

Presentation of the REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

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**NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG STRATEGY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
2003 – 2008: A MAJOR STEP
FORWARD TO MEETING EUROPEAN
AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS**

MAIN PRINCIPLES OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY

- The drug issue is a permanent priority in the foreign and internal policy of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- Create an efficient system for assessment of
 - a) the risks associated with drug supply and consumption and
 - b) effectiveness of anti-drug activities;
- Regard supply and demand reduction as equally important and interrelated;
- Strengthening the countermeasures against illegal drug and precursor trafficking is an integral part of the fight against organised crime, money laundering, corruption and a means for curbing funding of international terrorist organisations;
- Improve interaction and co-operation among state institutions involved in fight against drugs;

MAIN PRINCIPLES OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY

- Establish efficient interaction and co-operation among state institutions, private businesses, NGOs and civil society in order to fulfil the objectives of the Strategy;
- Wide public awareness; incorporate the drug issue in the school education system in a more active and targeted way;
- Increase co-operation with international organisations and other countries.

GLOBAL AIMS OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY

- Stop the increase of drug usage through the provision of effective treatment and prevention;
- Reduce the supply of illegal drugs through improving the efficiency of law enforcement bodies
- Reduce the volume of illegal trade in chemical substances (precursors) used for illegal production of drugs;
- Establish a national unit for drug intelligence to support the work of national and international institutions fighting against illegal drug trafficking;
- Provide effective drugs policy co-ordination and management and establish efficient information systems.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- ✓ **Drug and Precursors Control Act (in force from October 1999) regulating the organisation, powers and tasks of the state bodies exercising control over drug and precursor related activities; measures against abuse and illegal trafficking; relevant scientific, research and expert activities. A number of regulations have been adopted in compliance with the Drug and Precursors Control Act**
- ✓ **Penal Code specifies corpuses delictivity of drug and precursors related crimes**
- ✓ **Penal Procedure Code specifies the procedure for investigation and penalties of those crimes**
- ✓ **Specific Acts regulating the activities of Ministry of the Interior and National Customs Agency**

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

- **National Drugs Council**
- **Ministry of Health**
 - ✓ National Drugs Service
 - ✓ National Drug Addictions Centre
- **Ministry of Economy**
 - ✓ Interdepartmental Committee for Precursor Control
- **Ministry of Interior**
 - ✓ National Service for Combating Organised Crime
 - ✓ National Police Service
 - ✓ National Security Service
 - ✓ National Border Police
- **National Customs Agency
at the Ministry of Finance**

STRENGTHENING OF INSTITUTIONS AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

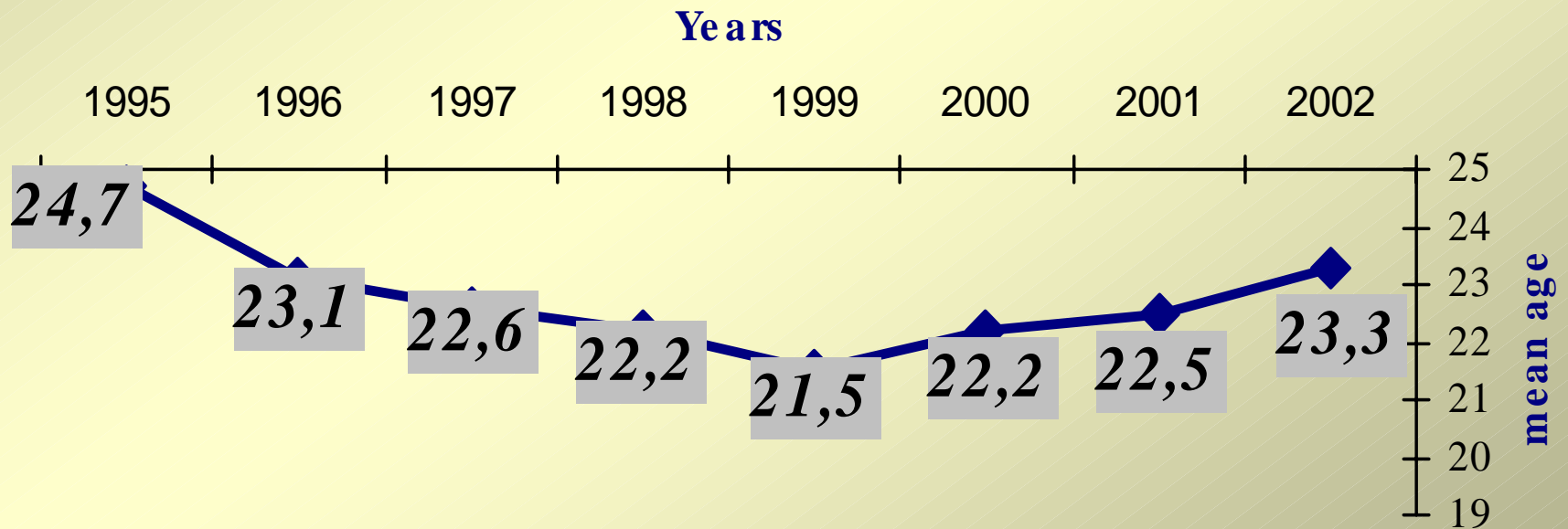
- **National Focal Point**
- **Strategic co-ordination - Drugs Policy
Co-ordination and Analysis Unit**
- **Municipal Drug Councils**

