



The European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs

## Application form for use of the ESPAD 07 Database

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**Working title of the project:**

Minor Delinquency and Fighting in 14 ESPAD Countries in 2007

**Abstract:** (Please describe objectives, methods and specify the research question(s), maximum 250 words.)

Objective: To study and account for the differences between ESPAD countries in teenage minor delinquency and fighting.

Methods: The 10 items of the questionnaire section B4 which are designed to measure minor delinquency and fighting among teenagers will be the dependent variables. Predictor variables at the individual level will include items measuring parental attitude towards drugs, the respondent's substance use, parental monitoring, caring and warmth from friends and parents, cigarette smoking, parental rule setting and the Bjarsson anomie questions. An initial pilot study on 4 countries indicates that there will be associations between all these predictor variables and minor delinquency and fighting. Also that there will be significant between country differences but that these will not all be explained by the individual level predictor variables. Therefore various country level variables (yet to be finalised) such as the status of women within the country and the pattern of alcohol use will be included as predictors.

Research questions: Specifically to assess the strength of the associations between minor delinquency and fighting, the predictor variables above and countries, with a view to suggesting the determinants of antisocial behaviour by teenagers.

**Planned type of publication:**  Paper/article  Report  PhD  
 Other, which:

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<sup>1)</sup> This can only be a Principal Investigator or a Chair of an ESPAD Thematic group. When the application is approved the Principal Investigator/Chair of a Thematic group has to sign an agreement that the delivered copy of the 07 Database only will be used for the applied project and that the database will be handled according to the rules in the document "Rules for the use of ESPAD databases".

**Variables to be included in the analysis:**

Variables derived from section B4 of the questionnaire together with 7 derived variables based on questions from throughout the core section and possibly other sections of the ESPAD questionnaire.

**Countries to be included in the analysis:**

All accessible countries (Level 2)

A more limited number of countries, namely:

UK, Slovakia, Serbia, Latvia, Armenia, Greece, Romania, the Faroe Islands, Ireland, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia and the Isle of Man. Also any other country surveyed late i.e. in 2008 which carried section B4 in their questionnaire

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