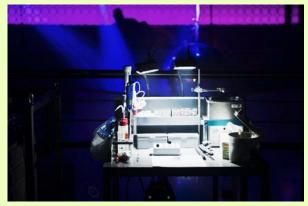
# **Drug-Checking in Zurich**

results, alerts, monitoring and counselling: focusing on cocaine







15.05.2019, Club Health Conference Amsterdam Matthias Humm, City of Zurich, saferparty

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  - On-site / outpatient
  - Online







# **Saferparty** – activities 2018

#### **Drug Information Center**

information, counselling and outpatient drug-checking

#### **Mobile Drug-Checking**

information, counselling and on-site drug checking

#### **Web Page**

substance-information, substance-alerts and online-counselling







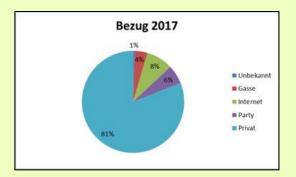
- 2109 contacts
- 913 counsellings
- 1903 analysis (HPLC/GC/MS)
- 10 on-site drug-checking
- 1500 contacts
- 723 counsellings
- 296 analysis (HPLC)

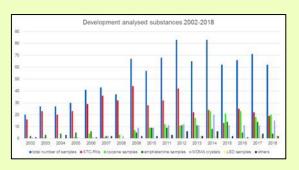
- 404'000 unique visitors
- 150 online-counsellings
- Use of social media (FB, Instagram)

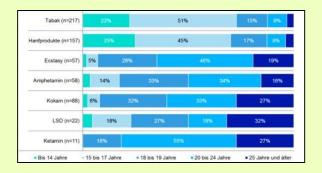


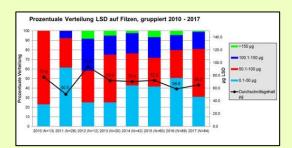


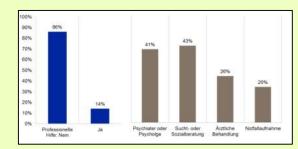
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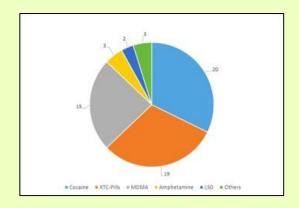


