

AN INVENTORY OF ON-SITE PILL-TESTING INTERVENTIONS IN THE EU

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COUNTRY FACT FILE

Austria

Organisation

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Drug Policy Coordination of the city of Vienna

Legal situation

A drug policy concept for all of Austria does not exist, there are several drug policy concepts for the Austrian provinces. Pill testing is part of the official Vienna drug policy that was passed by majority decision.

Basis for on-site pill testings are official statements by the *Ministry of Justice* and the *Ministry of Social Affairs and Health* declaring pill-testing a legal procedure, if it is done by a scientific institution. No illicit substances may be touched or handled by the project members, for giving back or passing on illicit substances would be a violation of the Austrian law on controlled substances. *ChEck iT!* has a good working base with the local police who support the preventive measures of the project: the police are present at raves where *ChEck iT!* is offering chemical analysis, but do not concentrate their actions on visitors of *ChEck iT!*

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Belgium

O r g a n i s a t i o n s

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– Unit of Epidemiology, Unit of Pharmacology

L e g a l s i t u a t i o n

Research is a field under federal authority, prevention a topic under communal authority. Thus, under the condition of research as the prevailing purpose of pill testing, pill-testing projects – specifically Modus Vivendi - are accepted by the Federal Ministry for Public Health. It is not clear yet, however, whether feedback to potential consumers of illicit substances is legal, since to date local authorities did not issue an official acceptance of the project. Local police do not approve of the project and discourage users to come to the testing by showing massive physical presence.

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Project: On-site pill testing (since 1999), stationary pill testing (since 2000)
Involved organisations: Observatoire Français des Drogues et Toxicomanies – official drug checking project “SINTES” (ofdt@ofdt.fr)
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Project: Pill testing ?????

L e g a l s i t u a t i o n

There is no specific law concerning pill testing. A special commission working under the direction of the French Prime Minister is responsible for the official drug policy. Although pill testing in general is illegal under French law, the federal government subsidises pill-testing projects like Techno Plus, le project SINTES (Système d'Identification National des Toxiques et Substances), and Mission XTB. The SINTES project of the Observatoire Français des Drogues et des Toxicomanies may collect pills and analyse them in co-operation with organisation such as Médecins du Monde. Except for very dangerous pills, no information on content is fed back to potential consumers of these substances.

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Germany

Organisations

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Legal situation

The legal situation in Germany concerning pilltesting is confusing. There are several legal opinions from public prosecutors and lawyers that come to different conclusions. Even though over the years there have been many attempts by different projects to come to an agreement with public authorities and to set up pill-testing projects on a sound legal basis, testing of illicit substances is generally not allowed in Germany. Chemical analyses of illicit substances may only be done by pharmacies or public authorities. It seems, however, that acceptance of on-site pill testing done by prevention projects depends on the responsible public prosecutors and on agreements with the local police. The only projects currently running pill testing-projects are DROBS Hanover (with a special agreement with the local public prosecutor and in co-operation with DIMS Utrecht) and Eve & Rave Berlin. Investigations against Eve & Rave employees because of assumed possession of illicit drugs were stopped after resolutions of the Berlin courts saying that the "possession of illegal narcotics is legal, as long as there is no intent to possess and consume it"¹

In 1999 a Drug-checking concept² was prepared by the Technonetwork Berlin – a co-operation of organisations that work in and with the techno scene - and passed on to the Ministry of Health. As yet there is no decision whether pill-testing projects shall be accepted in Germany or not.

¹ Decisions of the Amtsgericht Berlin, March 3 1998 and the Landgericht Berlin March 1, 1999. For further details see Eve & Rave (2000): *Vereinskonzept und Tätigkeitsbericht*. Berlin: Eve&Rave; Chapter 1.3.8.1 „Chronology of state repression against the Drug-Checking-Programme of Eve & Rave Germany“. Available also through the internet at: www.eve-rave.net/abfahrer/download.sp

² Techno-Netzwerk Berlin (1999), *Drug-Checking-Konzept für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Erarbeitet vom techno-netzwerk Berlin für das Bundesministerium für Gesundheit*. Berlin: techno-netzwerk berlin. Available also through the internet at: www.eve-rave.net/abfahrer/download.sp

