is also provided through Facebook pages.   |
| Institute of Health Information and Statistics publications | Publishing publications targeting substance use and gambling.  | Institute of Health Information and Statistics | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The site is constantly updated: <a href="https://www.uzis.cz/index.php?pg=vystupy-tematicke-rady">https://www.uzis.cz/index.php?pg=vystupy-tematicke-rady</a> . The National Psychiatric Care Portal was launched: <a href="http://psychiatrie.uzis.cz">psychiatrie.uzis.cz</a> and the National Health Information Portal <a href="http://nzip.cz">nzip.cz</a> .   |
| NIPH publications   | Publishing publications targeting substance use.   | National Institute of Public Health (NIPH)     | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The results of the NAUTA study ( <a href="https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/nauta/">https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/nauta/</a> ) are published annually and every 5-6 years, the results of the GYTS study ( <a href="https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/gyts/">https://szu.gov.cz/odborna-centra-a-pracoviste/centrum-podpory-verejneho-zdravi/prevence-zavislosti/studie/gyts/</a> ). The <a href="#">Hygiene</a> and <a href="#">Central European Journal of Public Health</a> are continuously published. |
| National Drug Squad Publications                            | Editing of publications.   | National Drug Squad                            | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The annual NPC report is published every year and the NPC Newsletter is published 4 times a year.   |

| Activity            | Description  | Responsible institution   | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation  |
|---------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|
| Journal Addictology | Issue a scientific journal on prevention, treatment and research on addiction. | Department of Addiction Studies First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Each year, there are 4 issues published by the Addictology journal ( <a href="https://adiktologie-journal.eu/">https://adiktologie-journal.eu/</a> ) and 4 issues published by the magazine Addictology in prevention and treatment practices ( <a href="http://aplp.cz/">aplp.cz/</a> ). |

## 1.2.8 Institutional Assurance and Horizontal Cooperation

| Activity  | Description  | Responsible institution       | Frequency of data collection | Evaluation   |
|---|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Ensure regular monitoring of the situation as regards tobacco and alcohol in the Czech Republic | Reinforce capacities to ensure regular monitoring of the situation and impacts of tobacco and alcohol use throughout the EU  | NMC, Ministry of Health, NIPH | Ongoing                      | <b>Partially achieved.</b><br>Monitoring is ongoing. In 2021, separate comprehensive reports on tobacco and alcohol were prepared. At the same time, there were no extra staff or financial improvements to the monitoring sites. The 2022 reports have not been prepared as far as staff capacity is concerned. |
| Ensure the work of the NMC expert working groups for the DIS/ISA domains                        | Regular expert meetings of working groups Population and school surveys, Problem drug use and the use of addiction services, Drug-related infectious diseases, Drug-related deaths, Criminal law sector data, Monitoring of gambling and its effects, Early Warning System on new drugs (EWS). | NMC                           | Annually                     | <b>Partially achieved.</b><br>The Early Warning System for New Drugs (EWS) Group meets on a regular basis, the other groups meet on an ad hoc basis or only in bilateral meetings regarding the collection and provision of data.  |
| Ensure the work of the Advisory Board on the Data Collection in Addictions                      | Regular meetings between members of the Advisory Board on Data Collection in Addictions, which is an advisory body to the Council of the Government for Addiction Policy Coordination on situation monitoring.   | NMC                           | Annually                     | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The Advisory Board meets regularly, at least 2 times a year. The Advisory Board discusses the reports on the addiction situation, NAPDIS/NAPISA, evaluation of the draft reports on addiction, etc.  |

## 1.2.9 Participation in International Activities and Reporting of Data to International Organisations

| Activity  | Description   | Responsible institution  | Frequency of data collection                             | Evaluation  |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| Cooperation with the EMCDDA                     | Annual reporting of data and outputs to the EMCDDA – 10 thematic structured workbooks, set of statistical tables and structured questionnaires, NMC activity report, participation in EMCDDA expert meetings, cooperation on the publication and distribution of the EMCDDA annual report and other publications. | NMC  | Annually   | <b>Achieved.</b><br>Each year, a set of workbooks and tables and structured questionnaires are reported to the EMCDDA. Annual cooperation for the preparation of the European Drug Report, cooperation for the preparation of information published in Czech and cooperation the Agency's publications are ongoing.<br>With the COVID-19 pandemic, many activities have shifted online and are conducted using videoconferences, allowing for more flexible cooperation in dealing with current topics. |
| Cooperation with UNODC                          | Annual reporting of data and information using the Annual Questionnaire (ARQ).  | NMC, National Drug Squad, Ministry of Justice                                  | Annually   | <b>Achieved.</b><br>A set of mandatory tables and other outputs are submitted to UNODC every year in cooperation between institutions.  |
| Involvement in long-term international projects | Regular collaboration to implement international questionnaire surveys within the school population (ESPAD, HBSC, GYTS) and in specific populations (EWSD, ESCAPE studies).   | NMC, National Institute of Public Health (NIPH), Palacký University of Olomouc | Regularly with regards to the timeline for the studies.  | <b>Achieved.</b><br>In 2022, the data collection of the HBSC and GYTS studies took place. NMC is a long-term member of the ESPAD Steering Committee.  |
| Involvement in single international projects    | Cooperation in thematic projects – DRUG-PREP, JATC2 projects launched.  | NMC, Ministry of Health  | On a continuous basis, for the duration of the projects. | <b>Achieved.</b><br>The 2021 launch of DRUG-PREP, a two-year international project aimed at policy preparedness and at strengthening capacity to better respond to today's challenges on the drug scene, was approved. A JATC2 project is ongoing to strengthen cooperation in the field of tobacco. Ongoing involvement in projects coordinated by the EMCDDA is ongoing.  |