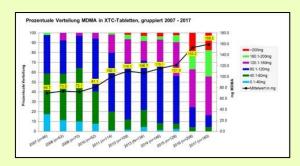


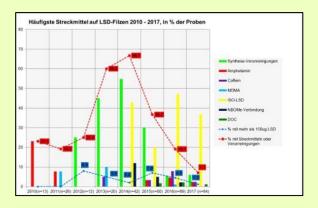




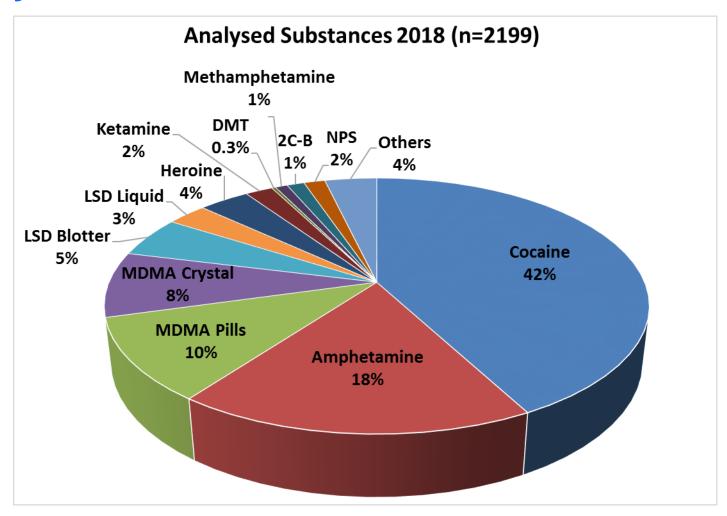






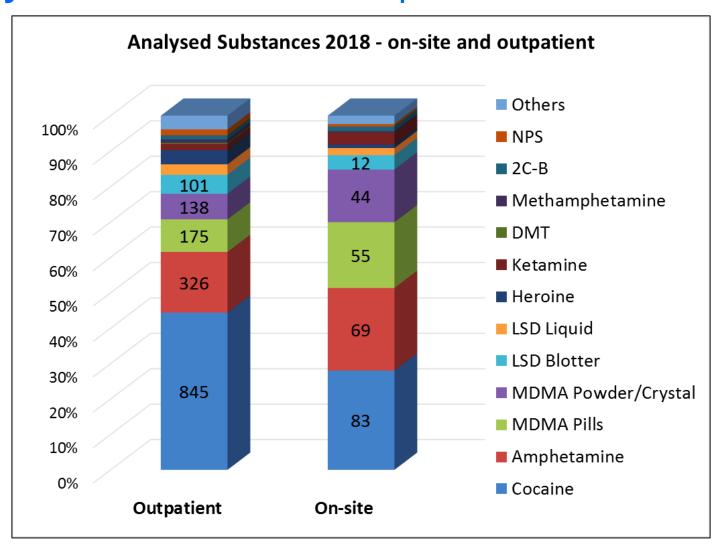


### **Analysed substances**



- On-site and outpatient: 2199 analysis
- Therefore 264 published alerts due to diluents, unexpected compounds and/or high dosage

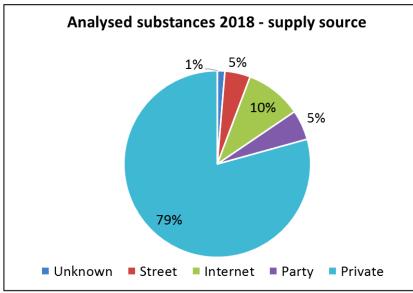
#### **Analysed substances** – outpatient / on-site

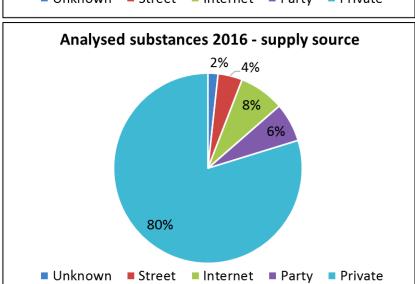


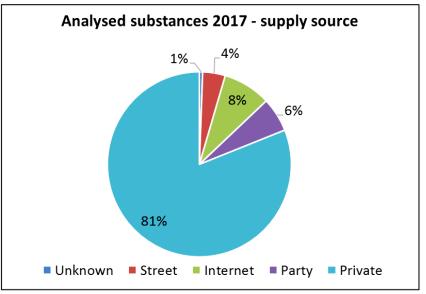
- Outpatient: relatively more cocaine, On-site: relatively more MDMA and amphetamine
- The two services reach diverse groups