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The Netherlands

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Project: On-site pill testing (1992-1998, re-starting spring 2001), stationary pill testing (since 1992)
Involved organisations: More than 20 organisations in the field of drug prevention

Legal situation

The Netherlands started already at the beginning of the 1990s the monitoring project *Drug Information and Monitoring System* DIMS that consists of a nationwide network of prevention organisations. Today, pill testing is an official part of Dutch drug policy and has been approved by the Dutch Parliament. The DIMS project is, however, not allowed to analyse pills that are presented by obvious dealers or producers. Since ecstasy is considered a *hard drug*, there are special agreements with the *Ministry of Justice* and the General Prosecutors. As in many other countries, pill testing is mainly done for scientific purposes, i.e. monitoring of illegal drug markets.

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Spain

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Project: On-site pill testing, stationary pill testing (since July 1997)

L e g a l s i t u a t i o n

In Barcelona, both the city municipality and the police are familiar with the project Energy Control and support their activities. However, since there were no official inquiries to either allow or to forbid pill-testing projects in the past, it is not entirely clear whether there are provisions that explicitly do allow or forbid pill-testing activities in Spain.

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Switzerland

Organisations

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Project: On-site pill testing, stationary pill testing (since December 1995)
Involved organisations: 4 Other Eve & Rave-Organisations in Berlin,
Cologne, Kassel and Münster

Legal situation

After thorough legal debates and legal opinions on the topic of pill-testing, Pilot-E is allowed to test pills in the canton of Bern and has the support of public authorities, the local police and party and party organisers. Also Eve & Rave Switzerland does not have problems with legality. Pilot E is not allowed to give out quantitative analyses for "obvious dealers". In this respect, the regulations resemble those of the Netherlands. The pilot projects of Eve & Rave Switzerland in 1997/98 and Pilot E in 1998/99 were publicly subsidised.

PROJECTS

The Project fact files contain information on each project that returned a questionnaire – concerning general project data, methods and strategies of on-site pill testing, methods and strategies of stationary pill testing as well as evaluation.

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PROJECT FACT FILE

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The project

<i>Starting Date:</i>	April 1997
<i>Target group:</i>	Mainly persons actually consuming "party drugs"; also persons who do not consume, but are interested in "party drugs"
<i>Regular activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → on-site pill testing– presenting results to the target group and making them publicly available– making results discovered by other projects publicly available– distribution of information material– production of information material– running a web page / counselling via web page– on-site information talks– crisis intervention– scientific publications– improvement of chemical procedures
<i>Legal situation:</i>	<p><i>A drug policy concept for all of Austria does not exist, there are several drug policy concepts for the Austrian provinces. Pill testing is part of the official Vienna drug policy that was passed by majority decision.</i></p> <p>Basis for on-site pill testings are official statements by the <i>Ministry of Justice</i> and the <i>Ministry of Social Affairs and Health</i> declaring pill testing a legal procedure, if it is done by a scientific institution. No illicit substances may be touched or handled by the project members, for giving back or passing on illicit substances would be a violation of the Austrian law on controlled substances. <i>ChEck iT!</i> has a good working base with the local police who support the preventive measures of the project: the police are present at raves where <i>ChEck iT!</i> is offering chemical analysis, but do not concentrate their actions on visitors of <i>ChEck iT!</i></p>

- 1999 data:*
- 5 on-site testings with an average of 250 persons reached and 62 pills tested per event
 - reached persons mainly between 16 and 19, 70% male

O n - s i t e p i l l t e s t i n g

<i>Site:</i>	legal raves and clubs
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	6 employed social workers, 10h each; 4 employed psychologists, 10h each; 3 employed apprentices, 10h each; 7 employed chemists, 15h each
<i>Activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – presenting results of the tests to the target group on-site – distribution of information material – “information talks” – giving out free drinking water – giving out fruit – giving out condoms for free – crisis intervention
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>Usually the analysis is done close to the information desk, not visible and inaccessible for visitors. Potential consumers do not have to pay for it and they wait for the results on the spot, where they fill out a questionnaire and talk to the project staff. The tests are done anonymously. Each potential user gets an individual number with which he/she can identify the content of the substance as posted near the <i>ChEck iT!</i> tent after the analysis. The project staff must not touch the pill while documenting and analysing it. The potential consumer scratches the pill over sandpaper; less than 5% of a pill (or powder) is sufficient to do the test. The chemical analysis is based on liquid chromatography (HPLC); this system is able to give information about quantitative data.</p> <p>The results of the analyses are also published on the Internet.</p>
<i>“Information talks”:</i>	On-site “information talks” are offered at legal raves, clubs and at the Love Parade Vienna. Up to 6 social workers, 4 psychologists and 3 apprentices are employed.

