



## Application form for use of ESPAD Databases

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**Are you an ESPAD Principal Investigator or Contact Person?**  Yes  
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**Which database(s) do you apply for?**  2003  
 2007 (Non-ESPAD researchers from July 1, 2013)  
 2011 (Non-ESPAD researchers from July 1, 2015)

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**Working title of the project:**

Incidence and harm of substance use among teenagers in Europe

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

The population of teenagers is informative for policy evaluation as these ages represent the period of onset of drug use. Analyses and evaluations based on these populations provide powerful tools for cross country comparisons due to the availability of highly homogeneous data from the European School Survey. Based in data on age of first use of different substances incidence measures will be derived for all countries that participated in the 2011 ESPAD survey. Incidence can be derived from prevalence using the distribution of age at onset. The modulation of the prevalence of cannabis users among teenagers provides exactly the incidence in a given year. Using new harm indicators it is also possible to make comparisons on intensity and harm of different substances used (Mascioli F. and Rossi C., 2008).

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

**Questions (see Questionnaire(s)) to be included in the analysis:** (Please indicate the question numbers.)

Prevalence of substance use (C25, C29, C31), harms (MC1, MB4 C06), age of first use (C26, C32)

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