DEMAND REDUCTION STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- **PREVENT THE INCREASE OF THE NUMBER OF NEW DRUG ADDICTS**
- **REDUCE ABUSE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS**
- **REDUCE ABUSE OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES USED FOR MEDICAL AND VETERINARY PURPOSES**
- **OVERCOME SOCIAL ISOLATION AND SOCIAL DEPRIVATION OF HIGH-RISK GROUPS**
- **LIMIT THE SPREAD AMONG DRUG ABUSERS OF DISEASES WHICH HAVE AN IMPACT ON SOCIETY: BLOOD-TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (HIV/AIDS, HEPATITIS B, C), TUBERCULOSIS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, ETC.**

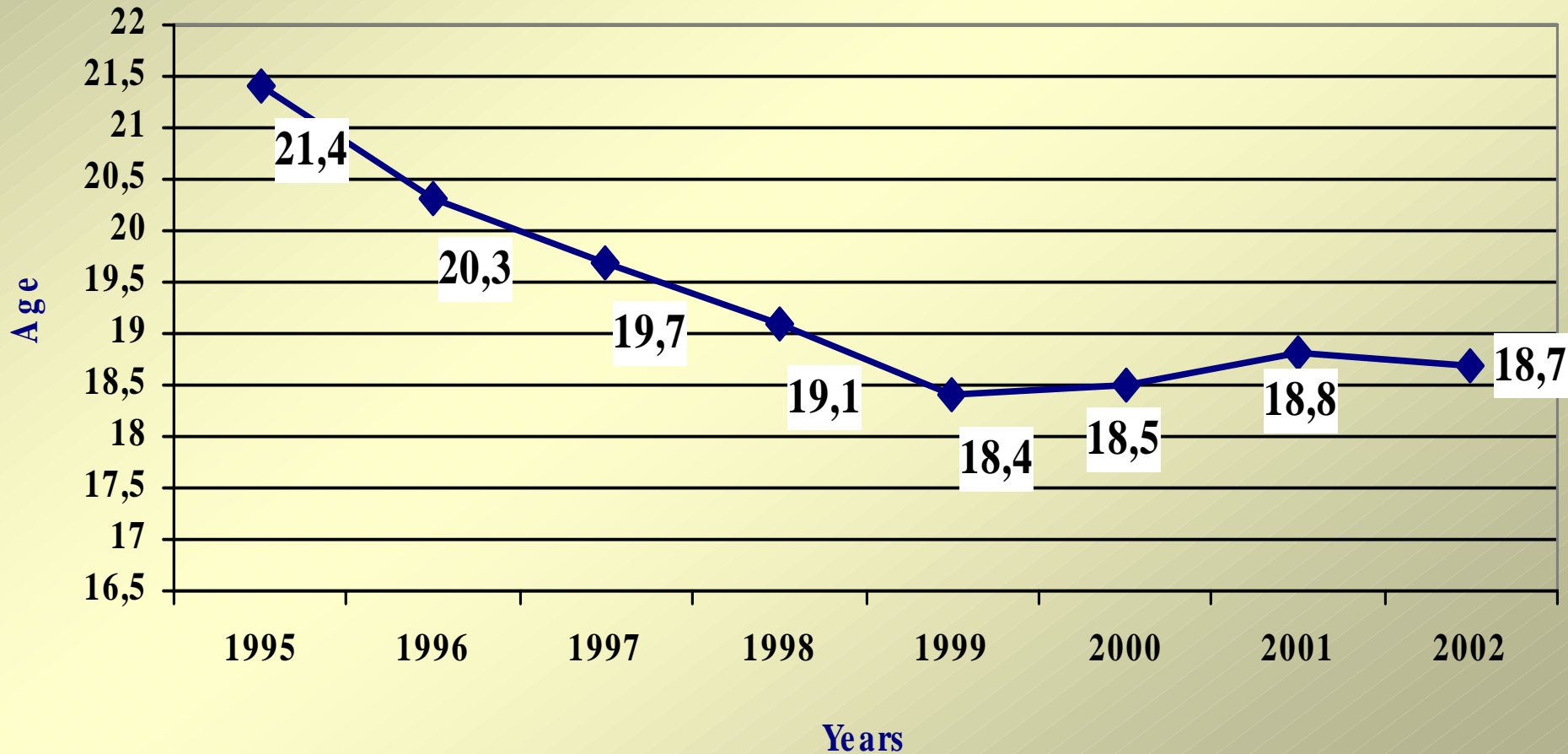
DRUG ABUSE SITUATION IN BULGARIA

MEAN AGE OF TREATMENT DEMANDS FOR HEROIN ADDICTION

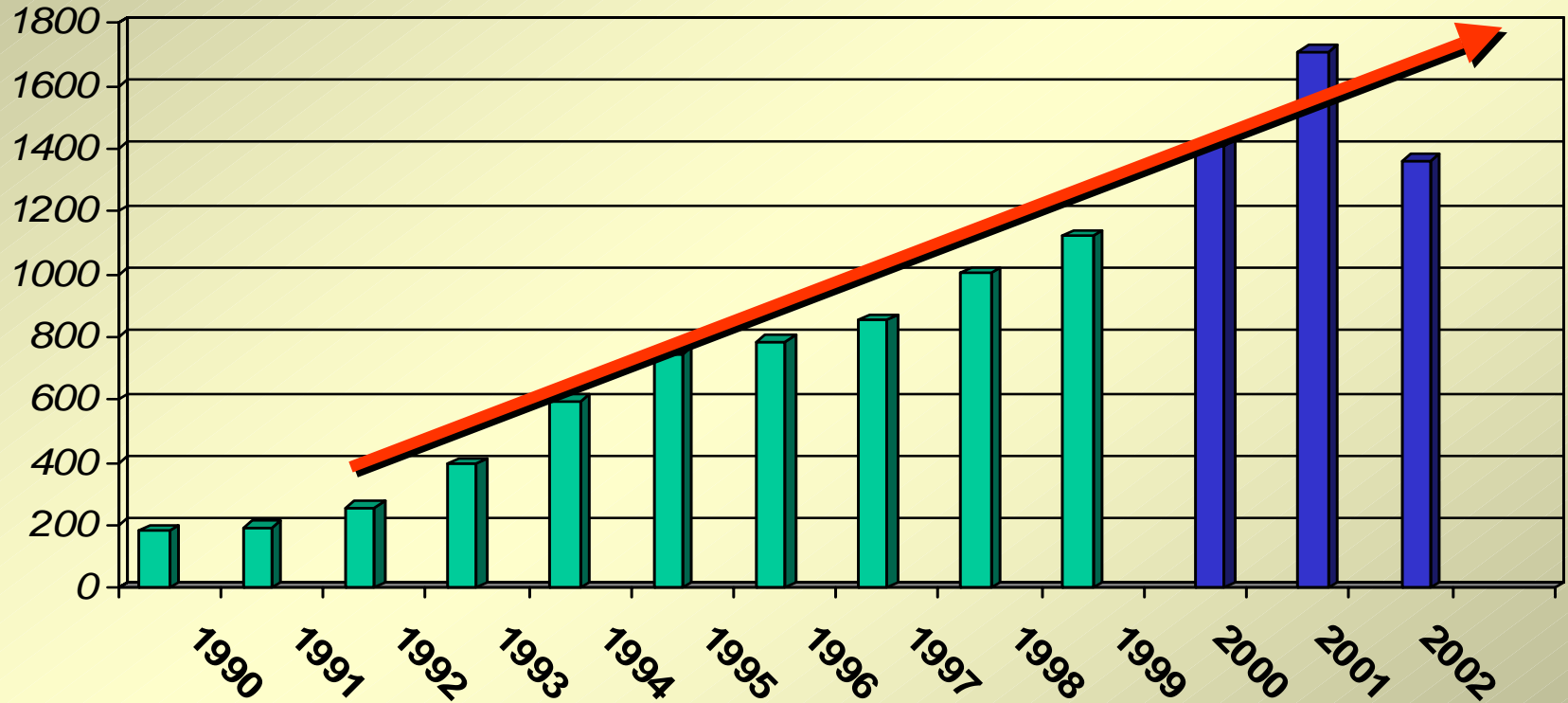


DRUG ABUSE SITUATION IN BULGARIA

MEAN AGE OF FIRST USE OF HEROIN



Growing Treatment Problem



Patient Admissions for substance abuse in Bulgaria between 1990 and 2002