## 2 NAPISA Objectives and Priorities for 2024-2026

### 2.1 Objectives of NAPISA for 2024-2026

The objective of the *National Action Plan of the Information System in Addictions 2024-2026* is to strengthen the monitoring system in the field of addictions, including tracking current trends and potential threats in the field of addiction and promoting a proactive approach to enhance preparedness for the future evolution of the situation in the field of addiction and policy in this area.

#### 2.1.1 NAPISA Specific Objectives for 2024-2026

The specific objectives of the *National Action Plan of the Information System in Addictions 2024-2026* include:

- Comprehensive and regular monitoring of the situation regarding licit and illicit addictive substances, i.e. tobacco and nicotine products, alcohol, psychoactive medicines, illicit drugs and other substances with addictive potential.
- Comprehensive and regular monitoring of the situation of behavioural addiction in the Czech Republic, i.e. gambling and excessive use of digital technologies.
- Defining key indicators for situation monitoring in all areas mentioned which allow a comparison of the extent of individual phenomena and their impacts in the population.
- Set up the monitoring system that is able to recognise and respond flexibly to new trends and phenomena, as well as to the demands of the evaluation of the effects of policies on the situation in addiction.
- Extending the scope of monitoring to activities and approaches stemming from the expanded mandate of the EU Drugs Agency (formerly the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction or EMCDDA), including monitoring polyvalent drug use, use foresight approaches and methods and collecting and analysing best practice approaches in addiction policy.

#### 2.1.2 NAPISA 2024-2026 Tools

The main tools by which the objectives of NAPISA 2024-2026 should be achieved are:

- Regular reporting on the use and impact of both licit and illicit drugs and of behavioural addictions in the Czech Republic, and the distribution of information outputs;
- An ensured staff capacity for a functional and sustainable situation monitoring system;
- Mutual cooperation between the different actors in the field of monitoring and data sharing;
- Regular liaison with international organisations and participation in international projects in the field of monitoring addiction situations.
- Continuous support of the competences and expertise of the monitoring system to analyse new trends and threats in the area of addiction.

### 2.1.3 Priority Topics of Monitoring in the Field of Addiction

The information system in addictions will continue to focus on monitoring the substance use and behavioural addiction domain across the whole spectrum, i.e. prevalences of individual phenomena and patterns of use/behaviours, as well as assessments of the health and social impacts. In addition to the routine data collection on situations and trends, it will also focus on collecting data on prevention, harm reduction, treatment and (re)integration interventions and strategies. For the period of 2024-2026, priority will be given to the following areas:

- *Cannabis and cannabinoids* – the prevalence and patterns of use of traditional cannabis products as well as new cannabinoids, use of cannabis products in treatment and self-medication, health and social effects of cannabis use (including HHC, CBD, etc.).
- *Psychedelics* – the prevalence and patterns of use of substances with psychedelic effect, their health and social impacts and the possibilities of use of psychedelics in the therapeutic context of psychiatric diseases.
- *Kratom and other new (so-called 'psychomodulatory') substances* – the prevalence and patterns of use of psychomodulatory substances, their health and social impacts.
- *New synthetic opioids and benzodiazepines* – the prevalence and patterns of use of new synthetic opioids, health and social impacts, specific target groups.
- *Polydrug use* – the combination of use of different addictive substances and its health and social impacts, including psychiatric comorbidities, and the effects of polydrug use on the system of treatment and care in the field of addiction.
- *Online gambling* – gambling in the online environment, its consequences and context.
- *Digital addictions* – prevalence and patterns of excessive use of digital technologies, its health and social consequences and correlates, and trends in number of clients entering treatment and addiction services with excessive gaming problem or excessive use of social media.
- *The impact of changes in the regulatory framework* in the area of addiction policy on substance use prevalence and patterns, and the extent of negative health and social consequences of substance use (e.g. impacts of cannabis regulation, regulation of so called psychomodulatory substances).
- *Analysis of social costs* related to substance use and other forms of addictive behaviour.

