

BALTIC SPICE ALERT PROJECT
CONFERENCE #3 :
SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS AND CANNABINOIDS -
A CHALLENGE FOR THE REGION



NPS IN LATVIA - CHALLENGES
AND RESPONSES: THE POLICE
PERSPECTIVE

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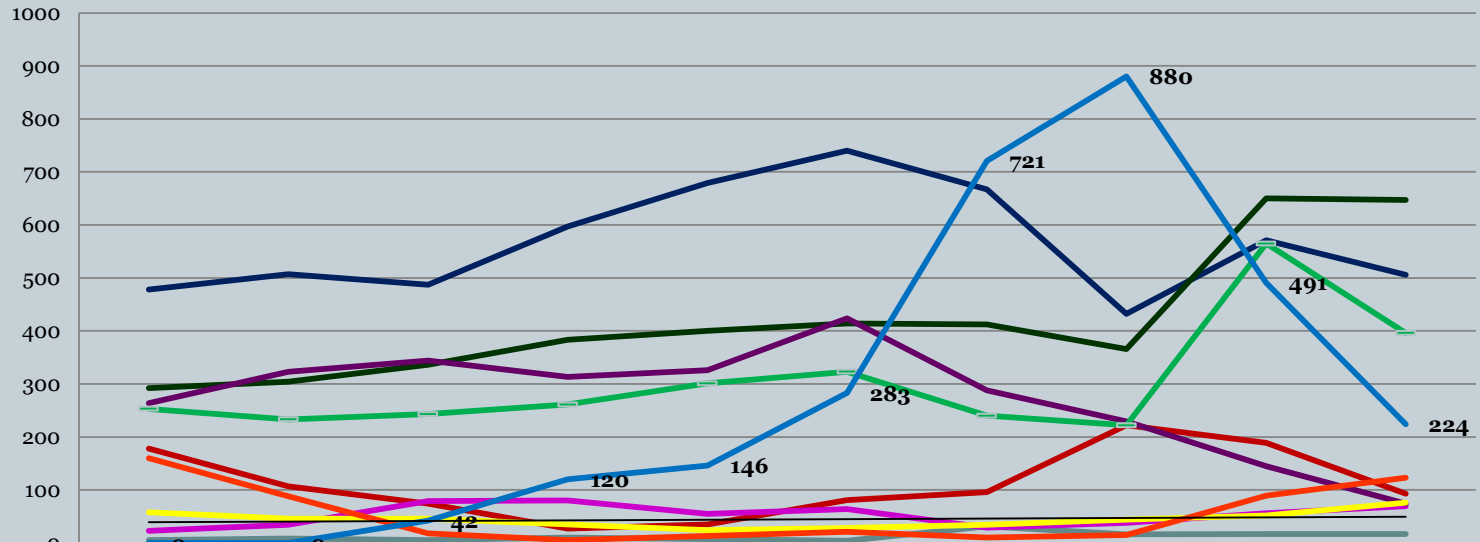