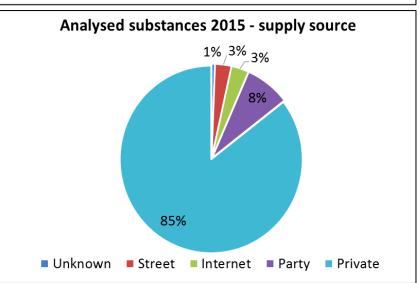


### **Analysed substances** – supply source









Internet: from 3% in 2015 to 10% in 2018, Private: still the main supply source





#### Four Swiss cities among Europe's top ten for cocaine consumption

#### The Local Switzerland news@thelocal.ch

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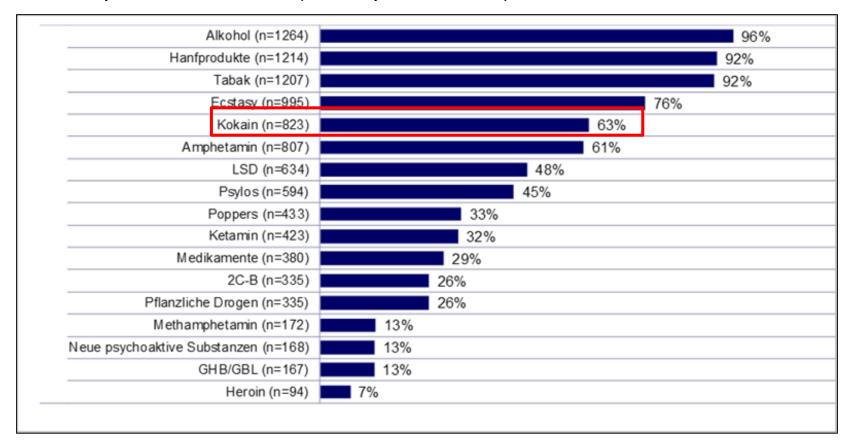
Zurich, St Gallen, Geneva and Basel all continue to be among the top ten cities for cocaine use in Europe, data published on Thursday suggests.





### **Cocaine prevalence**

Lifetime prevalence: 63 % (non-representative)

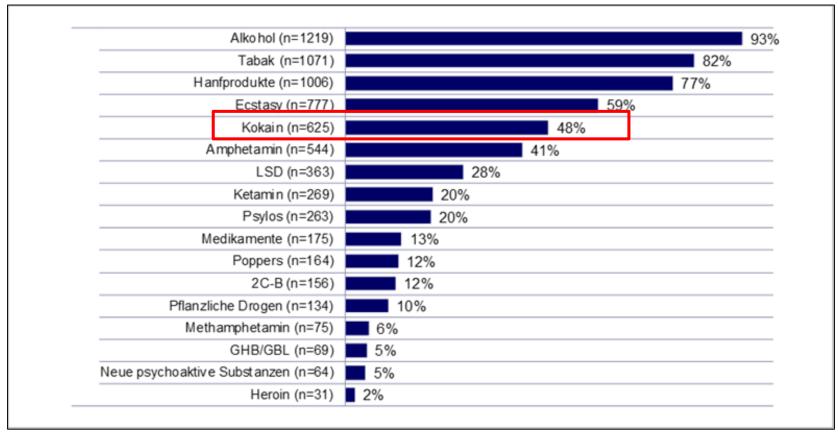






# **Cocaine prevalence**

12-month prevalence: 48 % (non-representative)