## 2.2 Institutions Involved in the Implementation of Information System in Addictions

The information system in addictions is co-ordinated by the National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction (NMC). In addition, the following institutions, in particular, are involved (in alphabetical order) in the collection and analysis of ISA data collection:

- Association of the Regions of the Czech Republic,
- the Association of Providers of Addiction Services (APAS),
- Czech Association of Addictologists (professionals working in addiction field) (CAA)
- Czech Medical Society of Jan Evangelista Purkyně (Society for Addictive Diseases - SAD CMS JEP, Society of Forensic Medicine and Forensic Toxicology - SFMFT CMS JEP)
- The Czech Statistical Office (CZSO),

- The Directorate General for Customs (Customs Service), in particular the Customs Drugs Unit (CPJ)
- Directorate General of the Prison Services (Prison Service),
- Institute for Criminology and Social Prevention (ICSP),
- Department of Addictology of 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University and General Teaching Hospital in Prague (Department of Addictology),
- regions, through regional drug coordinators and local drug coordinators,
- Institute of Criminology in Prague,
- ministries (ministry of health, ministry of labour and social affairs, ministry of education, ministry of defence, ministry of finance, ministry of international affairs, ministry of agriculture, ministry of industry and trade, ministry of transport) and their departments and organisations,
- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH),
- The Police of the Czech Republic (Police Czech Republic), in particular the National Drug Squad of the Criminal Police and Investigation Service (NDS) and the Police Presidium of the Czech Republic,
- Probation and Mediation Service (PMS),
- State Institute for Drug Control (SIDC),
- National Institute of Public Health (NIPH),
- the Federation of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic,
- universities across the Czech Republic,
- Institute for Health Information and Statistics (IHIS).

The above list does not have to include all institutions and organisations involved in the collection, analysis and distribution of information in the ISA; other institutions, bodies and organisations in the Czech Republic are also involved in the same intensity and at different intervals.

## 2.3 Horizontal Cooperation under ISA

### 2.3.1 NMC Working Groups

Actors of NMC expert working groups co-operate on the various themes of the information system in addictions.

- A priority in this area is the revision of the current system of working groups and membership in these groups. The Working Groups will be established on an ad-hoc basis on specific themes to ensure that their work in the future is clear, effective and well-resourced in terms of coordination and cooperation between departments and institutions in the different areas.

### 2.3.2 Advisory Board for Data Collection in Addictions

The Advisory Board for Data Collection in Addictions (Advisory Board) is an advisory committee of the Council of the Government for the Coordination of Addiction Policy. The Advisory Board discusses NAPISA and assesses its implementation during the previous period, discusses the

individual thematic reports of the addiction situation before their submission to the Council, and the Summary Report on Addictions before its submission to the Council and subsequently to the Government of the Czech Republic, and discusses other outputs of the NMC.

- A priority in this area is to revise the membership of this Advisory Board, in particular to broaden the scope of situation monitoring to include new topics and phenomena, such as monitoring the situation of tobacco and nicotine products, alcohol, psychoactive medicines and digital addictions.

## 2.4 NAPISA Activities for the Period 2024-2026

### 2.4.1 Monitoring and Data Collection on Key Indicators of the Extent of Phenomena in the General Population and Their Public-Health Impacts

Different organisations and institutions collect a wide range of information on a continuous or periodic basis. This includes data on substance use, gambling and digital addictions in the population, as well as their health and social impacts. Information on interventions provided are also recorded, including prevention activities, harm reduction interventions and treatment programmes. Furthermore, data are collected on substance-related criminality and other relevant information within the realm of drug supply reduction, including seizures, prices and purity of drugs and the market for licit addictive substances.

- A priority in this area is the definition of key indicators of monitoring the situation in all of these areas (substance use as well as the behavioural addictions) to allow a comparison of the extent of individual phenomena and their impacts in the population.
- Extending the collection of information on poly-substance use, the emergence of new psychoactive substances and the collection of additional data as requested by EUDA.
- The design of tool for identification of expenditures on different addiction policy topics, to track the level of funding spent on both substance and behavioural addictions.

#### 2.4.1.1 Substance Use and Extent of Behavioural Addictions in the General Population and Specific Population Groups

| Source      | Planned activities 2024-2026  | Responsible institution                | Timetable   | Note   |
|-------------|---|--|---|--|
| ESPAD Study | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Call for tender for the ESPAD Data Collection Agency.</li> <li>➤ Carrying out another wave of the study – questionnaire design, field data collection, analysis and publication of the results.</li> </ul> | NMC and NIMH                           | Tender 01/2024, data collection before 12/2024, publication of results before 12/2025 | The study has been conducted every 4 years since 1995. According to the international implementation schedule, the next wave will take place in 2024 instead of 2023 and then in intervals of 4 years. |
| HBSC study  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Publication of the results of the study carried out in 2022.</li> </ul>  | Faculty of Physical Culture of Palacký | Publication of results ongoing until 12/2024  | The study has been conducted every 4 years since 1994, with the last wave in 2022.   |

