

**THE ASSESSMENT
OF THE PILOT
PROJECT OF DRUG
CHECKING**

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WAVE**

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- Established in 2017
- Wide range of harm reduction initiatives
- Peer-to-peer approach

MISSION IS to create society where people using psychoactive substances have universal access to health and social services without a fear of being stigmatized or discriminated against.



Harm reduction services in nightclubs and music festivals

WHY DRUG CHECKING IS IMPORTANT?



Contacts a population of drug users that is otherwise hard to reach (drug checking is often **the first point of contact** with the **social support system** for many users.)



The results of drug checking and conversation with consultant can **influence the user's decision** about using **risky substance**



Helps to create **early warning system** and inform people about **dangerous substances** on festival site



Helps to capture data about the **actual substances present** in the drug scene

DRUG CHECKING 2020



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Festivals/events



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Reagent tests



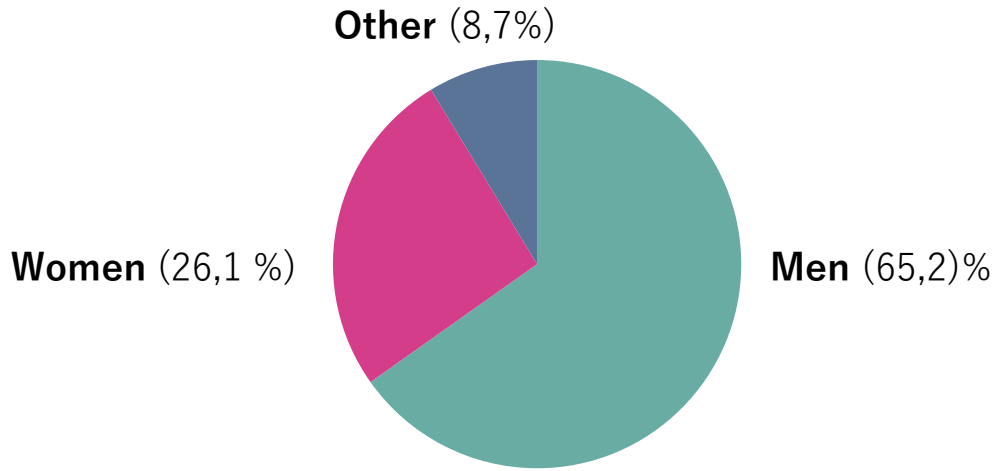
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Festival goers*

*Vast majority of users planned to share tested substances with other people (ranging from 2 to 20 people, 5 on average).

DEMOGRAPHY

GENDER



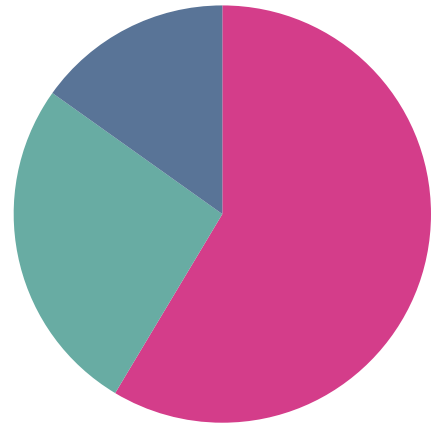
Most of the users were **men**.

DEMOGRAPHY

AGE

33-38 Y/O (15,2%)

26-32 Y/O (26,1%)

