Drug checking network development in France

Since 2000, the French NGO “Médecins du Monde” (MdM) has offered a Global Drug Checking Service with TLC and other chromatographic techniques (GC/MS) thanks to collaboration with the French Early Warning system (SINTES). This harm reduction program is the only drug checking possibility for drug user in France.

**Objective:**
Developing a national network of drug checking services based on the existing harm reduction structures

**Tool box to promote the emergence of drug checking services**

Once the agreement established, training courses for individual consultation, questionnaires and a database to collect relevant information for evaluations and activity promotion are provide to the harm reduction partner organization.

**Process of new drug checking services development in pre existing harm reduction structures**

1. The consultation skills are transfered to a pre-existing harm reduction partner organization to collect samples which be send in MdM drug checking laboratorie (TLC) to be analysed.

2. The analyzing skills are transfered to the structure partner, resulting in a fully competent autonomous drug checking service.

**Map of drug checking services in France provide by MdM harm reduction programs**

8 harm reduction programmes, analysed 571 samples in the 5 MdM drug checking sites (TLC) in 2011 and 2012.