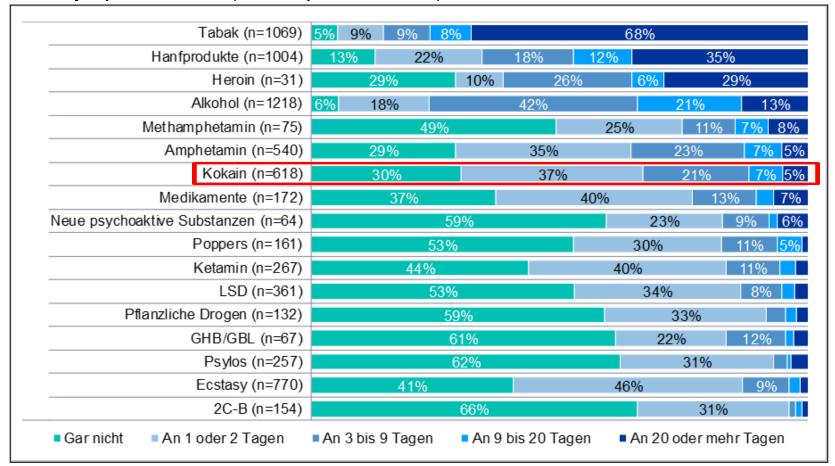






# **Cocaine prevalence**

#### 30-days prevalence (non-representative)



37% 1 to 2 days, 21% 3 to 9 days, 7% 9 to 20 days, 5% 20 or more days



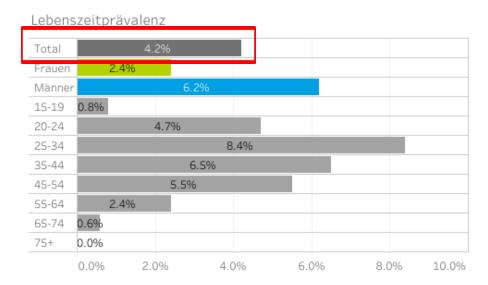


# Cocaine prevalence – representative inquiry

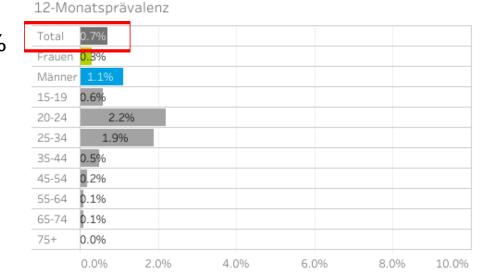
Kokainkonsum, nach Geschlecht und Alter (2016)