LATVIA
NEW
PSYCHOACTIVE
SUBSTANCES

CHALLENGES AND
RESPONCES

DRUG SEIZURES

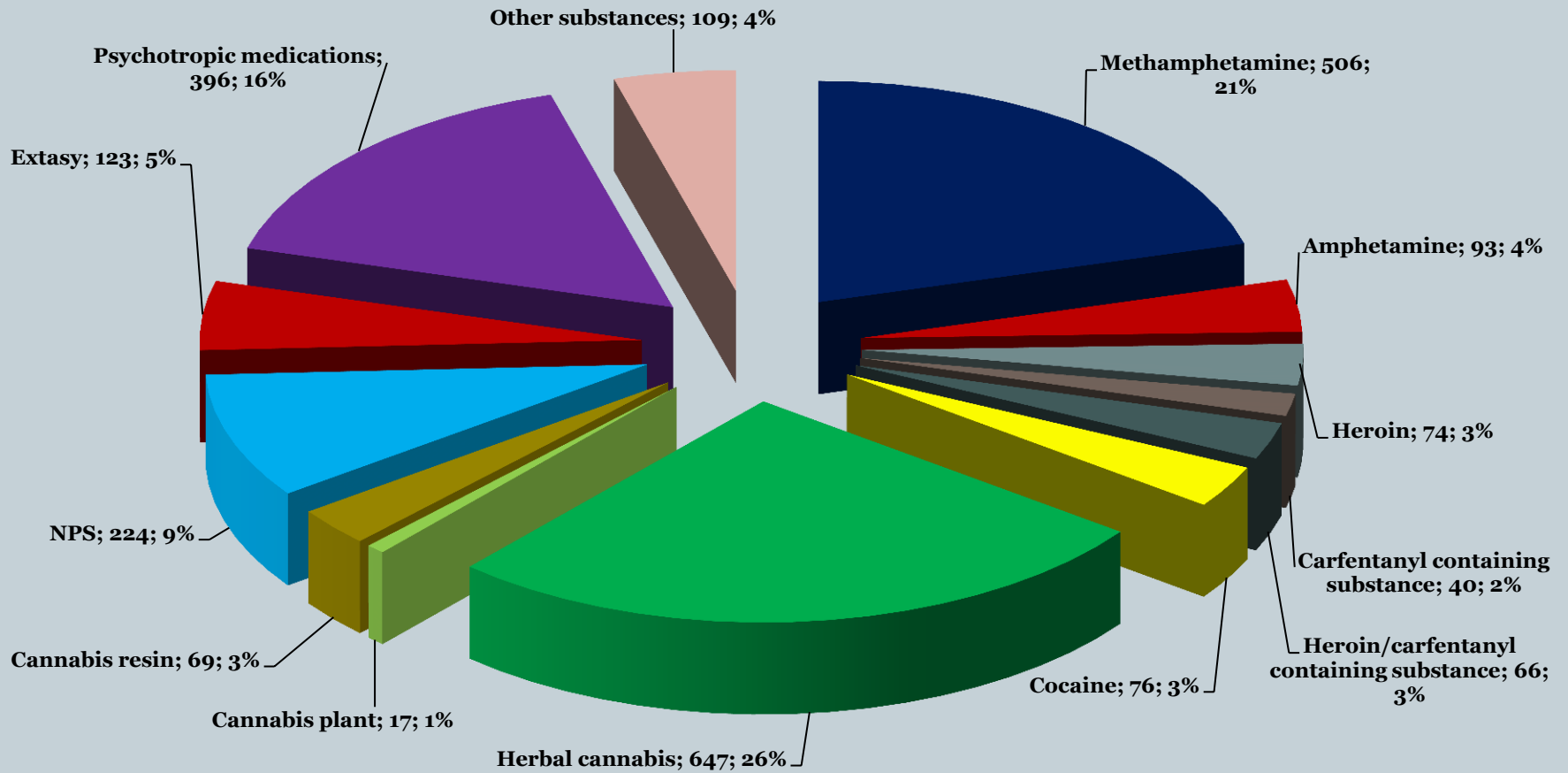
2007-2016 9 MONTHS



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 9 months
— Methamphetamine	478	507	487	597	679	740	667	432	571	506
— Amphetamine	178	107	74	27	35	81	96	222	189	93
— Herbal cannabis	292	304	336	383	400	414	412	366	650	647
— Cannabis plant	5	8	5	10	7	4	31	16	17	17
— Cannabis resin	23	34	79	80	55	64	29	38	56	69
— Heroin	264	323	344	313	326	424	288	229	145	74
— Cocaine	58	46	46	35	24	28	34	44	52	76
— Ecstasy	160	88	18	5	13	21	10	15	89	123
— Psychotropic medications	253	233	243	261	301	323	240	222	565	396
— NPS	0	0	42	120	146	283	721	880	491	224

