

CRIMINALIZATION COSTS

LITHUANIA

POSSESSION OF DRUGS			
amount	CANNABIS (herbal)	0-5 g	5-500 g
sentence		community service / restriction of liberty / fine / arrest	fine / arrest / 0-2 y
amount	HEROIN	0-0,02 g	0,02-2 g
sentence		community service / restriction of liberty / fine / arrest	fine / arrest / 0-2 y
amount	MDMA	0-0,2 g	0,2-20 g
sentence		community service / restriction of liberty / fine / arrest	fine / arrest / 0-2 y
amount	COCAINE	0-0,2 g	0,2-20 g
sentence		community service / restriction of liberty / fine / arrest	fine / arrest / 0-2 y

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PRISON

Number of prisoners for drug law offences	HIV prevalence in prisons
1 509	4,7 %
Number of prisoners	Average sentence for drug law offence
6 693	7 years 7 months 23 days
ART in prisons	OST in prisons
YES	YES*
NSP in prisons	
NO	

Spent money per year / per prisoner **8 508,15 €** (23,31 € / per day)

FREEDOM

Number of PWID	HIV among PWID
~8 000*	12,5 %
Unemployment benefits	NSP price
221,7 € / per month (average)	150,02 € / per year
OST price	
1 391 € / per year (+ case management)	324,48 € / per year (NO case management)

Spent money per year / per person **4 201,42 €** (with case management)

KAZAKHSTAN

POSSESSION OF DRUGS			
amount	CANNABIS (herbal)	0-0,5 g	0,5-50 g
sentence		0-600 € / correction work / community service 0-120 hours / arrest 0-45 d	0-1200 € / correction work / community service 0-180 h / arrest 0-90 d
amount	HEROIN	0-0,01 g	0,01-1 g
sentence		0-1200 € / correction work / community service 0-180 h / arrest 0-90 d	0-1800 € / correction work / community service 0-200 h / arrest 0-60 d
amount	MDMA	0-0,02 g	0,02-1 g
sentence		0-1200 € / correction work / community service 0-180 h / arrest 0-90 d	0-1800 € / correction work / community service 0-200 h / arrest 0-60 d
amount	COCAINE	0-0,01 g	0,01-1 g
sentence		0-1200 € / correction work / community service 0-180 h / arrest 0-90 d	0-1800 € / correction work / community service 0-200 h / arrest 0-60 d

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PRISON

Number of prisoners for drug law offences	HIV prevalence in prisons
no data	2,7 %
Number of prisoners	Average sentence for drug law offence
35 219	no data
ART in prisons	OST in prisons
YES	NO
NSP in prisons	
NO	

Spent money per year / per prisoner **1 554,90 €** (4,26 € / per day)

FREEDOM

Number of PWID	HIV among PWID
120 500	8,5 %
Unemployment benefits	NSP price
~60 € / per month	212 € / per year
OST price	
450 € / per year	

Spent money per year / per person **1 382 €**

KYRGYZSTAN

POSSESSION OF DRUGS			
amount	CANNABIS (herbal)	0-20 g	20-600 g
sentence		6-26 € / detention 0-5 days	253434 € / 35+ Confiscation of property
amount	HEROIN	0-1 g	1-30 g
sentence		6-26 € / detention 0-5 days	253434 € / 35+ Confiscation of property
amount	MDMA	0-1,5 g	1,5-45 g
sentence		6-26 € / detention 0-5 days	253434 € / 35+ Confiscation of property
amount	COCAINE	0-0,03 g	0,03-0,9 g
sentence		6-26 € / detention 0-5 days	253434 € / 35+ Confiscation of property

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PRISON

Number of prisoners for drug law offences	HIV prevalence in prisons
1 383	4,5 %
Number of prisoners	Average sentence for drug law offence
7 327	2,5-3,5 y
ART in prisons	OST in prisons
YES	YES
NSP in prisons	
YES	

Spent money per year / per prisoner **1 090 €** (2,99 € / per day)

FREEDOM

Number of PWID	HIV among PWID
26 500	12,4 %
Unemployment benefits	NSP price
8,77 € (maximum) / per month	30,83 € / per year
OST price	
83,07 € / per year	