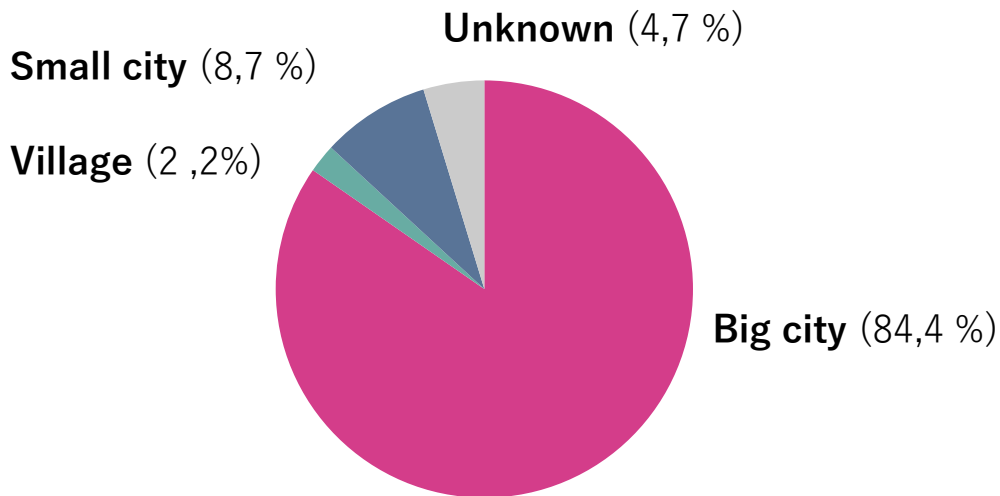


18-25 Y/O (58,7%)

The most popular user group were **18-25 Y/O**

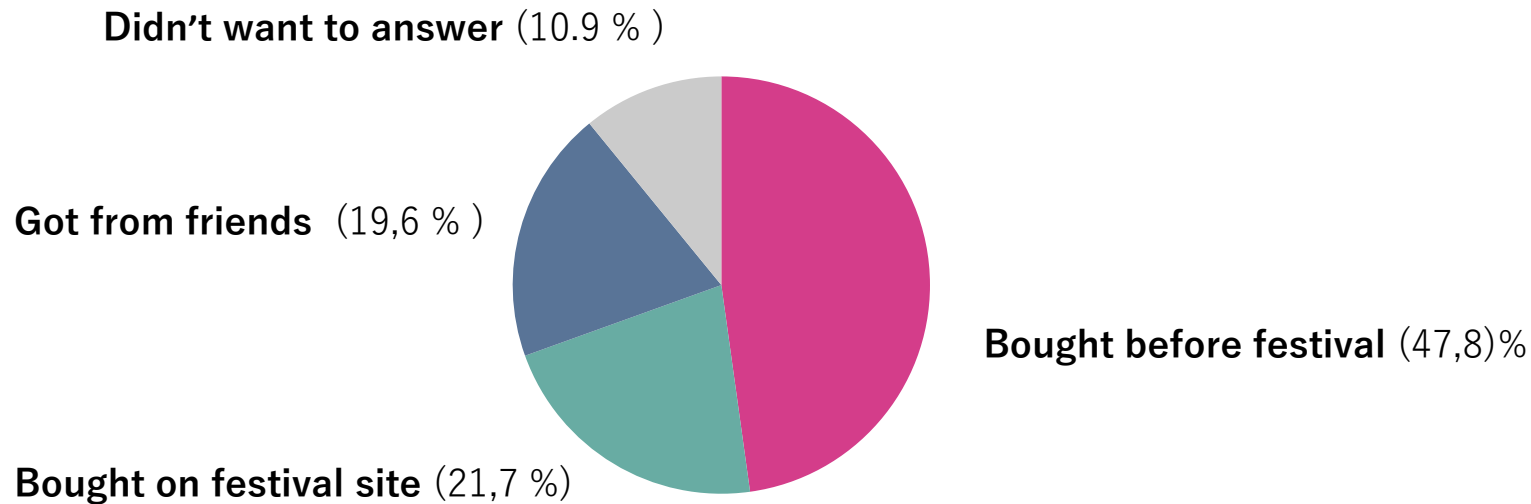
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LIVING PLACE



Vast majority of users were from **big cities**

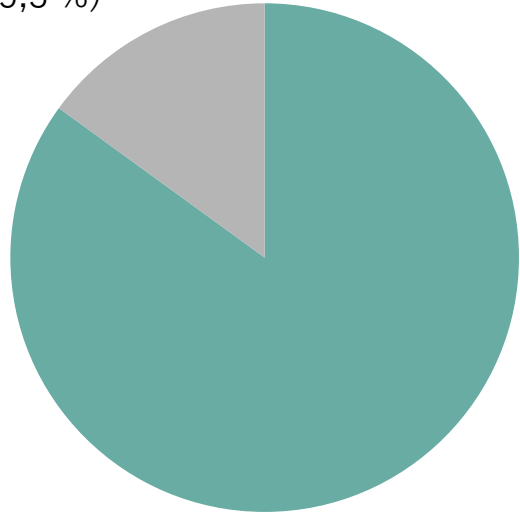
WHERE THE SUBSTANCE WAS FROM?