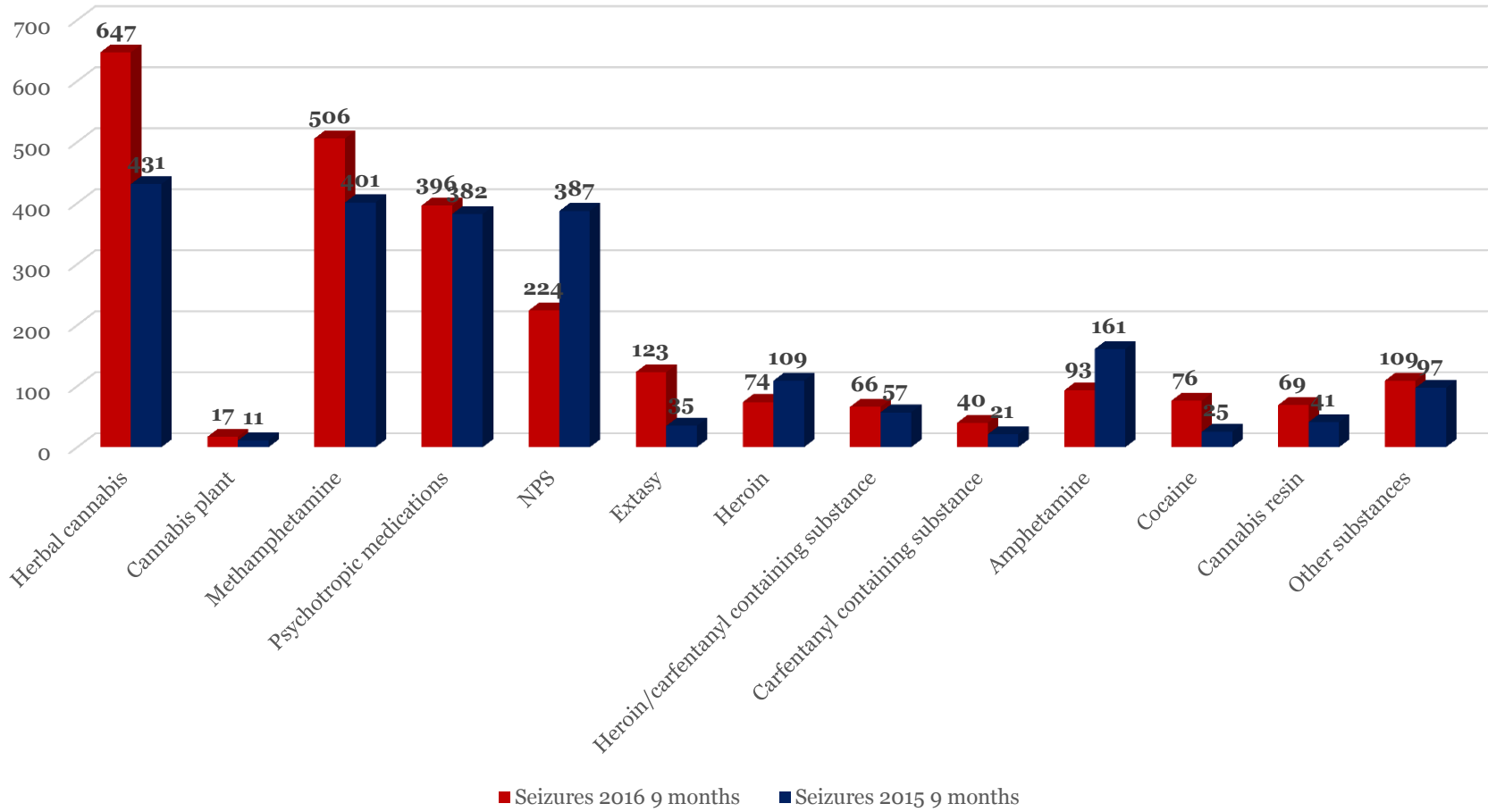
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2016 9 MONTHS



