

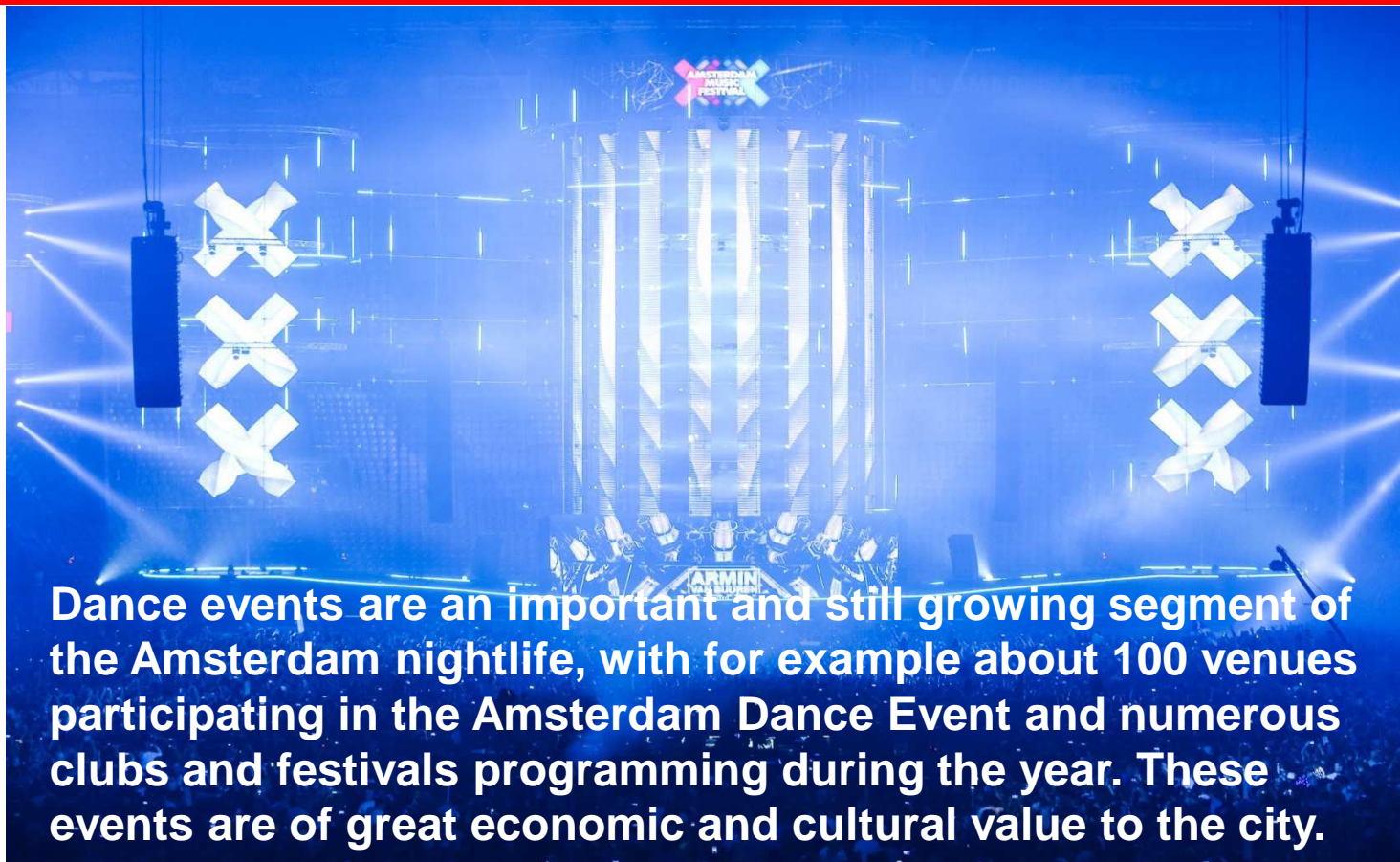


Developing an Amsterdam policy framework on dance events

(about drugs, safety and health)

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Dance events are an important and still growing segment of the Amsterdam nightlife, with for example about 100 venues participating in the Amsterdam Dance Event and numerous clubs and festivals programming during the year. These events are of great economic and cultural value to the city.

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Four Reportedly Die During Amsterdam Dance Event

1:41 AM PDT 10/23/2014 by Matt Medved, Billboard



mailOnline

Grieving parents release daughter, 15, who died after taking a single ecstasy tablet branded Duplo'

all Sears for the Daily Mail 10 Jul 2018, updated 03:08 BST 11 Jul 2018



Six people have died at Time Warp Argentina in Buenos Aires. 16/04/2016 Resident Advisor

Originally reported by the **BBC** Saturday, the death toll has since risen to six, according to the **Buenos Aires Herald**. All six deaths, and four critical hospitalizations, are suspected to from drug overdoses, and the Coast Guard and the Unit Against Drug-Trafficking are currently investigation.

There were also reports from attendees of overcrowding and poor ventilation with one stating "it was too hot and there were too many people," and another adding "we couldn't breathe."

TWO TOMORROWLAND DEATHS CONFIRMED TO BE CAUSED BY WATER INTOXICATION

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Some stakeholders





Policy framework on dance events

2009: starting point “Dance events are drug free”

2015: final policy framework:

“Drugs should not be part of dance events. We strive for drug-free parties”

"We are committed to reducing (health) risks associated with the use of recreational drugs at dance parties.“

2016: **rules for clubs** hosting dance events



10 years of discussion

- Bridge differences in interests
- Agree on responsibilities
- Determine our basic principles
- Clarify on terms we use
- Agree on joint monitoring and enforcement
(based on a checklist)

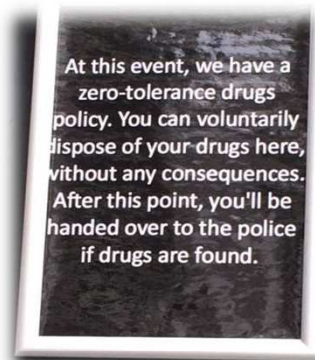


Mind shift

Repression



Regulating and prevention





Party organizers responsibilities (1)



- Security search at the entrance (by private security companies)
- Surveillance at the event site

No drugs allowed

- Drugs are confiscated
- Person will be **removed** from the event site
- And handed over to the police (if the amount of drugs is prosecutable)



Party organizers responsibilities (2)

Harm reduction

Set up **professional First Aid** at the event site (including observation room); Advanced Life Support

Consult First Aid officers before security removes an (apparently) intoxicated person from the event site





Party organizers responsibilities (3)

- Establish a **“chill-out”** (a place to rest and cool down)
- Monitor **temperature and humidity**
- Provide **free drinking water**
- Raise awareness /**inform** visitors





Five years later

- More cooperation among stakeholders
 - Direct feedback on inspections -> organisers are able to learn
 - Many party organisers have joined Celebrate Safe campaign
 - Inspection team is overall satisfied with the results
 - Implementing and updating the policy remains continuing effort
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- Drugs becoming more mainstream ...
 - Still relatively little incidents, as a result of....?



Thank you!



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