| Source  | Planned activities 2024-2026   | Responsible institution | Timetable  | Note   |
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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Preparation of the next wave of the study planned for 2026.</li> </ul>  | University in Olomouc   |  |  |
| GYTS study  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Preparing and running the next wave of the study.</li> </ul>  | NIPH                    | Data collection according to WHO/CDC schedule                        | The study is taking place every 3-5 years, according to the WHO/CDC, the last wave was conducted in 2022.  |
| National Survey on Substance Use                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Collecting data, analysing and publishing the results.</li> </ul>   | NMC                     | Publication of results before 12/2024                                | The study has been conducted every 4 years since 2004. Implementation of additional survey wave postponed to ESPAD International Survey 2023 schedule and will be further carried out with 4-year intervals. |
| European Online Study on Drugs (EWSD)                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Collecting data, analysing and publishing the results.</li> </ul>   | NMC                     | Publication of the results of the Czech part of the study by 06/2025 | The study is carried out every 3 years, with the last wave in 2021.  |
| Citizens Survey   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Carrying out another study wave every year, collecting data, analysing and publishing the results.</li> </ul>           | NMC                     | Data collection before December of a given year                      | The study is conducted on an annual basis.   |
| Prevalence of drug Use in the Czech population              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Carrying out another study wave every year, collecting data, analysing and publishing the results.</li> </ul>           | NMC                     | Data collection before December of a given year                      | The study is conducted on an annual basis.   |
| NAUTA study (National Survey on Use of Tobacco and Alcohol) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Annual realization of another wave of NAUTA study, data collection, analysis and publication of the results.</li> </ul> | NIPH                    | Collecting dates until December of the current year                  | The study is conducted on an annual basis.   |
| Substance use study among prisoners                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Collecting data, analysing and publishing the results.</li> </ul>   | NMC and Prison Service  | Data collection by 12/2024, next wave by 12/2026                     | The study has been ongoing every 2 years since 2010, with the last wave in 2022.   |

#### 2.4.1.2 Estimates of High-risk Substance Use, Problem Gambling and Excessive Use of Digital Technologies

| Source  | Planned activities 2024-2026  | Responsible institution | Timetable  | Note   |
|---|---|-------------------------|--|--|
| Estimates of the population at risk of addictions via screening games | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Estimates from the National Survey on Substance Use.</li> <li>➤ Citizen Survey estimates.</li> </ul> | NMC                     | National Survey estimates carried out by 12/2024, Citizens' Survey | Update the estimates to take into account the frequency of population surveys. |

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|  |   |     | estimates annually                                 |  |
| Estimates of number of people who use drugs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimation using the standard multiplier method using the number of clients in contact with low-threshold programmes in the Czech Republic.</li> </ul> | NMC | By December of each year                           | Estimates have been made annually since 2002. Similarly, in the years to come. |
| Multiplier Study   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collecting data, analysing and publishing the results.</li> </ul>  | NMC | Implementation of the study by 12/2025             | The study is ongoing every 3 years, with the last wave in 2022.                |
| Survey among general practitioners and estimation of the number of people who use drugs                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation and implementation of next waves of the study in 2024 and 2026.</li> </ul>   | NMC | Implementation of the study by 12/2024 and 12/2026 | The study is carried out every 2 years, with the last wave in 2022.            |
| Quantitative and qualitative monitoring of a drug scene by professionals working in addiction services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carrying out cross-sectional questionnaire surveys.</li> <li>Implementation of focus groups.</li> </ul>  | NMS | Collecting data until December of the current year | The study is conducted on an annual basis.                                     |

### 2.4.1.3 Health and Social Impacts of Substance Use and Behavioural Addictions

| Source   | Planned activities 2024-2026   | Responsible institution                       | Timetable   | Note                                      |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Surveillance of HIV/AIDS                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul> | NIPH – National Reference Laboratory for AIDS | Collecting data until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Information System on Infectious Diseases (ISIN, EpiDat) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul> | NIPH, IHIS                                    | Collecting data until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Register of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (RSTD)         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul> | Regional Public Health Centres, IHIS          | Collecting dates until December of the current year | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Register of Tuberculosis (RTBC)                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul> | Regional Public Health Centres, IHIS          | Collecting dates until December of the current year | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| The data processing system of the Prison                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul> | Prison Service                                | Collecting dates until December of                  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |

## National Action Plan on Information System in Addictions 2024-2026

| Source   | Planned activities 2024-2026  | Responsible institution                | Timetable   | Note  |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Service of the Czech Republic  |   |  | the current year  |   |
| Monitoring infection testing in low-threshold programmes   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Implementation of a cross-sectional study in low-threshold programmes.</li> </ul>  | NMC                                    | Collecting data until June of the given year                  | The study is conducted on an annual basis.  |
| National registry of post-mortem and toxicological examinations carried out for the Department of Forensic Medicine (Special Mortality Registry) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Extraction of substance-related deaths once a year.</li> </ul>   | IHIS                                   | Collecting data until December of the current year            | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.   |
| The Information System Deceased (IS ZEM)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Extraction of substance-related deaths once a year.</li> </ul>   | CZSO, IHIS                             | Collecting data until December of the year.                   | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.   |
| Survey of Agency for Social Inclusion (ASI) representatives in Socially Excluded Locations (SEL)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Establishing cooperation with ASI</li> <li>➤ Preparation and conduct of a study to evaluate the incidence and severity of use of different types of drugs, as well as gambling.</li> </ul> | ASI and NMC                            | Data collection by 12/2024, publication of results by 12/2025 | The study was carried out annually in 2013-2020. No study performed in 2021 and 2022. |
| Problem Gamblers in Treatment study  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cross-sectional questionnaire study.</li> </ul>  | NMC                                    | Data collection by 12/2025, publication of results by 12/2026 | The study is carried out every 2 years, with the last wave in 2023.                   |
| National Drug Squad Data Processing System   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>  | The Police of the Czech Republic – NDS | Collecting data until December of the current year            | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.   |
| Secondary drug crime evidence  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>  | NDS and NMC                            | Collecting data until December of the current year            | It will run annually from 2024.   |
| Records of administrative offences held by the Criminal Records Register   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>  | Ministry of justice                    | Collecting data until December of the current year            | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.   |
| Records of administrative offences related to illegal handling with psychoactive substances  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>  | NDS                                    | Collecting data until December of the current year            | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.   |