Most of substances were **bought before** the event

RATE OF RETURN

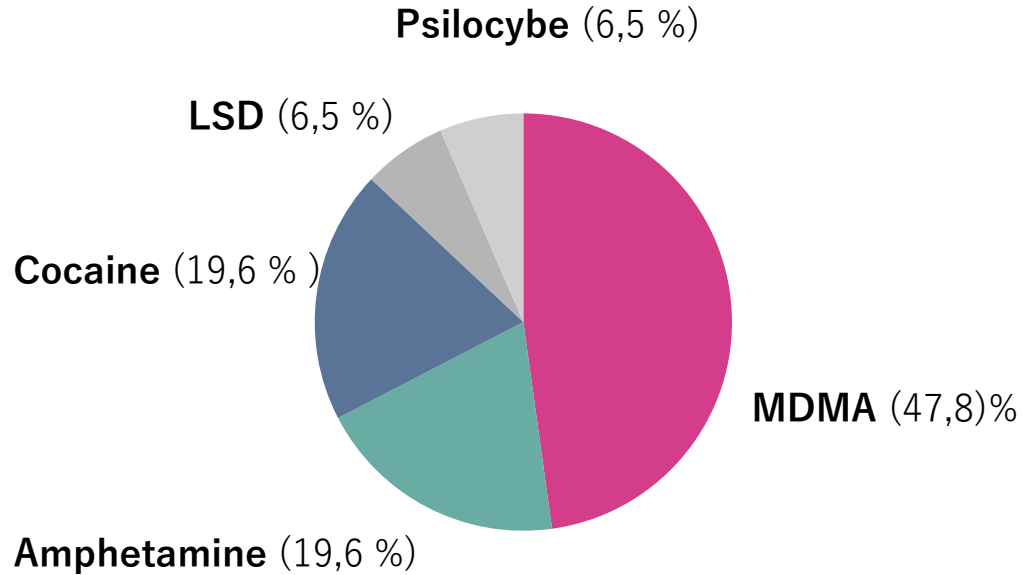
**Haven't
Returned** (15,3 %)



Returned (84,7 %)

84,7% returned for further **consultations.**

MOST TESTED SUBSTANCES












MDMA was the most popular substance on site

NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

ID Test **ECSTASY / MDMA**

+ (Meth) Amphetamine + 2C-B/C/I
+ DXM + Mescaline

		Ecstasy (MDMA) MDEA (Eve), MDA
		(Meth)amphetamine (Speed, Crystal Meth, Shabu, Yaba, Bingdu 冰毒)
		2C-B, 2C-C, 2C-I, DOB & DOI
		DXM
		Mescaline