Develop and implement parents oriented programs

- Develop a program to identify and provide support to families at high-risk
- Study and identify environment risks
- Develop and introduce prevention educational programs on drug-related problems for parents at schools
- Develop and implement training programs for parental skills
- Provide information materials on drug issues aimed at parents

SUPPLY REDUCTION STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- **OPTIMIZE BORDER CONTROL**
- **ESTABLISH NATIONAL CROSS-MINISTRY ANTI-DRUGS OPERATIONAL INFORMATION UNIT**
- **REDUCE THE “SPILL OUT EFFECT” (*availability*) WITHIN THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY OF HEROIN**
- **REDUCE DRUG RELATED CRIME RATE**
- **INCREASE THE ANALYTICAL CAPACITY FOR STUDY OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES**
- **IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF CONTROL ON LEGAL PRODUCTION AND TRADE IN CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES – PRECURSORS TO PREVENT THEIR DIVERSION FOR ILLEGAL PRODUCTION OF DRUGS**
- **WIDEN AND IMPROVE CO-OPERATION AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT BODIES AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

CUSTOMS AND POLICE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS



**ROADRUNNER I и II, TRUCK STOP,
CONTAINMENT, SPEEDWAY**



VIPER, HAKAN, E70



VITOSCHA, PRECURSOR 2000



FELIX, LEO, SOL 2000, CONQUEST



ORIENT EXPRESS

Controlled deliveries, undertaken by Bulgarian Law Enforcement Authorities for the period 01.01.1996 - 20.11.2003

- **Total number - 39**
- **Total quantity - 664.333 kg, 6100 litres & 2000 tabs.**

- ✓ **Heroin - 12 cases - 366.500 kg**
- ✓ **Cocaine - 18 cases - 56.873 kg**
- ✓ **Cannabis - 2 cases - 137.960 kg**
- ✓ **Precursors - 4 cases - 6100 l. & 100 kg**
- ✓ **Synthetic drugs - 3 cases - 3 kg & 2000 tabs.**

