

# The Psychonaut Web Mapping Project

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The Psychonaut Web Mapping Project is a 2-year European Commission (DG SANCO) funded study that aims to implement a regular monitoring of the web in respect to novel recreational drugs, and set up a web scanning system which will formally liaise with the existing EMCDDA European EWS. This is a multi-site research project involving 8 research centres in 7 European countries. As a result the project is able to formulate search engine queries and analyze drug related web content in 9 different languages, and is able to pay particular attention to the qualitative analysis of drug-related slang used in each language. A database of novel psychoactive compounds has been developed based on those provisionally identified online, together with more detailed technical folders for those substances for which some level of diffusion in the EU recreational consumers' community is confirmed. For further information about the project, to join the project mailing list, or to request access to the Psychonaut Web Mapping database please visit the project website. The first International Psychonaut Web Mapping Conference is taking place on 18 September 2009 in Ancona, Italy. Further information about the conference can be found in the conference programme . If you are interested in attending you can either register online via the project website or by email [info@psychonautproject.eu](mailto:info@psychonautproject.eu).