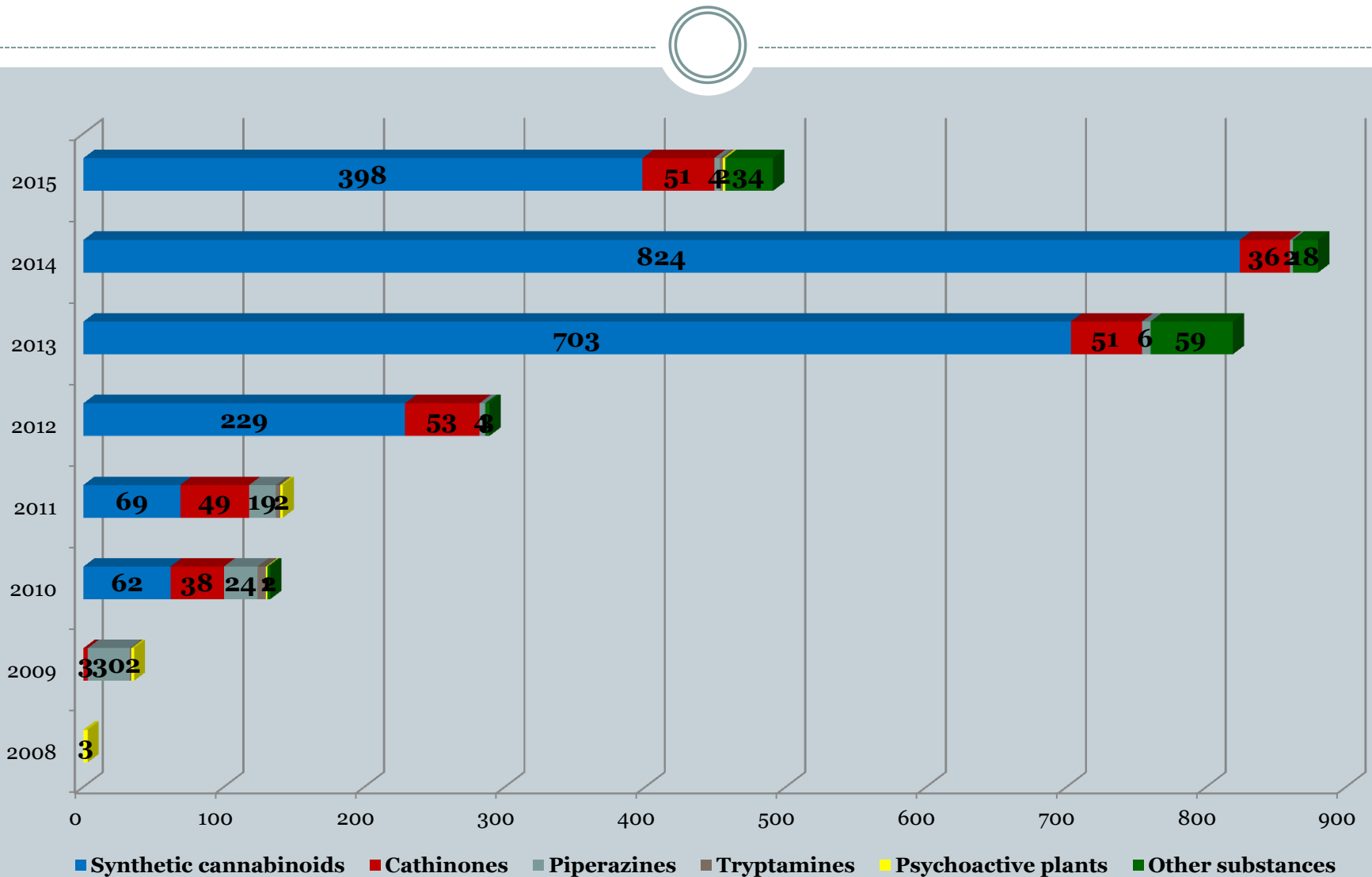
DRUG SEIZURES

2015 9 months - 2016 9 months



NPS SEIZURES

2008-2015





LEGAL RESPONSES

NPS RESPONSES



Generic Drug Control System - February 2013

- **amendments to the Regulations Regarding Narcotic Substances, Psychotropic Substances and Precursors to be Controlled in Latvia - December 2012 (came into effect in February 2013)**
- **amendments to the Law On the Procedures for the Coming into Force and Application of the Criminal Law - February 2013 - amount of up to which the quantities are recognized as small/large**