| Source   | Planned activities 2024-2026                           | Responsible institution      | Timetable   | Note                                      |
|--|--|------------------------------|---|---|
| ESSK (System of Records of Crime Statistics of the Police of the Czech Republic) | ➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year. | Police of the Czech Republic | Collecting data until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Statistics of the Ministry of Justice (Public Prosecution Service and Courts)    | ➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year. | Ministry of justice          | Collecting data until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| The data recording system of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic            | ➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year. | Prison Service               | Collecting data until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Probation and Mediation Service Data Processing System (PMS)                     | ➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year. | PMS                          | Collecting dates until December of the current year | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |

#### 2.4.1.4 Economic Indicators, Supply, Consumption and Market for Addictive Substances and Gambling

| Source   | Planned activities 2024-2026  | Responsible institution                 | Timetable   | Note                                       |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Data Processing System of the Customs Service                          | ➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.                                    | Customs Service                         | Collecting data until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.  |
| National Drug Squad Data Processing System                             | ➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.                                    | The Police of the Czech Republic – NDS  | Collecting data until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.  |
| The data processing system of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic | ➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.                                    | Prison Service                          | Collecting data until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.  |
| Ministry of Finance Gambling Statistics                                | ➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.                                    | Ministry of finance and Customs Service | Collecting data until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.  |
| Tobacco and alcohol consumption  | ➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.                                    | Czech Statistics Office                 | Publication of data by August of the following year | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis.  |
| Drug consumption estimation  | ➤ Implementation of a study to estimate consumption of illicit drugs and the drug market. | CZSO and NMC                            | Implementation by August of the following year      | The study is conducted on an annual basis. |

| Source  | Planned activities 2024-2026  | Responsible institution | Timetable  | Note                                      |
|---|---|-------------------------|--|---|
| Early Warning System for new synthetic drugs        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ EWS activities and its ongoing maintenance.</li> <li>➤ Report on the activities of the EWS in the Czech Republic for the EMCDDA/EUDA.</li> </ul> | NMC                     | Collecting data until December of the year.<br>Outputs for the EMCDDA/EUDA by February of the following year | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Monitoring the online supply of new synthetic drugs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>  | NMC                     | Collecting dates until December of the current year  | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |

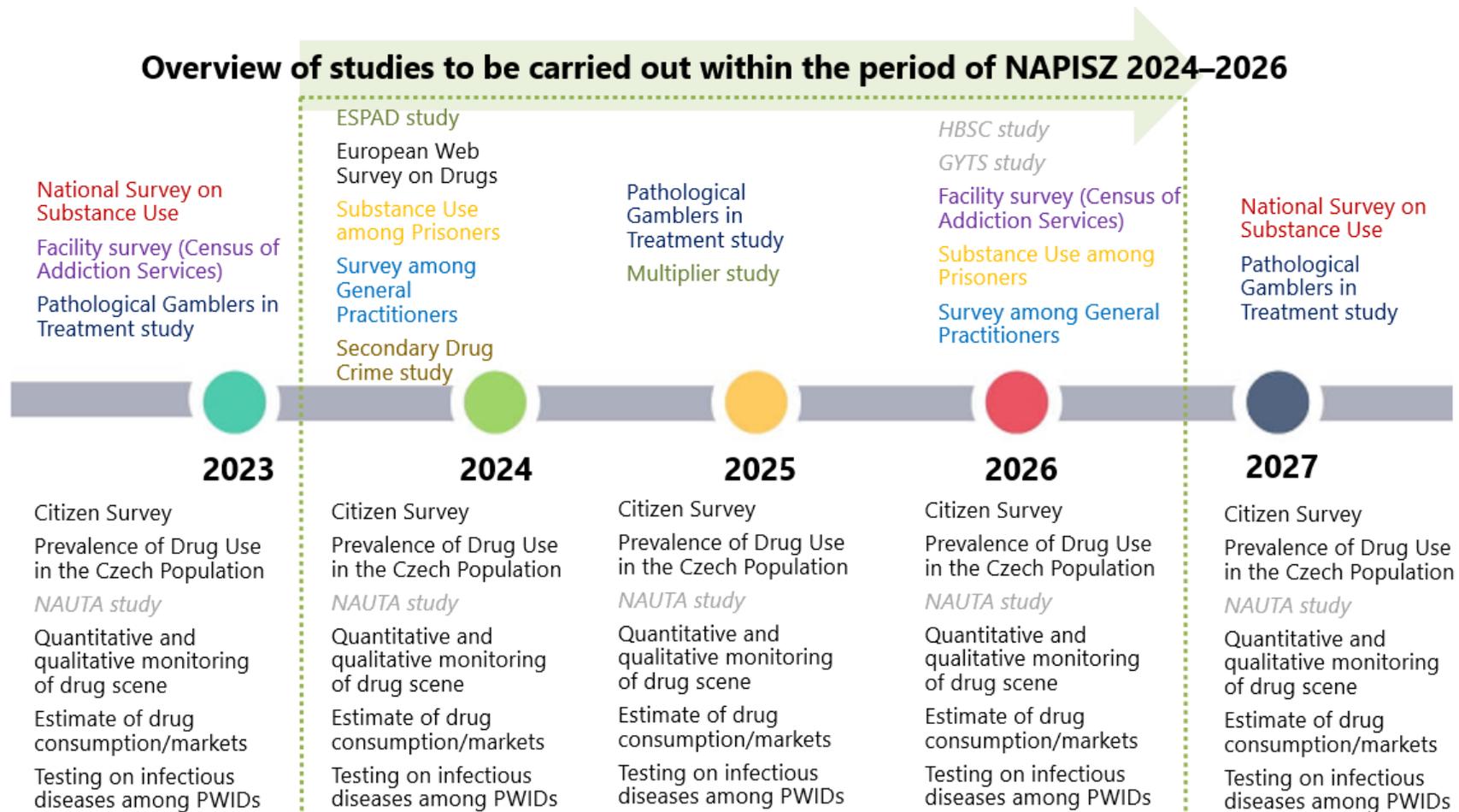
## 2.4.2 Monitoring and Data Collection in the Field of Prevention, Treatment and Harm Reduction