Spent money per year / per person **219,14 €**

ESTONIA

POSSESSION OF DRUGS			
amount	CANNABIS (herbal)	0-7,5 g	more than 7,5 g
sentence		fine 0-1200 € / administrative detention 0-30 days	1-10 y
amount	HEROIN	0-0,1 g	more than 0,1 g
sentence		fine 0-1200 € / administrative detention 0-30 days	1-10 y
amount	MDMA	0-0,65 g	more than 0,65 g
sentence		fine 0-1200 € / administrative detention 0-30 days	1-10 y
amount	COCAINE	0-1,5 g	more than 1,5 g
sentence		fine 0-1200 € / administrative detention 0-30 days	1-10 y

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PRISON

Number of prisoners for drug law offences	HIV prevalence in prisons
585*	13,3 %
Number of prisoners	Average sentence for drug law offence
3 000*	2 years 6 months*
ART in prisons	OST in prisons
YES	YES*
NSP in prisons	
NO*	

Spent money per year / per prisoner **19 164 €** (1 597 € / per month)

FREEDOM

Number of PWID	HIV among PWID
9 000	48-66 %
Unemployment benefits	NSP price
250 € / per month (minimum)	230 € / per year
OST price	
1 165 € / per year (including Naloxone)	

Spent money per year / per person **4 395 €**

MOLDOVA

POSSESSION OF DRUGS			
amount	CANNABIS (herbal)	0-2 g	2-500 g
sentence		30-75 €	1000-1750 € / 1 y
amount	HEROIN	0-0,01 g	0,01-2,5 g
sentence		30-75 €	1000-1750 € / 1 y
amount	MDMA	0-0,05 g	0,05-5 g
sentence		30-75 €	1000-1750 € / 1 y
amount	COCAINE	0-0,15 g	0,15-5 g
sentence		30-75 €	1000-1750 € / 1 y

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PRISON

Number of prisoners for drug law offences	HIV prevalence in prisons
320	3,8 %*
Number of prisoners	Average sentence for drug law offence
7 320*	up to 1 year
ART in prisons	OST in prisons
YES	YES*
NSP in prisons	
YES	

Spent money per year / per prisoner **4 015 €** (11 € / per day)

FREEDOM

Number of PWID	HIV among PWID
36 000*	17,6 %
Unemployment benefits	NSP price
70 € / per month (minimum)*	25 € / per year
OST price	
750 € / per year (integrated)*	

Spent money per year / per person **1 615 €**

LATVIA

POSSESSION OF DRUGS			
amount	CANNABIS (herbal)	0-1 g	1-100 g
sentence		280 €	0-3 y
amount	HEROIN	0-0,001 g	0,001-1 g
sentence		280 €	0-3 y
amount	MDMA	0-0,02 g	0,02-1 g
sentence		280 €	0-3 y
amount	COCAINE	0-0,01 g	0,01-5 g
sentence		280 €	0-3 y

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PRISON

Number of prisoners for drug law offences	HIV prevalence in prisons
1 204* (convicted)	20,4 %
Number of prisoners	Average sentence for drug law offence
3 765	up to 1 year
ART in prisons	OST in prisons
YES*	YES*
NSP in prisons	
YES	

Spent money per year / per prisoner **10 895 €** (29,85 € / per day)

FREEDOM

Number of PWID	HIV among PWID
7 715	25,5 %
Unemployment benefits	NSP price
267,06 € / per month (average)	59 € / per year*
OST price	
1 060,46 € / per year	

Spent money per year / per person **4 324,18 €**

GEORGIA

POSSESSION OF DRUGS			
amount	CANNABIS (herbal)	0-5 g	5-70 g
sentence		315 € or more / Community service 100-160h	420 € or more / Community service 160-220h
amount	HEROIN	0-1 g	more than 1 g
sentence		5-8 y	8-20 y / lifetime
amount	MDMA	0-1 g	more than 1 g
sentence		5-8 y	8-20 y / lifetime
amount	COCAINE	0-0,06 g	0,06-0,6 g
sentence		175 € or detention up to 15 days	0,5-6 y

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PRISON

Number of prisoners for drug law offences	HIV prevalence in prisons
~3 000*	0,9 %
Number of prisoners	Average sentence for drug law offence
14 517	no data
ART in prisons	OST in prisons
YES	YES
NSP in prisons	
NO	

Spent money per year / per prisoner **4 197,5 €** (11,5 € / per day)

