

DIFFERENT APPROACHES FOR DECRIMINALIZATION – WHAT WORKS?

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FROM 2017 - BACK TO THE CRIMINALIZATION OF ANY QUANTITY OF THE PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

- Possession of drugs (without intent to distribute it) is a criminal offence.

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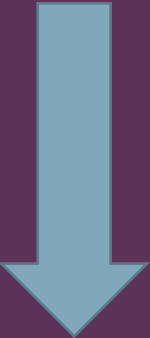
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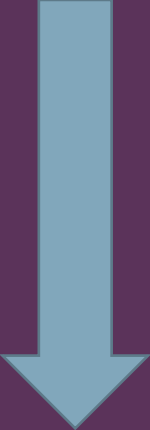


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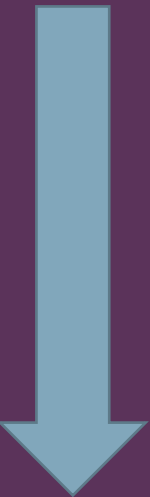
Imprisonment
from 10 to 15 years

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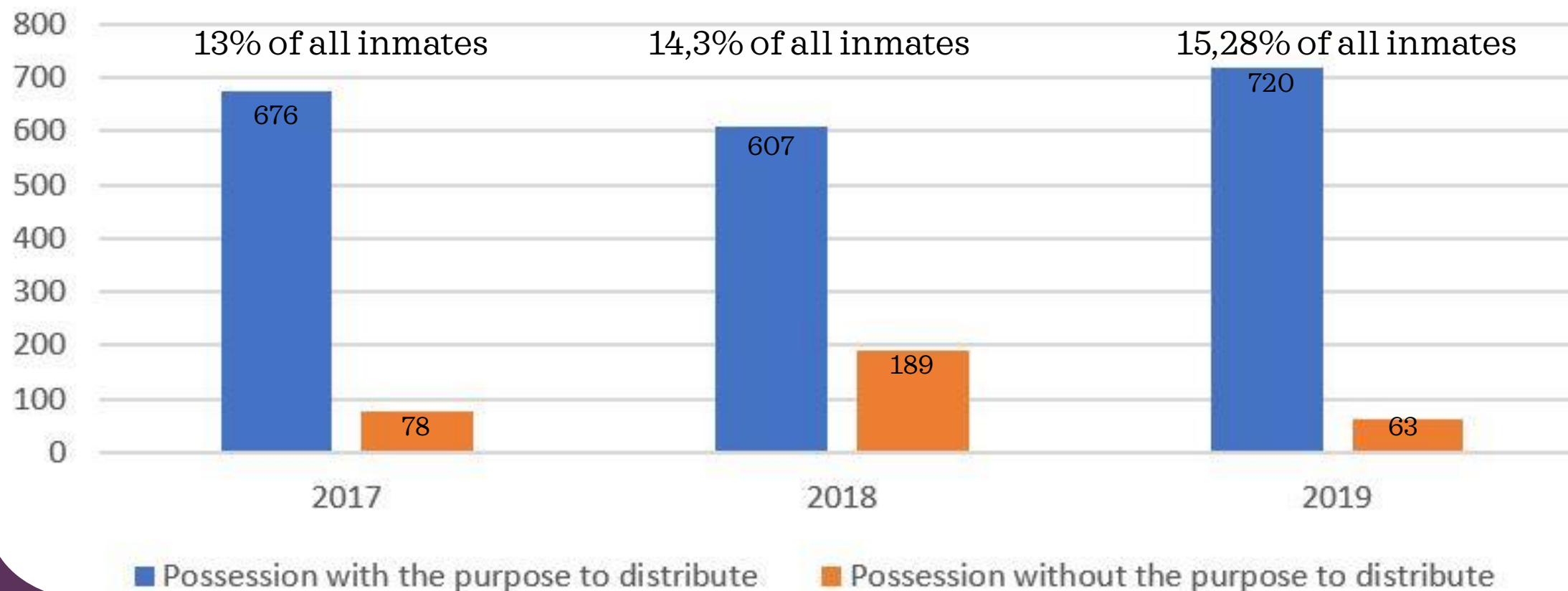
Imprisonment
up to 2 years

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Community
service or a
restriction of
liberty, or a fine,
or an arrest

Number of convicted persons for possession of psychoactive substances





For 0,006 g. of cannabis (THC) -
CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY:
6 months restriction of liberty and
50 hours of community services

1 pill of MDMA sent by the post = possibility to be imprisoned from 3 to 10 years

- Sending by post = trafficking= with/without intent to distribute
- Trafficking of the illegal psychoactive substances = **from 3 up to 10 years imprisonment**

- Art. 54 (3) of the Criminal Code:
- If the imposition of the punishment (provided in the article) would be clearly contrary **to the principle of justice**, the court may, in accordance with the purpose of the punishment, impose a lesser punishment.