| Source  | Planned activities 2024-2026   | Responsible institution  | Timetable  | Note                                      |
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| Electronic evidence of prevention activities (SEPA/IPREV)                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>   | Department of Addictology and Ministry of education                            | Collecting data until December of the current year   | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| National treatment register for drug users (NRLUD)                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>   | IHIS   | Collecting data until December of the current year   | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Reports on activities of the health service providers                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>   | IHIS   | Collecting data until December of the current year   | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Reports on detoxification units of hospital departments and psychiatric hospitals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>   | IHIS   | Collecting data until December of the current year   | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| National Registry of Hospitalisations (NRHOSP)                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continuous monitoring, analysis of data once a year.</li> </ul>   | IHIS   | Collecting data until December of the current year   | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Final reports on implementation of drug policy projects                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Analysing data provided by programmes subsidized in the context of the grant procedure of the Office of the Government on an annual basis.</li> </ul> | Secretariat of Council of the Government for Addiction Policy Coordination/NMC | The deadline for final reports is February each year | Preparing reports on an annual basis.     |

## NAPISA Objectives and Priorities for 2024-2026

| <b>Source</b>  | <b>Planned activities 2024-2026</b>                      | <b>Responsible institution</b>                             | <b>Timetable</b>  | <b>Note</b>                               |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| Overview of projects supported in the grant procedure of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs | > Analyse data once a year.                              | Ministry of labour and social affairs                      | Provide deliverables by August of the following year          | Monitoring is ongoing on an annual basis. |
| Census of addiction services (Facility Survey)   | > Collecting data, analysing and publishing the results. | NMC  | Data collection by 12/2026, publication of results by 12/2027 | At three-year intervals (last in 2023).   |
| Annual reports on the implementation of the regional addiction policy                              | > Analysis of the reports once a year.                   | Regional drug coordinators, Secretariat of the Council/NMC | The deadline for submitting final reports is May of each year | Preparing reports on an annual basis.     |

### 2.4.3 Timetable for Performance of the Studies



*Studies in Italics are not carried out by the NFP.*

## 2.4.4 Distribution of Information

The main outputs of the *Information System in Addictions* (ISA) are reports on the addiction situation that are processed by NMC based on the information provided by the other ISA actors, as well as from its own studies and data analysis. As of 2021, the NMS produces, based on the decision of the Government of the Czech Republic no. 650 of 19 July 2021, specific thematic reports in the field of addictions, including:

- *Report on Tobacco and Nicotine Products in the Czech Republic,*
- *Report on Alcohol in the Czech Republic,*
- *Report on Problematic Use of Psychoactive Medicines in the Czech Republic,*
- *Report on Illicit Drugs in the Czech Republic,*
- *Report on Gambling in the Czech Republic and*
- *Report on Digital Addictions in the Czech Republic.*

The thematic reports are followed by the *Summary Report on Addictions in the Czech Republic*.

The basic structure of the individual thematic reports is the same so that the extent and impact of the phenomena can be compared across the selected indicators. All reports are available under the Reports section of the website: <https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/vyrocnizpravy/>.

NMC publishes series of publications in four editing series (Monographs, Methodology, Research Reports, Coordination) and the Focus Bulletin (starting from 2023, these are two issues per year, originally six issues per year). A list of all publications with the ISBN that have been published so far and all serial numbers in the Focus serial are published on the website: <https://www.drogy-info.cz/publikace/seznampublikaci/>.