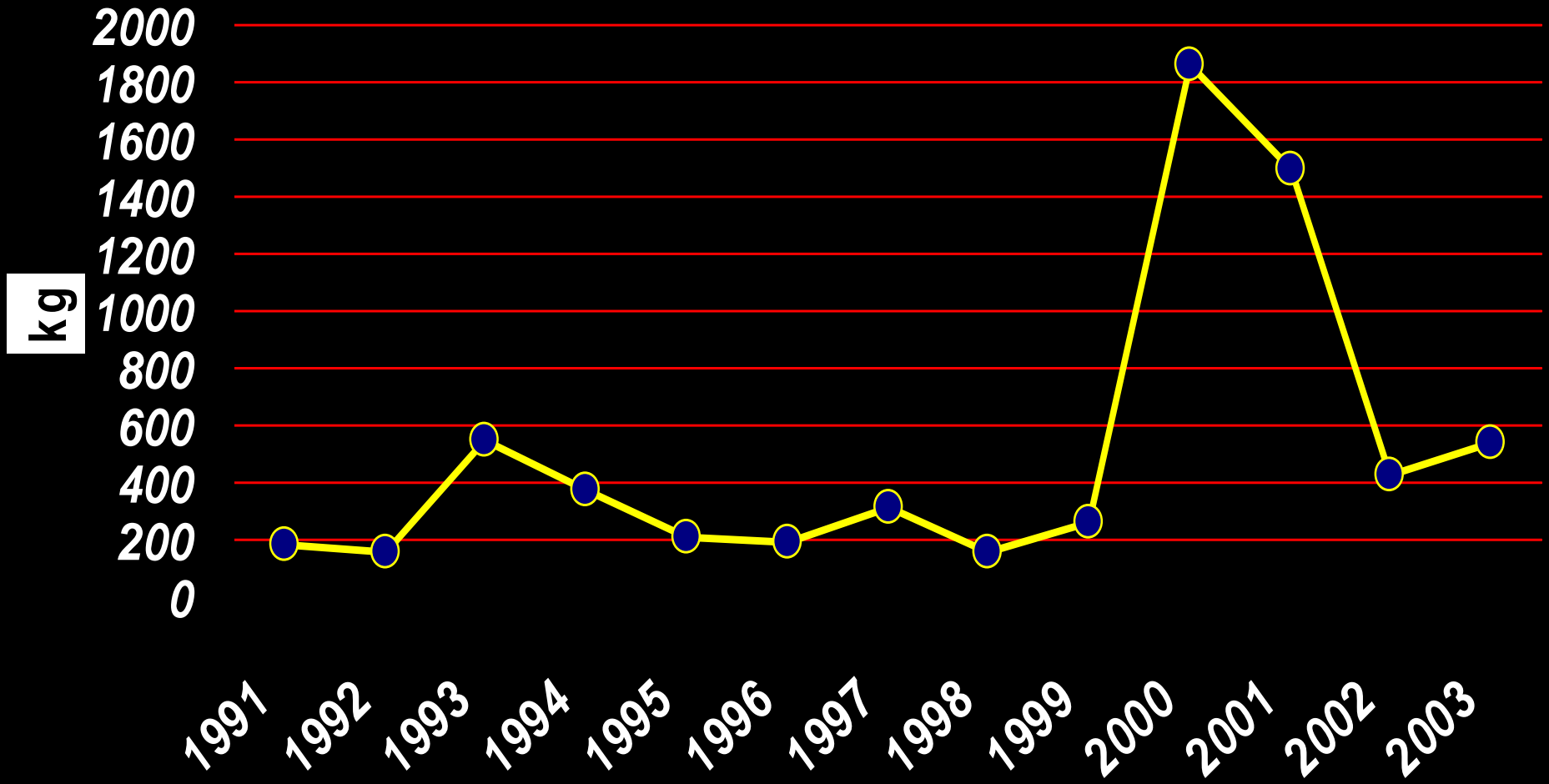
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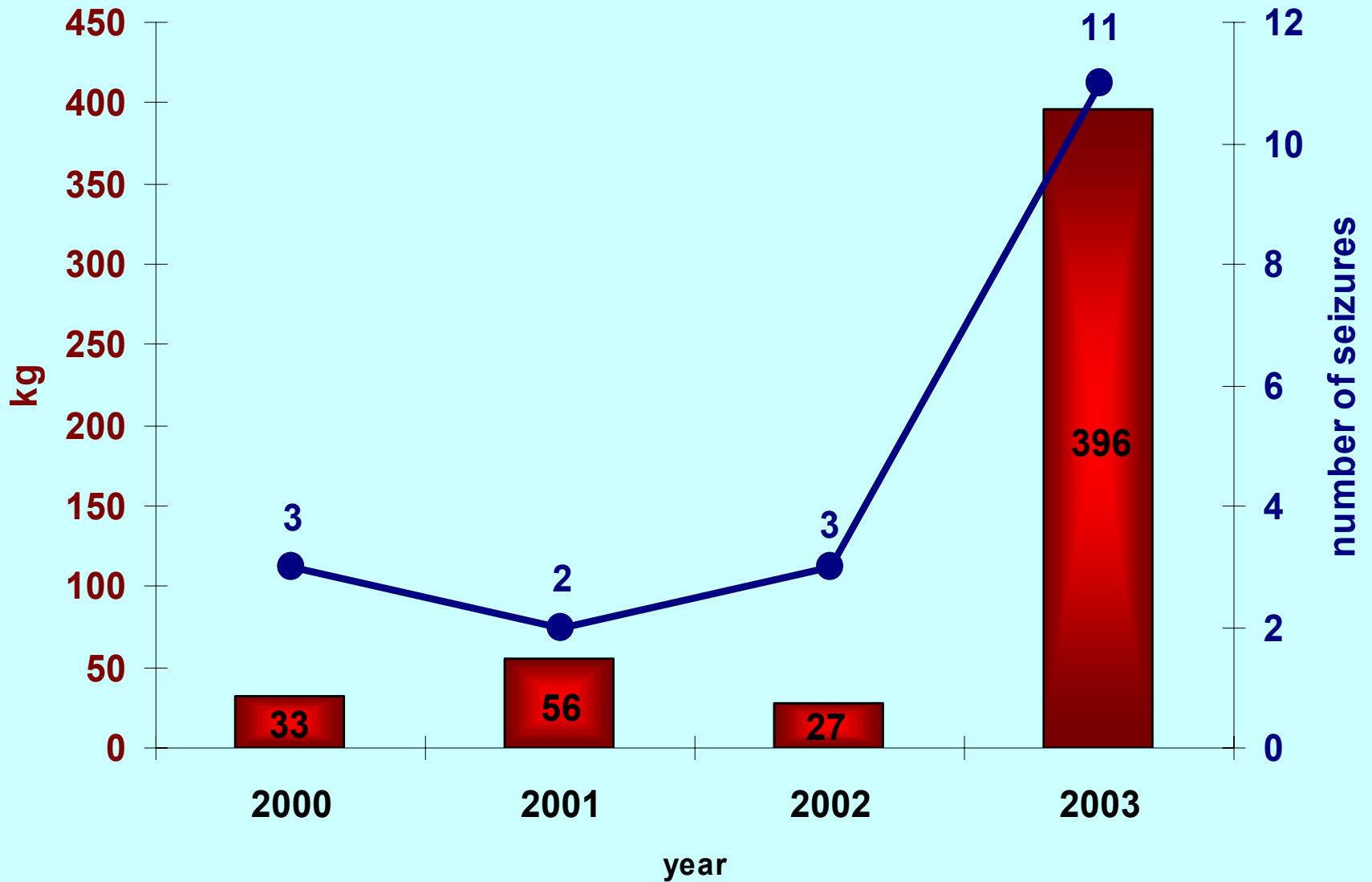
COUNTRIES OF FINAL DESTINATION OF AMPHETAMINE AND CANNABIS SEIZED BY BULGARIAN CUSTOMS FOR THE PERIOD 2000 - 18.11.2003



HEROIN



THE NEW THREAT - AMPHETAMINE



A photograph showing a person lying on their back on a concrete floor. To the left of the person are two large plastic tubs filled with a light-colored, powdery substance. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. The scene appears to be an indoor setting, possibly a laboratory or a storage area, that has been dismantled.

ILLEGAL AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES DISMANTLED BY BULGARIAN NATIONAL SERVICE FOR COMBATING ORGANIZED CRIME

- **2001 - 6 laboratories**
- **2002 - 4 laboratories**
- **2003 - 6 laboratories**



**ILLEGAL AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES
DISMANTLED BY
BULGARIAN NATIONAL SERVICE FOR
COMBATING ORGANIZED CRIME**

- Total quantity seized - app. 1 ton
(amphetamine base, amphetamine base
powder & amphetamine in tablet form) ,
as well as 500 litres precursors**

ILLEGAL AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES DISMANTLED BY BULGARIAN NATIONAL SERVICE FOR COMBATING ORGANIZED CRIME

- as well as 500 litres of precursors and essential chemicals such as sulfuric acid, acetone, chloroform**
- 4 guns and ammunitions**
- 90 000 USD**
- laboratory equipment**
- 150 offenders arrested (BG, SY, LE & TR)**

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