E v a l u a t i o n

Some questions of programme evaluation, most questions of process evaluation and outcome evaluation have been analysed. Further evaluations are planned.

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PROJECT FACT FILE

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<i>Annual budget Involved organisations:</i>	about EURO 71,000.- Gesundheits- und Fürsorge direktion des Kantons Bern Contact Bern (head organisation) Pharmaceutical Control Laboratory Bern (daniel.allemann@gef.be.ch)

The project

<i>Term:</i>	September 1998 – October 1999 (pilot project)
<i>Target group:</i>	Mainly persons actually consuming "party drugs"; also persons who do not consume, but are interested in "party drugs"
<i>Regular activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → on-site pill testing– presenting results to the target group and making them publicly available– distribution of information material– production of information material– information talks (on site and stationary)
<i>Legal situation:</i>	Two legal opinions confirmed the legality of on-site pill testing if testing and spreading of results of the analyses are connected with prevention messages. Generally, in Switzerland there are no serious problems with legality anymore (see also → Fact file Eve & Rave Switzerland and → Fact file Switzerland). Pilot E was a pilot project with a term of one year. The financing of a continuation is not yet confirmed.
<i>1999 data:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 17 on-site testings with an average of 75 persons reached and 7 pills tested per event– reached persons mainly between 18 and 26, 80% male

On-site pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	legal raves and clubs
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	1 employed social worker (variable hours), 1 employed

	pharmaceutical laboratory assistant (1 hour per event)
<i>Activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– presenting results of the tests to the target group on site– distribution of information material– “information talks”
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>The analysis is done close to the information desk, visible for the visitors. Potential consumers do not have to pay for it and they wait for the results on the spot, where they fill out a questionnaire and talk to the project staff. The staff have to touch the pill while documenting and analysing it.</p> <p>The test is based on liquid chromatography; about a quarter of a pill is needed. The system is able to give information about quantitative data.</p> <p>Information on pill content is given to the person who brought the pill and it is also given to other organisations.</p>
<i>“Information talks”:</i>	On-site “information talks” are offered at legal raves, clubs and at the project service centre. 2 social workers are employed.

E v a l u a t i o n

Some questions of programme evaluation, process evaluation and outcome evaluation have been analysed. There are no further evaluations planned.

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<i>Involved organisations:</i>	More than 20 organisations in the field of drug prevention. Pill testing in the following cities: Alkmaar, Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Haarlem, Maastricht, Nijmegen, Rotterdam, Zaandam

The project

<i>Starting date:</i>	January 1992
<i>Target group:</i>	persons actually consuming „party drugs“.
<i>Regular activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → stationary pill testing– → on-site pill testing had been offered until 1999 and will be set up in a different form starting October/November 2000– distribution of information material– production of information material– running a web page– information talks (stationary)– scientific publications– policy making support
<i>Legal situation:</i>	Pill testing is an official part of Dutch drug policy and has been approved by the Dutch Parliament. The DIMS project is, however, not allowed to analyse pills that are presented by obvious dealers or producers. Since Ecstasy is considered a <i>hard drug</i> , there are special agreements with the <i>Ministry of Justice</i> and the General Prosecutors. As in many other countries, pill testing is mainly done for scientific purposes, i.e. monitoring of illegal drug markets.
<i>1999 data:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– about 500 pills per month tested– average age of reached persons: 22.3, 20% female, 80% male

O n - s i t e p i l l t e s t i n g (s t a r t i n g O c t / N o v 2 0 0 0)

<i>Planned Site:</i>	Testings shall take place at legal raves, clubs and festivals
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	The on-site project staff will include (number still undefined) employed youth workers, social workers and paramedics.
<i>Planned activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– distribution of information material– "information talks"
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>The analysis shall be done in a separate place within the event; potential consumers may have to pay about EURO 2.- for an analysis.</p> <p>The test will be based on a determination system; generally the whole pill is needed. If the pill is recognised, only a scraping is sufficient. The system is able to give information about qualitative <i>and</i> quantitative data.</p>