Lifetime prevalence: 4.2 %

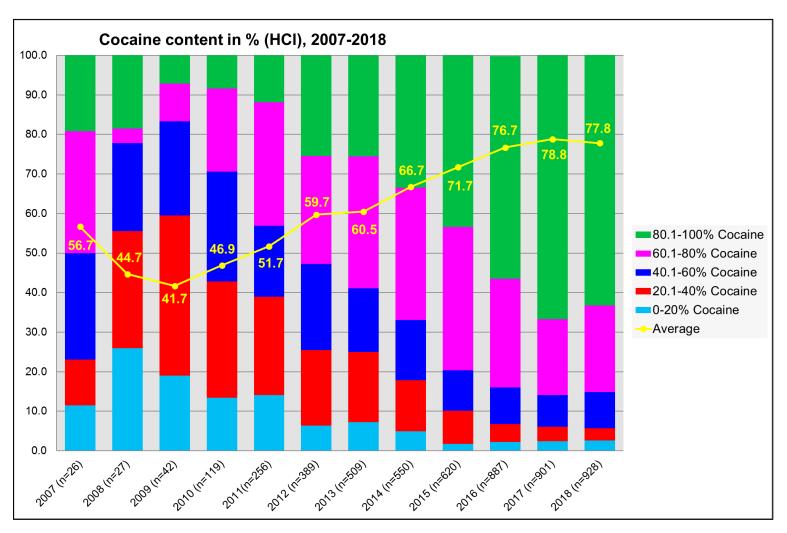


12-month prevalence: 0.7 %





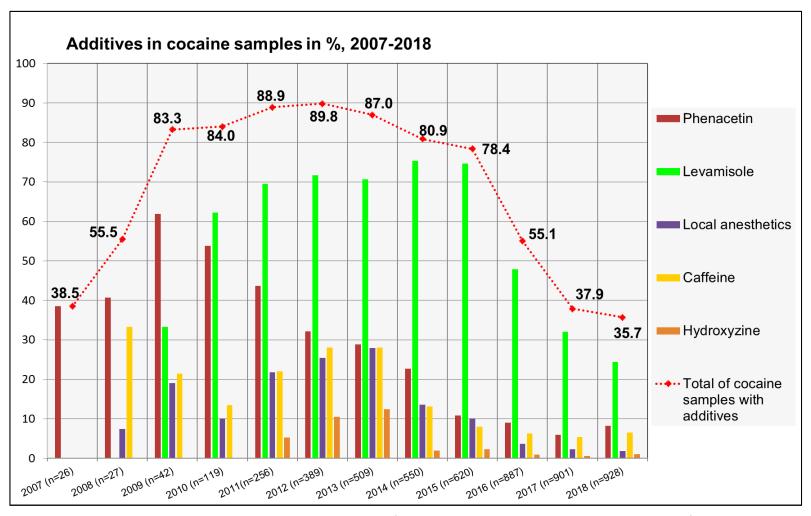




- Content was increasing since 2009
- 2018 first time decreased content



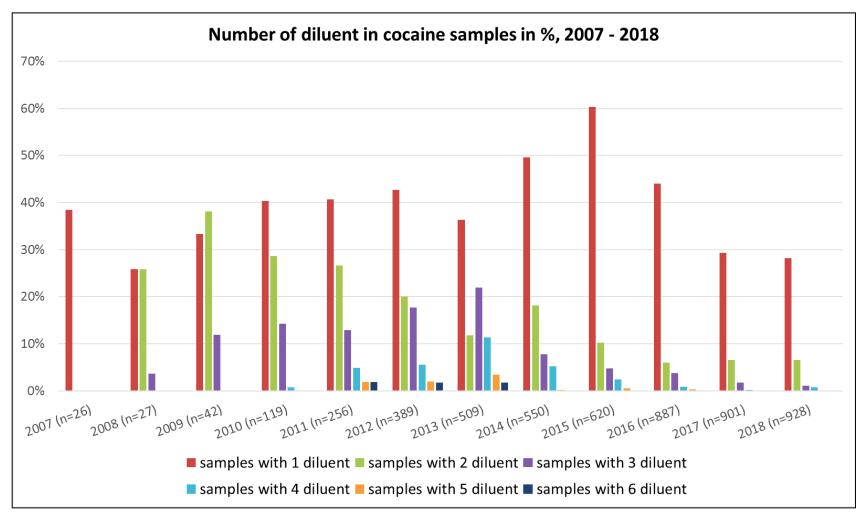




- Decrease of samples with additives (35.7 % still contained additives)
- Decrease of levamisole (25 % in 2018)
- Increase of phenacetine (8 % in 2018)



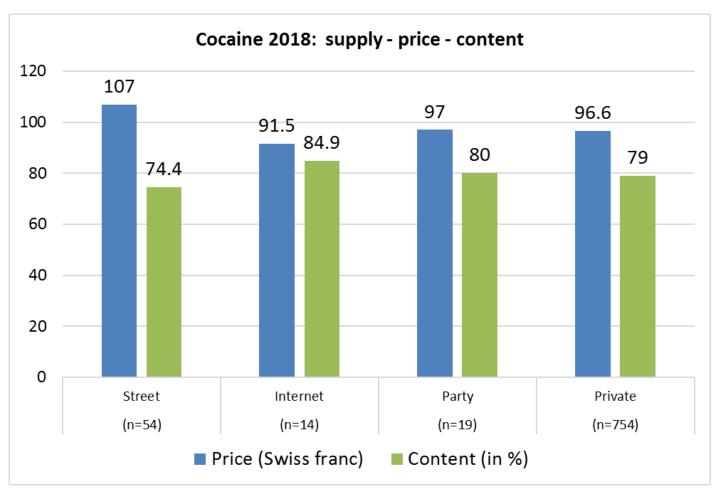




- Decrease of samples with various diluent
- Individual samples still up to four different diluent
- 2018 mostly 1 diluent (28.2%) or two (6.5%) diluent







- Little correlation between price, content and supply source
- Internet: lowest price, highest content
- Street: highest price, lowest content
- Party / Private: hardly any differences





# Counselling and information giving





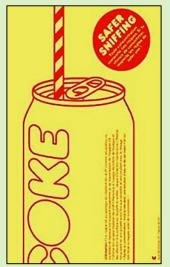
#### Warnung: extrem hochdosierte XTC's

| Logo                                    | Tic Tac            |  |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Gewicht                                 | 385.1 mg           |  |
| Grösse                                  | 11.1 x 7.1 mm      |  |
| Dicke                                   | 5.1 mm             |  |
| Bruchrille                              | Ja                 |  |
| Farbe                                   | Grün               |  |
| Inhaltsstoffe                           | MDMA*HCI: 215.6 mg |  |
| Setestet in Zürich (DIZ), 02. April 201 |                    |  |