FREEDOM

Number of PWID	HIV among PWID
52 500	2,4 %
Unemployment benefits	NSP price
non-existent*	206 € / per year
OST price	
1 175 € / per year	

Spent money per year / per person **1 381 €**

RUSSIA

POSSESSION OF DRUGS			
amount	CANNABIS (herbal)	0-6 g	6-100 g
sentence		55-70 € / detention 0-15 d	0-550 € / 0-3 y
amount	HEROIN	0-0,5 g	0,5-2,5 g
sentence		55-70 € / detention 0-15 d	0-550 € / 0-3 y
amount	MDMA	0-0,6 g	0,6-3 g
sentence		55-70 € / detention 0-15 d	0-550 € / 0-3 y
amount	COCAINE	0-0,5 g	0,5-5 g
sentence		55-70 € / detention 0-15 d	0-550 € / 0-3 y

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PRISON

Number of prisoners for drug law offences	HIV prevalence in prisons
136 029	6,5 %
Number of prisoners	Average sentence for drug law offence
592 467	3 to 5 years
ART in prisons	OST in prisons
YES	NO
NSP in prisons	
NO	

Spent money per year / per prisoner **8 216,15 €** (22,51 € / per day)

FREEDOM

Number of PWID	HIV among PWID
262 924*	18-31 %
Unemployment benefits	NSP price
66 € per month (minimum)	non-existent
OST price	
non-existent	

Spent money per year / per person **792 €***

UKRAINE

POSSESSION OF DRUGS			
amount	CANNABIS (herbal)	0-500 g	500-2500 g
sentence		27-55 € / correctional labor 0-2 y / arrest for 0-6 months / imprisonment 0-3 years	2-5 y
amount	HEROIN	0-1 g	1-10 g
sentence		27-55 € / correctional labor 0-2 y / arrest for 0-6 months / imprisonment 0-3 years	2-5 y
amount	COCAINE	0-1 g	1-15 g
sentence		27-55 € / correctional labor 0-2 y / arrest for 0-6 months / imprisonment 0-3 years	2-5 y

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PRISON

Number of prisoners for drug law offences	HIV prevalence in prisons
9 000* (convicted)	19,4 %
Number of prisoners	Average sentence for drug law offence
56 941	no data
ART in prisons	OST in prisons
YES	NO
NSP in prisons	
NO	

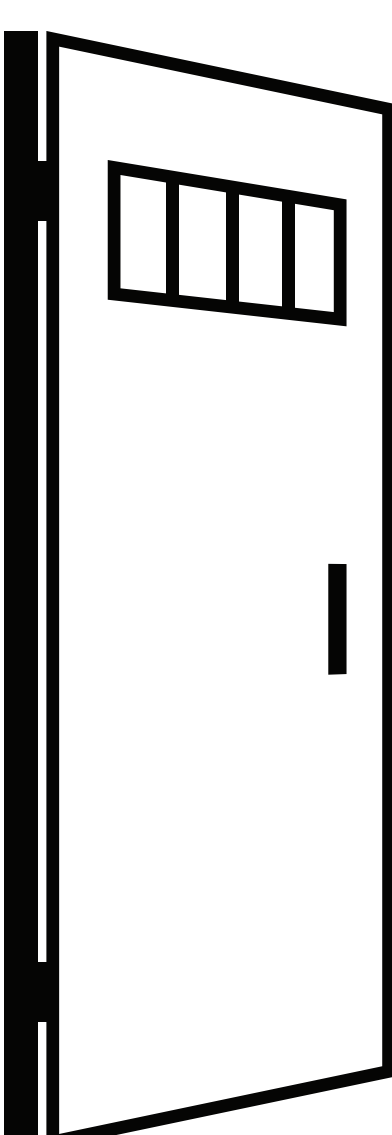
Spent money per year / per prisoner **949 €** (2,60 € / per day)

FREEDOM

Number of PWID	HIV among PWID
346 900	23 %
Unemployment benefits	NSP price
77,63 € / per month (average)	14,86 € / per year
OST price	
161 € (methadone) 343 € (buprenorphine)	

Spent money per year / per person **1 107,42 € (+ methadone) 1 289,42 € (+ buprenorphine)**

* More detailed information here: harmreductioneurasia.org/criminalization-costs



unemployment

limited educational opportunities

stigma

discrimination

shattered ties with the community

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