REF: IDT-ECS-xx

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MEPHEDRONE

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METHYLONE

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3-MMC

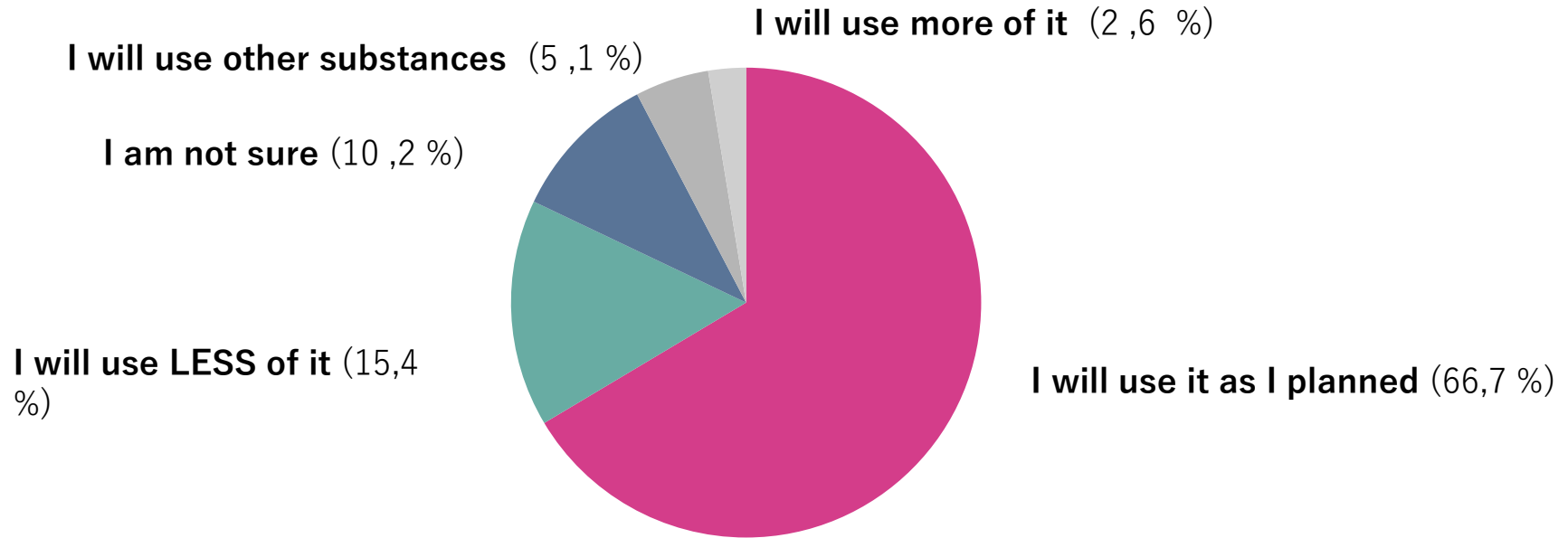
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EPHEDRIN

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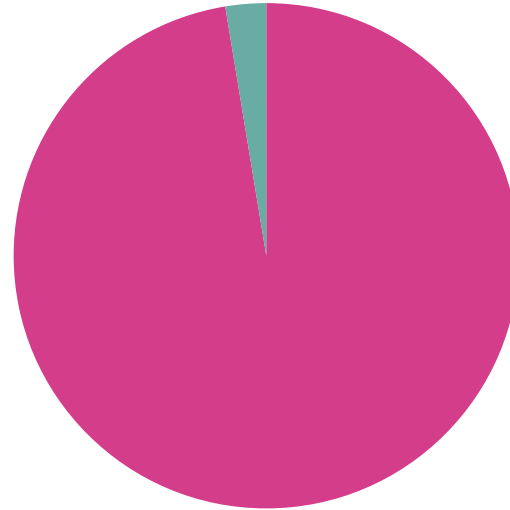
DECISION TO USE



Almost third of users decided to **use less, wasn't sure** or decided take **other substances**.

DO YOU USE THIS SERVICE IN THE FUTRE?

Maybe (2,6 %)



Yes (97,4)%

Users are willing to use
the service **again**.

REAGENT TESTS



CHEAP

Cost less than 2-3 Eur per test on average



ACCESSIBLE

Could be easily bought on the internet and taken to the site



FAST

Most rapid of all drug checking tests



COULD BE USED BY PEERS

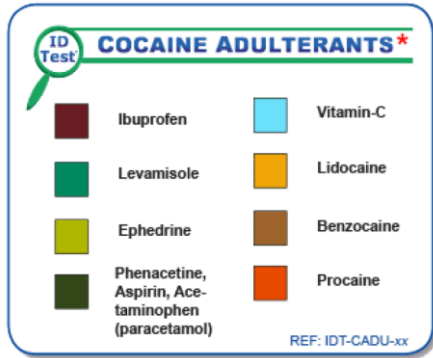
Come with full instructions and require no special expertise



SHOWS DIFFERENT ADULTERANTS

Can show a variety of drugs and possible adulterants

REAGENT TESTS



SUBJECTIVITY

interpretation of the test can be subjective

NO NEW COMPOUNDS

unable to identify new compounds

NO DIFFERENTIATION

Unable to quantify the contents of a sample

CANNOT SHOW PURITY

Unable to show strength or purity

LIMITATIONS AND RECCOMENDATIONS OF DRUG CHECKING IN LITHUANIA



More **detailed composition** of the substance needed



Changes in the **legal system** or **special agreements** with the police are needed



Higher accesibility needed



Networking and **cooperation** between the various stakeholders and actors needed

THANK YOU!