#### Risikoeinschätzung

Über 120 mg MDMA\*HCI können zu viel sein. Nebenwirkungen wie "Kiefer mahlen", Augenund Nervenzucken, bis hin zu Krampfanfällen können auftreten. Bei Überdosierungen steigt die Körpertemperatur stärker an und es können Halluzinationen auftreten. An Folgetagen, nach der Einnahme solch hoher Dosen MDMA, treten vermehrt Depressionen, Konzentrationsschwächen, Schlafstörungen und Appetitlosigkeit auf. Die regelmässige Einnahme grosser Mengen MDMA ist neurotoxisch und vergrössert die Wahrscheinlichkeit irreparabler Hirnschäden.





# **Counselling** - targets

- Assessment: (individual) consumption patterns and risks are assessed and discussed
- Early detection of risk behaviour
- Encouragement of the consumer competence
- Sensitization for risks (via safer-use advices)
- Motivation of a (self-) critical reflexion of the consumer behaviour
- Support for stabilization and/or reduction of the consumption
- If required: Triage to continuative supply (therapy, social institution etc.)
- Reduction of fears from highthreshold services





# Counselling - handing in the substance

- Compulsive counselling
- General risk assessment

Questionnaire with a dual function: structuring the interview / data-

collection

socio-demographic

consumption-prevalences

consumption patterns

impacts on health









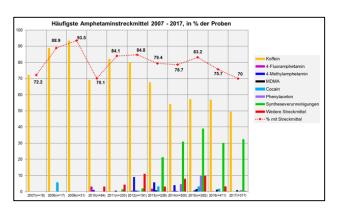


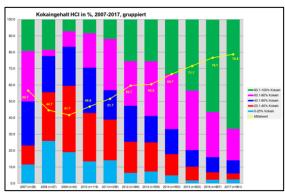




# Counselling - communicating the results

- Second counselling
- Individual risk assessment
- Explanation of the compound and diluent, mixing drugs, use of medicine, dosage-recommendation etc.
- Individual physical and psychological circumstances (coherent to the particular result) can be included in the counselling





| Warnung: extrem hochdosierte XTC's |                                 |  |  |  |
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| Gewicht                            | 553.2 mg                        |  |  |  |
| Grösse                             | 8.7 x 7.7 mm                    |  |  |  |
| Dicke                              | 6.4 mm                          | C P  |  |  |
| Bruchrille                         | Ja                              |  |  |  |
| Farbe                              | Violett                         |  |  |  |
| Bemerkungen                        | Beidseitiges Logo               |  |  |  |
| Inhaltsstoffe                      | MDMA*HCI: 270.8 mg              |  |  |  |
| Getestet in                        | Zürich (Mobil), 11. August 2018 | 1  |  |  |

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# Counselling - on-site / outpatient

| On-site   | Outpatient  |
|---|---|
| Offer (only) for party goers  | Open to all recreational drug users and also affected persons (relatives, friends etc.) |
| Low-threshold service (at no charge, anonymous, no registration)  | Low-threshold service (at no charge, anonymous, no registration)                        |
| Nightlife setting: reduced anonymity, under influence of drugs, sounds, crowds  | Office setting: high anonymity / privacy, quiet, "sober" visitors                       |
| <ul> <li>Mostly in groups (little privacy)</li> <li>Often short- and single contacts</li> <li>Spontaneous visitors</li> </ul> | Good possibility for relationship-work and triage                                       |
| Limited possibilities for relationship-work and triage  | Possibility for own continuative offers   |









### Counselling – online

- About 35'000 unique visitors per month
- Visited mainly for the alerts
- About 15 online counsellings per month
- Algorithms

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- Independence of location, anonymity, self-determination, no prejudice
- Social media (facebook/Instagram): each alert reaches about 3000 persons







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