S t a t i o n a r y p i l l t e s t i n g

<i>Site:</i>	offices of DIMS participants
<i>Other offers:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– presenting results to the target group on site– information talks
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>Potential consumers pay EURO 3.- for the analysis.</p> <p>The test is based on a determination system; generally the whole pill is needed. If the pill is recognized, only a scraping is sufficient. The system is able to give information about qualitative <i>and</i> quantitative data.</p> <p>Generally, information on pill content is only given to the person who brought the pill and to health organisations. Other organisations must meet special criteria and have to pay for the information.</p>

E v a l u a t i o n

A full evaluation concerning programme, process and outcome has been carried out.

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PROJECT FACT FILE

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T h e p r o j e c t

<i>Starting date:</i>	August 1993
<i>Target group:</i>	persons actually consuming "party drugs".
<i>Regular activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- → on-site pill testing- → stationary pill-testing- presenting potentially dangerous results of the tests ("bad pills") to the target group on site and making them publicly available- making results ("bad pills") found by other projects publicly available- distribution of information material- production of information material- running a web page- "information talks" (on-site and stationary)- crisis intervention- organising workshops in DJ-ing and music production- publications in trade books
<i>Legal situation:</i>	Pill testing is only allowed in Hanover and the Hanover region. Although pill testing is not a part of official German drug policy, there have never been problems with legality up to now due to a special agreement with the responsible public prosecutors
<i>1999 data:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 5 on-site pill testings with an average number of 3 persons per event reached through the pill testing- reached persons mainly between 20 and 25, 80% male

O n - s i t e p i l l t e s t i n g

<i>Site:</i>	legal raves
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	one social worker for 8 hours per event

<i>Activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – presenting potentially dangerous results of the tests (“bad pills”) to the target group on site – presenting potentially dangerous results of pill testings done by other projects – distribution of information material – “information talks” – giving out water at cost price – giving out fruit – giving out condoms at self-cost price – giving out free glucose and minerals – offering massage – offering chill-out room
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>The analysis is done in an extra room inside the project bus. A crumb of a pill is sufficient for the test. The consumer does the test himself, the pill may not be touched by the project staff while being documented and analysed. Potential users have to pay EURO 1,5 for the analysis and wait for the results on the spot.</p> <p>The test procedure is based on colour reaction (Marquis-test). The results are compared with lists of the Dutch → DIMS project. This combination of methods allows information about qualitative and quantitative data.</p> <p>According to a precondition of the DIMS laboratory, DROBS is not allowed to give out data on pill content to other organisations.</p>
<i>“Information talks”:</i>	<p>On-site “information talks” at legal raves are also offered when there is no on-site pill testing. They also take place in the project bus, 3 social workers are employed.</p>

Stationary pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	DROBS information centre
<i>Other activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – distribution of information material – information talks
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>Potential consumers have to pay EURO 1,5 for the analysis. The test procedure is based on colour reaction (Marquis-test). The results are compared with lists of the Dutch → DIMS project. This combination of methods allows information about qualitative and quantitative data.</p> <p>Again, no information is given to other organisations.</p>

Evaluation

Due to a lack of financial and personnel resources no evaluation programmes have been carried out.

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The project

<i>Planned starting date:</i>	"as soon as possible"
<i>Target group:</i>	no specific target groups defined: anyone who is interested
<i>Planned activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → on-site pill testing– → stationary pill testing– presenting results to the target group and making them publicly available– presenting results of pill testings done by other projects on site and making them publicly available– distribution of information material– production of information material– running a web page– information talks (on-site and stationary)– crisis intervention– organising parties, discos, street parties etc.– scientific publications
<i>Legal situation:</i>	Due to the difficult legal situation in Germany (see also → Fact file Germany) eclipse could not offer pill testing yet. Pill testing is not part of official German drug policy. Party organisers are in favour of the project.
<i>Aimed data :</i>	5-10 events with on-site testing per year

On-site pill testing

<i>Planned Site:</i>	Testings shall take place at legal and illegal raves, clubs and festivals.
<i>Planned Activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– presenting results of the tests to the target group on site– presenting results of pill testings done by other projects

- distribution of information material
- “information talks”
- giving out fruit
- giving out condoms for free
- offering massage

*Test
procedure:*

The analysis will take place in an extra tent on the spot. The test procedure will be based on gas chromatography. This system is able to give information about qualitative *and* quantitative data. The pill will be given back to the potential consumer. Consumers will not have to pay for it.