The NMC maintains 4 websites: [drogy-info.cz](https://www.drogy-info.cz) focused on illicit drugs, providing information about the activities of the NMC with the full scope of its activities and the thematic pages dedicated to the general public; [alcohol-skodi.cz](https://www.alcohol-skodi.cz) focused on the harmful use of alcohol, [koureni-zabji.cz](https://www.koureni-zabji.cz) focused on the field of tobacco and nicotine products and [hazardni-hrani.cz](https://www.hazardni-hrani.cz) focused on gambling. In addition, NMS shares information via two social media sites: <https://www.facebook.com/drogyinfo> and <https://www.facebook.com/vyzkumdrogyinfo>.

- A priority in this area is to revise the existing information distribution system through a broader spectrum of outputs targeted at different target groups, to share updates via websites and social networks, and to streamline the distribution of information on publication outputs and NMC activities to the professional public.

## 2.4.5 Coordination of the Early Warning System on New Synthetic Drugs (EWS)

As a specific information system aiming at exchanging quick information and alerts about severe acute risks from dangerous substances on the drug market, NMC has been coordinating the Early Warning System for New Synthetic Drugs (EWS). The working group gathers and evaluates data on the production, distribution and use of new psychoactive substances in the Czech Republic and ensures quick exchange of information both nationally and internationally. The EWS aims to share information as early as possible on the occurrence and use of new psychoactive substances in the Czech Republic and cooperation within the EU Early Warning System on drugs under Council Decision 2005/387/JHA. It assesses new substances proposed in the Czech Republic for inclusion in the list of illicit psychoactive substances.

- A priority in this area is in line with the EMCDDA's transformation into a newly established EU Drugs Agency (EUDA), and the extension of the scope of the European Early Warning System on new synthetic drugs (NPS) for other substances, as well as active engagement in the emerging European Drug Alert System (EDAS), which aims to exchange information and handle alerts on serious risks from dangerous substances on the drug market.

### 2.5 Engagement in International Activities and Projects

The NMC is part of the European Reitox network of national focal points and the partner of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)/EU Drugs Agency (EUDA) for the collection, analysis and reporting of data for the Czech Republic to the European system ([emcdda.europa.eu/about/en](https://emcdda.europa.eu/about/en)). The NMC is a key partner for the EMCDDA/EUDA, especially in the collection of up-to-date information about new trends and phenomena in the field of drug use and its implications, as well as the annual processing of reports to the European system regarding the situation in the Czech Republic, through a set of statistical tables and structured questionnaires, thematic structured reports and ad hoc reports and information on specific topics as requested by the EMCDDA/EUDA.

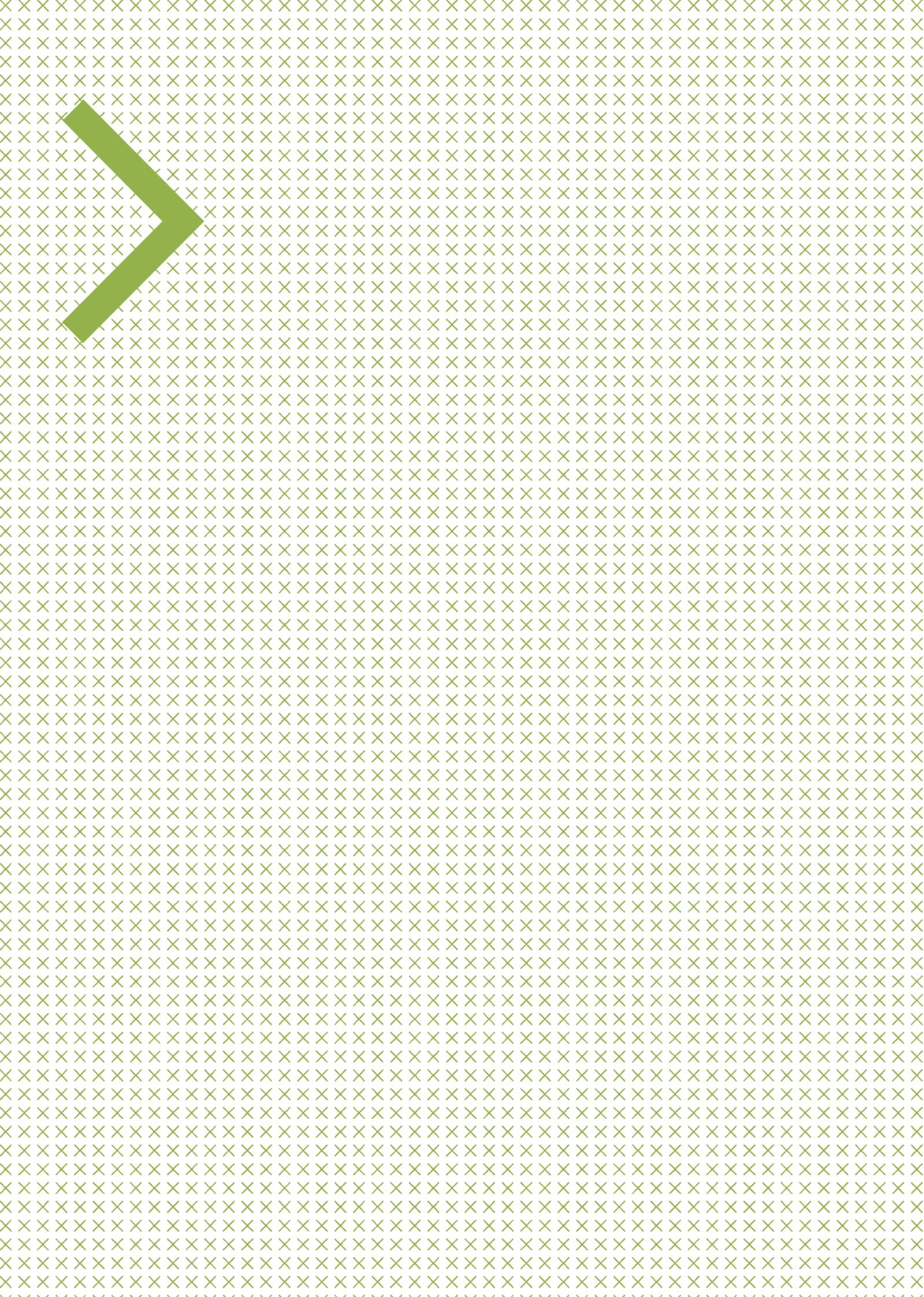
At international level, NMC also provides outputs on behalf of the Czech Republic for other international organisations (e.g. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UNODC) through annual reporting via online questionnaires (ARQs).

