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## Best practice portal

The Best practice portal is designed to help you find practical and reliable information on what works (and what doesn't) in the areas of prevention, treatment, harm reduction and social reintegration. It will help you identify tried and tested interventions quickly, allocate resources to what's effective, and improve interventions applying tools, standards and guidelines.



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Policy and  
practice briefings



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Xchange, HNT,  
EDDRA, EIB



Evidence  
A database of  
available  
evidence



Standards  
National and  
international  
standards and  
guidelines

## Policy and practice briefings

Each of these policy and practice briefings is designed as a one-stop-shop for anyone planning or delivering health and social responses to drug problems in Europe. Each briefing consists of: (1) a summary of the main issues; (2) the main response options; (3) an overview of the EU picture; (4) key implications for policy and practice and; (5) links to further resources. The briefings are part of the EMCDDA's Best practice portal.

Types or patterns of substance use

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## Needs of particular groups

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Vulnerable young people (/best-practice/briefings/vulnerable-young-people_en)	Families (/best-practice/briefings/adult-family-members-people-drug-problems_en)
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## Explore all resources in the Best practice portal



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**Briefings**  
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A one-stop-shop for anyone planning or delivering health and social responses.

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**Implementation**  
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Implementation inventories including Xchange, Healthy Nightlife Toolbox, EDDRA and EIB

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**Evidence**  
(/best-practice/evidence-summaries)

All of the latest research and evidence on drug-related interventions.

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**Standards**  
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Standards and guidelines for drug-related interventions, aimed at improving their quality.

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## About the Best practice portal

### Collaborations and partnerships in best practice



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