E v a l u a t i o n

Up to now there has been no evaluation due to a lack of financial resources. Also, evaluation has not been necessary yet. Evaluations are planned.

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PROJECT FACT FILE

EnergyControl Barcelona

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<i>Annual budget</i>	about EURO 50,000.-

T h e p r o j e c t

<i>Starting date:</i>	July 1997
<i>Target group:</i>	Mainly persons actually consuming "party drugs"; also persons who do not consume , but are interested in "party drugs"
<i>Regular activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- → on-site pill testing- → stationary pill testing- presenting results to the target group and making them publicly available- distribution of information material- production of information material- running a web page- information talks (on-site and stationary)- crisis intervention
<i>Legal situation:</i>	Local and regional authorities as well as police are in favour of the project, the federal government accepts it. However, event organisers could be accused of allowing the use of drugs.
<i>1999 data:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 24 on-site testings with an average of 75 pills tested per event- reached persons mainly between 17 and 25, 70% male

O n - s i t e p i l l t e s t i n g

<i>Site:</i>	mostly at illegal raves or at car parks outside discotheques
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	1 employed social worker (variable hours), 3 peers/users voluntarily, any other member of the staff
<i>Activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- presenting results of the tests to the target group on site- distribution of information material- "information talks"

<i>Test procedure:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – giving out drinking water for free – giving out condoms for free <p>The analysis is done in a tent. Potential consumers do not have to pay for it and wait for the results on the spot, where they fill out a small questionnaire. The staff have to touch the pill while documenting and analysing it.</p> <p>The test is based on colour reaction (Marquis-test); about 3 mg of the substance is sufficient. The system is not able to give information about quantitative data.</p> <p>Information on pill content is given to the person who brought the pill and, in case of a dangerous substance, to the whole audience. Also, other organisations get data.</p>
<i>“Information talks”:</i>	<p>On-site “information talks” are offered at raves, clubs and festivals, even if there is no on-site pill testing. A varying number of social workers and peers/users are employed.</p>

Stationary pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	<p>Hospital investigation laboratory; substances can also be brought to the EnergyControl office</p>
<i>Other offers:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – distribution of information material – information talks
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>The analysis is free of charge. The test is based on gas chromatography. The system is able to give information about qualitative and quantitative data. The entire pill is needed and is not returned to the potential consumer.</p> <p>Information on pill content is given to the person who brought the pill and to other organisations.</p>

Evaluation

	<p>Some questions of programme evaluation, process evaluation and outcome evaluation have been analysed. Further evaluations are planned.</p>
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PROJECT FACT FILE

Eve & Rave Berlin

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<i>Annual budget</i>	about EURO 15 000.-
<i>Involved organisations:</i>	4 other Eve & Rave organisations in Cologne, Kassel, Münster and → Switzerland

The project

<i>Starting date:</i>	October 1994
<i>Target group:</i>	mainly persons consuming "party drugs", also persons interested in "party drugs"
<i>Regular activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → on-site pill testing– → stationary pill-testing– presenting results of the tests to the target group on site and making them publicly available– distribution of information material– production of information material– running a web page– "information talks" (on-site and stationary)– crisis intervention– organisation of parties, discos, etc.– scientific publications
<i>Legal situation:</i>	As drug checking is generally prohibited in Germany there have been problems with legality. Investigations against Eve & Rave employees were stopped after resolutions of Berlin courts (see → Fact-File Germany – legal frame). The responsible regional authorities do not allow pill testing. A "Drug-Checking-Concept for Germany" was prepared by Eve & Rave.
<i>1999 data :</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 15 on-site testings, about 40 pills tested per event– About 10 pills per month are tested by stationary testing– persons are between "14 and 98" years old , 70% male

