



DRUG POLICY AND STRATEGY AND ROLE OF TUBİM_s in TURKEY

CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION

- Laws and legislations
- General perspective to drug trafficking and dealing
- Dimensions of drug problem in Turkey,
- Coordination
- What is behind on Turkey's succes

Turkey Constitution

- . Article 58 of the Constitution:
“...The State shall take all the necessary measures to protect young people from alcohol addiction, illicit drugs, delinquency, gambling, illiteracy and other similar bad habits.”

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND CONVENTIONS

- Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,
- Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971
- Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988.
- Turkish relevant bodies support high level participation and contribution to international meetings, seminars and

National Law

- Law No. 2313 on the Control of Narcotic Drugs
- Anti-Trafficking Law No. 5607
- Turkish Penal Code No. 5237
- Penal Procedures Law No. 5271
- Law No. 3298 on Narcotic Drugs
- Law No. 984 on Stores Selling Toxic and Active Substances used in Pharmaceutical Enterprises and Artistic and Agricultural Businesses
- Law No. 1262 on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Preparations
- Law No. 6197 on Pharmacists and Pharmacies

Turkey's Perspective on Trafficking and Consuming drug-1

- Supplying illicit drugs are considered as a crime against humanity and,
- The substance users and addicts are considered as the victims of this phenomenon.

Turkey's Perspective on Trafficking and Consuming drug-2

- Turkey considers drug trafficking as global threat against humanity,
- Invests great human resources and budget to fight against drug trafficking,
- Drug addiction is an illness, Turkey has adopted new law in 2005 introducing probation system for addicts,
- Substitution treatment has not been taken place yet.

Trends on Drug Situation-1

- Trafficking;
 - Ecstasy-The most growing threat for Turkey. Increasing seizures and number of offence, Turkey is target and transit country on Europe origine ecstasy.
 - Amphetamin:Increasing seizures and number of offence. Turkey is transit country.

Trends on Drug Situation-2

- Hashish: Increasing seizures and offence. Turkey is transit, target and consuming country.
- Cocain: Stable seizures and offence
- Heroine-Stable on domestic addicts, increasing trafficking. Turkey is both target and transit country

Trends on Drug Situation-3

- Consuming

- Ecstasy :Increasing trend on user
- Amphetamine :Very limited user in Turkey
- Heroine :Stable,
- Hashish :Stable,
- Cocaine :Stable,

Prevalance

- The latest survey in 2003 which is conducted six major cities shows that;
 - 0.05%
 - ESPAD Survey has being implemented within the 2007.

Reason for low level addiction rate

- Domestic operations against drug dealers and drug possessor as well as consumers
- Awareness activities mainly by the TUBIM experts covering entire country.
- Turkish Family Structure, and moral understanding among Turkish Community keep people away from illegal drugs.

COORDINATION

- Among law enforcement authorities,
- Among national authorities related to demand reduction and treatment bodies
- Between national agencies and foreign drug liaison officers based in Turkey
- Between national agencies and Foreign Counterparts

COORDINATION

- Establishment of TUBIM (Turkish Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction)
- EMCDDA National Focal Point
- National Drug Strategy has balanced approach to drug trafficking and using

Role of TUBIM

- Turkish Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
- Established in 2002
- National Focal Point to EMCDDA
- National Coordination Body
- Responsible for implementation of national strategy and action plan
- Involve in actively awareness programme

COORDINATION

- National Action Plan preparation has come to the end compatible with EU Drug Action Plan
- Municipalities play important role on the area of demand reduction,
- Municipalities are taken place in the national action plan.

WHAT'S BEHIND SUCCESS

- Priority and support given by Government
- Well-trained and dedicated manpower
- Generous budget availability by government
- Open-minded policy on sharing intelligence and info,
- Well domestic coordination
- Willingness of international cooperation
- Increasing technical capacity
- Given importance to the training

Many thanks for your attention

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