NMC is actively involved in one-off and long-term European projects and studies – it coordinates the Czech part of the *European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs (ESPAD)* and the *European Online Drug Study (EWSD)*, participates in the *DRUG-PREP* project to increase preparedness of monitoring systems to emerging trends and potential threats, and in the Council of Europe's coordinated Pompidou Group for online gambling and gaming.

- The priorities in this area are in line with the EMCDDA's transformation into a newly established EU Drugs Agency (EUDA), including expanding the scope of European monitoring by bringing new topics of active involvement in EUDA's work and deepening cooperation at horizontal level with monitoring centres in other European countries. New EUDA topics include e.g. polysubstance use and its impacts, trends in and impacts of using a wider range of cannabis products, and the use of substances with a psychoactive effect in the medical context.

### 2.6 Evaluation of NAPISA 2024-2026

The implementation of the *National Action Plan of the Information System in Addictions 2024-2026* will be evaluated after the expiration of the NAPISA. The evaluation of NAPISA 2024-2026 will be presented together with the planning for the next period to the Advisory Board on Data Collection in Addictions and then to the Council of the Government for Addiction Policy Coordination.



## List of Abbreviations

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| APAS – Association of Providers of Addiction Services                              | ISA – Information System in Addictions  |
| AOP - Association of Civil Counselling Centres                                     | ISIN – Information System on Infectious Diseases (formerly EpiDat)  |
| ARQ – Annual Report Questionnaire (UNODC Reporting System)                         | IS ZEM – The Information System Deceased  |
| ASI – Agency for Social Inclusion  | NAPDIS – National Action Plan on Drug Information System  |
| CAA – Czech Association of Addictologists  | NAPISA – National Action Plan on Information System in Addictions   |
| CBD – Cannabidiol  | NAUTA – National Survey on Use of Tobacco and Alcohol   |
| CDC – Center for Disease Control and Prevention                                    | NDS – National Drug Squad of the Criminal Police and Investigation Service of the Czech Police  |
| CMS JEP – Czech Medical Society of Jan Evangelista Purkyně                         | NIMH – National Institute of Mental Health  |
| CZSO – Czech Statistical Office  | NIPH – National Institute of Public Health  |
| dg. – diagnosis  | NMC – National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction  |
| DIS – Drug Information System  | NPS – new psychoactive substances   |
| EDAS – European Drug Alert System  | NRHOSP – National Register on Hospitalisations  |
| EMCDDA – European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction                   | NRLUD – National Register of Treatment of Drug Users  |
| ESCAPE – European Syringe Collection and Analysis Project                          | NRPATV – National Registry of Autopsies and Toxicological Examinations performed by the Departments of Forensic Medicine (Special Mortality Register) |
| ESSK – Statistical system of crime statistics of the Czech police                  | PCR – Police of the Czech Republic  |
| ESPAD – European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs                  | PMS – Probation and Mediation Service   |
| EU – European Union  | RPN – Register of Sexually Transmitted Diseases   |
| EUDA – European Union Drugs Agency   | RTBC – Register of Tuberculosis   |
| EWS – Early Warning System on New Synthetic Drugs                                  | SAD – Society of Addictive Diseases of the Czech Medical Society  |
| EWSD – European Web Survey on Drugs  | SEPA – System of Evidence of Prevention Activities  |
| GATS – Global Adult Tobacco Survey   | SEL – Socially Excluded Localities  |
| GYTS – Global Youth Tobacco Survey   | SFMFT – Society of Forensic Medicine and Forensic Toxicology of the Czech Medical Society   |
| HBSC – Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study                              | SIDC – State Institute for Drug Control   |
| HHC – hexahydrocannabinol  | UNODC – United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime  |
| ICSP – Institute for Criminology and Social Prevention                             | WHO – World Health Organization   |
| IHIS – Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic        |   |
| IPREV – Interactive Platform to Promote Mental Health and Prevent Risky Behaviours |   |