On-site pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	Testings take place at raves, clubs, festivals and street parades.
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	The on-site project staff include voluntary youth workers, social workers, physicians, paramedics, psychologists, sociologists, chemists, peers/users, apprentices/trainees and musicians.
<i>Activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – presenting results of the tests to the target group on site – distribution of information material – “information talks” (near chill-out area) – giving out free drinking water, fruit and condoms – massage – brain machines – chill-out
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>The analysis is done at the chill-out area close to the information desk. Consumers do not have to pay for it. Colour reaction tests (Marquis test) and listings of results done by reliable testing procedures are in use. There is only information on quantitative data. For the test a crumb of a pill is sufficient. The consumer has to scratch the pill himself (e.g. with a key) and also does the test himself. The procedure takes about two minutes.</p> <p>Information on pill content is given to the potential consumer. It is also made public through “pill listings”. Anybody who is interested can get information.</p>

Stationary pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	University, Pharmacy
<i>Other activities:</i>	The testing laboratory is not directly connected to the Eve & Rave project. Thus, there is no “counselling”, but pharmacological questions can be discussed with laboratory employees.
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>Consumers do not have to pay for the analysis. Colour reaction-tests (Marquis-test), liquid chromatography, gas chromatography, Mass-spectroscopy, capillar-electrophoresis and listings of results done by reliable testing procedures are in use. There is information about quantitative and qualitative data. For the test the whole pill would be needed, but any amount of the pill is accepted. After three days the results are available. Again, anybody who is interested can get information.</p>

Evaluation

Up to now there has been no evaluation because it did not seem necessary. Also, there are no plans for evaluations in the future.

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PROJECT FACT FILE

Eve & Rave Switzerland

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<i>Annual budget</i>	About EURO 25,000.-
<i>Involved organisations:</i>	4 other Eve & Rave-Organisations in → Berlin, Cologne, Kassel and Munster

The project

<i>Starting date:</i>	December 1995
<i>Target group:</i>	Persons interested and / or consuming „party-drugs“
<i>Regular activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → on-site pill testing– → stationary pill testing– presenting results of the tests to the target group on-site and making them publicly available– distribution of information material– production of information material– running a web page– “information talks” (on-site and stationary)– crisis intervention– scientific publications
<i>Legal situation:</i>	There are no problems with legality. It is only forbidden by law to do quantitative analyses for “obvious dealers”. In 1997 the Federal Health Office paid the costs for the analyses (pilot project), since 1998 analyses have to be financed by private means. Public authorities as well as the local police and party organisers are in favour of the project.
<i>1999 data :</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 3 on-site testings, about 30 pills tested per event– about 2000 persons and about 10 pills per month reached through stationary testing– reached persons between “14 and 97”, 55% male

On-site pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	Testings take place at festivals
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	The on-site project staff include voluntary youth workers, social workers, physicians, paramedics, psychologists, sociologists, chemists, peers/users and apprentices/trainees (all professionals are working as volunteers – free of charge).
<i>Activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – presenting results of the tests to the target group on site – presenting statistics of other projects – distribution of information material – “information talks” (near chill-out area) – giving out free drinking water, fruits and condoms – massage – drug specialist books – internet consultation (“where can I find information?”)
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>The analysis is done in a bus. Consumers do not have to pay for it. Colour- reaction tests (Marquis test), liquid chromatography, tests based on immunological reaction and listings of results from reliable testing procedures are in use. The combination of different methods allows information about quantitative and qualitative data. For the test a crumb of a pill is sufficient. The consumer has to scratch the pill himself. Results are available after about 30 minutes.</p> <p>Information on pill content is given to the potential consumer. It is also made public through signs and “pill-listings” on the Internet. Anybody who is interested can get information.</p>

Stationary pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	University - Pharmaceutical Institute, Bern (1997), (1998-2000) private scientific laboratory (Easy Link AG, Scientific Services, p.o.box 354, CH-4501 Solothurn)
<i>Other activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – presenting the results of the tests on site – distribution of information material – information talks
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>Consumers do not have to pay for the analysis. Colour-reaction tests (Marquis test), liquid chromatography, tests based on immunological reaction and listings of results done by reliable testing procedures are in use. There is information about quantitative and qualitative data. For the test a crumb of a pill is sufficient. The consumer has to scratch the pill himself. The waiting period to receive the results is about 30 minutes for qualitative data and about 3-8 days for quantitative results. Again, anybody who is interested can get information.</p>

Evaluation

Due to a lack of personnel and financial resources there has been no evaluation yet. For the future, evaluations are planned.

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PROJECT FACT FILE

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<i>Involved organisations:</i>	Co-operation with Eve & Rave Münster (www.eve-rave.de)

The project

<i>Planned starting date:</i>	??
<i>Target group:</i>	Persons actually consuming “party drugs” focusing on persons with „excessive” use
<i>Planned activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → on-site pill testing– → stationary pill testing– presenting results of the tests to the target group on site and making them publicly available– presenting results of testings done by other projects to the target groups on site and making them publicly available– distribution of information material– production of information material– running a web page– “information talks” (on site and stationary)– crisis intervention– first aid training courses on the subject of drugs– round table talks (organisers, politicians)
<i>Legal situation:</i>	Generally, testing of illegal substances is not allowed. The legal status of the planned on-site pill testing is not confirmed yet, local authorities are in favour of the project.
<i>Aimed data :</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– about 6 on-site testings per year, about 30 pills tested per event– about 15 persons and about 20 pills per month to reach through stationary testing

On-site pill testing

<i>Planned Site:</i>	Testings will take place at legal raves, clubs and festivals.
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	The on-site project staff shall include one employed social worker, one sociologist and two or three peers/users.
<i>Planned activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– presenting results of the tests to the target group on-site– distribution of information material– “information talks”– giving out free drinking water– giving out fruit– giving out condoms for free
<i>Test procedure:</i>	The type of test procedure has not been defined yet. The system shall be able to give information about quantitative data. The pill will be given back to the consumer.

Evaluation

There has been a full programme evaluation. Further evaluations are planned.

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PROJECT FACT FILE

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<i>Involved organisations:</i>	Medicins du Monde (head organisation) Mission rave Paris (mdmrave@club-internet.fr), Mission rave Strasbourg, Mission rave Lyon (lyon.mdm@club-internet.fr), Mission rave Montpellier (mdmravemtpl@post.club-internet.fr), Mission rave Nice (mdmrd06@club-internet.fr), Mission rave Bayonne (mdm.bayonne@wanadoo.fr)

The project

<i>Starting date:</i>	June 1997
<i>Target group:</i>	No specific target groups defined: anyone who is interested
<i>Regular activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → on-site pill testing– → stationary pill testing– presenting results to the target group and making them publicly available– distribution of information material– production of information material– running a web page– information talks (on-site and stationary)– crisis intervention– scientific publications
<i>Legal situation:</i>	Public authorities accept the project, the police "ignore" it. There is no specific law concerning pill testing, but the French Prime Minister agreed on stationary pill testing as part of the public health policy. On-site pill testing is under observation, time for development is being given. Generally, for "Medicins du Monde" there are no problems with legality.
<i>1999 data:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 140 on-site testings per year (all connected organisations)– average age of reached persons: 20.5, 30% female, 70% male

On-site pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	Testings take place at legal raves, illegal raves and festivals
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	The on-site project staff include youth workers, social workers, psychologists, sociologists, chemists, peers/users and apprentices/trainees
<i>Activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – distribution of information material – “information talks” – giving out drinking water and fruit for free – giving out condoms for free
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>The analysis is done in a tent or a bus; it is for free. Potential consumers wait for the results on the spot, where the project staff talk to them. The staff have to touch the pill while documenting and analysing it.</p> <p>The test is based on colour reaction (Marquis test), CCM and Merck Kit; about 20 mg of a substance is needed. The system is not able to give information about quantitative data.</p> <p>Information on pill content is only given to the person who brought the pill. Also, medical and scientific organisations get data.</p>
<i>“Information talks”:</i>	On-site “information talks” are offered at raves, clubs and festivals, even if there is no on-site pill testing.

Stationary pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	Office of Rave Mission
<i>Other activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – distribution of information material – information talks
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>The analysis is for free.</p> <p>The test is based on colour reaction (Marquis-test), CCM and Merck Kit; about 20 mg of a substance is needed. The system is not able to give information about quantitative data.</p> <p>Again, information on pill content is only given to the person who brought the pill and to medical or scientific organisations.</p>

Evaluation

Some questions of programme evaluation have been analysed. Due to a lack of financial and personnel resources no further evaluation programmes have been carried out yet. Further evaluations are planned.

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PROJECT FACT FILE

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The project

<i>Planned starting date:</i>	July 2000
<i>Target group:</i>	no target groups defined
<i>Planned activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → on-site pill testing– presenting results of the tests to the target group on site– distribution of information material– running a web page– on-site “information talks”– scientific publications
<i>Legal situation:</i>	Research is a field under federal authority, prevention a topic under communal authority. Thus, under the condition of research as the prevailing purpose of pill testing, pill-testing projects – specifically Modus Vivendi - are accepted by the Federal Ministry for Public Health. It is not clear yet, however, whether feedback to potential consumers of illicit substances is legal, since to date local authorities did not issue an official acceptance of the project. Local police do not approve of the project and discourage users to come to the testing by showing massive physical presence.
<i>Aimed data :</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– at the moment one site, future activities depend on funding and organisers– more than 150 pills per event

On-site pill testing

<i>Planned Site:</i>	Testings will take place at festivals.
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	The on-site project staff shall include 8 youth workers, 8 social

*Planned
Activities:*

- workers, 3 psychiatrists, 2 paramedics, 2 psychologists, 1 chemist, 11 peers/users and apprentices/trainees.
- presenting results of the tests to the target group on site
 - distribution of information material
 - “information talks”
 - giving out free drinking water
 - giving out condoms for free
 - chill-out tent with psychological and medical assistance
 - needle exchange

*Test
procedure:*

The test procedure is based on colour reaction (Marquis test) and GC-MS. For qualitative data only a scratching or a quarter of the pill is needed; for quantitative data the whole pill is needed. Marquis tests take place in a tent on the camping site of the respective festival. Pills sent to the laboratory and tested there are given back the next day of the festival. Consumers do not have to pay for the analysis.

E v a l u a t i o n

Some questions of programme evaluation have been analysed. Further evaluations are planned.

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PROJECT FACT FILE

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<i>Involved organisations:</i>	Observatoire Français des Drogues et Toxicomanies – official drug checking project “SINTES” (ofdt@ofdt.fr) Medicins du Monde – Mission Rave (→ Mission XTB)

The project

<i>Starting date:</i>	SINTES 1998, Techno Plus (Marquis-test) 1999
<i>Target group:</i>	No specific target groups defined: anyone who is interested
<i>Regular activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– → on-site pill testing– → stationary pill testing– presenting results to the target group on site– presenting results of pill testings (dangerous pills only!) done by other projects on site– distribution of information material– production of information material– running a web page– “information talks” (on-site and stationary)– crisis intervention– artistic activities
<i>Legal situation:</i>	The project is funded by the federal government. Marquis tests are only done at illegal raves, because organisers of “official” parties are afraid of police interventions. The SINTES-project is – though actually illegal – part of the official French drug policy. Special contracts to allow pill collection were established with prosecutors of each region. Neither users nor drug organisations have access to the results in the database of the Observatoire Français des Drogues et Toxicomanies. There are only warnings in case of dangerous pills.
<i>Data last 12 months:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 15 on-site testings, more than 40 pills tested per event– reached persons between 18 and 25; 30% female

On-site pill testing

<i>Site:</i>	Testings mostly take place at illegal raves, very rarely at legal raves.
<i>Involved professionals:</i>	The on-site project staff include 24 peers/users , four of them are employed.
<i>Activities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– presenting results to the target group on-site– presenting results (dangerous pills) done by other projects (SINTES) to the target group on site– distribution of information material– “information talks”– giving out drinking water, fruit and condoms for free– offering massage– first aid– artistic animation
<i>Test procedure:</i>	<p>The Marquis tests are done in or near the chill-out area (which is also organised by Techno Plus). A small amount of the pill is scratched with a special knife. The system provides only qualitative data. The analysis is free of charge. Members of the project team may touch the pill and give it back to the potential consumers.</p> <p>Information about the results is given to the person who brought the pill for testing. Techno Plus also gives out information to other organisations.</p>
<i>“Information talks”:</i>	On-site “information talks” are offered at raves, clubs and festivals, even if there is no on-site pill testing. 54 peers/users are members of the team.

Stationary pill testing

Since stationary testing is a fairly “new” activity of Techno Plus, no data is available yet.

Evaluation

There has not been an evaluation yet. Evaluations are planned for 2001.