over 200 NPS were placed under control simultaneously

NPS RESPONSES



Temporary Ban - October 2013 (*came into effect in November 2013*) -

amendments to the Law on the Legal Trade of Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances and Drugs:

- **the definition of NPS** - new psychoactive substance is a new narcotic substance in pure form or in preparation that is not listed in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (*30 March 1961*) and may pose a public health threat comparable to that posed by substances listed in the Schedule I, II or IV of this convention, or new psychotropic substance in pure form or in preparation that is not listed in the Single Convention on Psychotropic Substances (*21 February 1971*) and may pose a public health threat comparable to that posed by substances listed in the Schedule I, II, III or IV of this convention;
- **the procedure** - the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control is entitled to impose a temporary ban for up to 12 months on manufacture, acquisition, storage, transportation, forwarding or distribution of new psychoactive substances or goods containing them, which are not on the lists of narcotic and psychotropic substances controlled in Latvia. The ban is imposed on substances reported by the European Early Warning System or after receiving a conclusion on new psychoactive substance from the forensic institutions



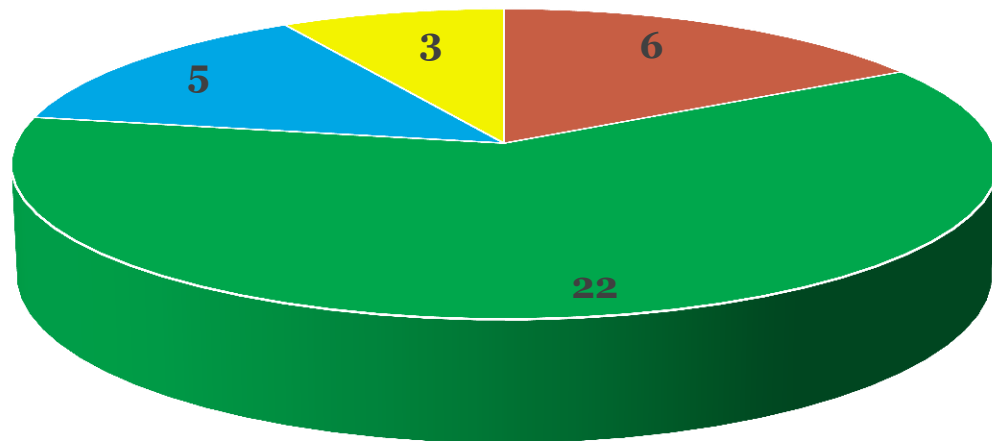
NPS - Temporary ban 2013-2016

2013 - 5F PB-22, AB-FUBINACA, AKB48, AM-2201 indazolkarboksamida analogs, 25I-NBOMe, 5F-AKB48

2014 - thienoamphetamine, α -PVT, acetylfentanyl, B-F, 5F-AMB, EG-018, AB-FUBINACA 2-luorobenzyl isomer, methoxetamine, 4F-BF, 2-MeO-diphenidine, MT-45, 5F-AMBICA, AB-CHMINACA, THJ-018, 25C-NBOMe, FUBIMINA, ADB-PINACA, FUB-PB-22, ADBICA, THJ-2201, 5F-AB-PINACA, AB-PINACA

2015 - mexedrone, AB-CHMFUPPYCA, 5F-AB-FUPPYCA, CUMYL-5F-P7AICA, methiopropamine

2016 - U-47700, 5-MeO-DIBF, 5F-PCN



■ 2013. ■ 2014. ■ 2015. ■ 2016.

**NPS
RESPONSES
CRIMINAL LIABILITY**



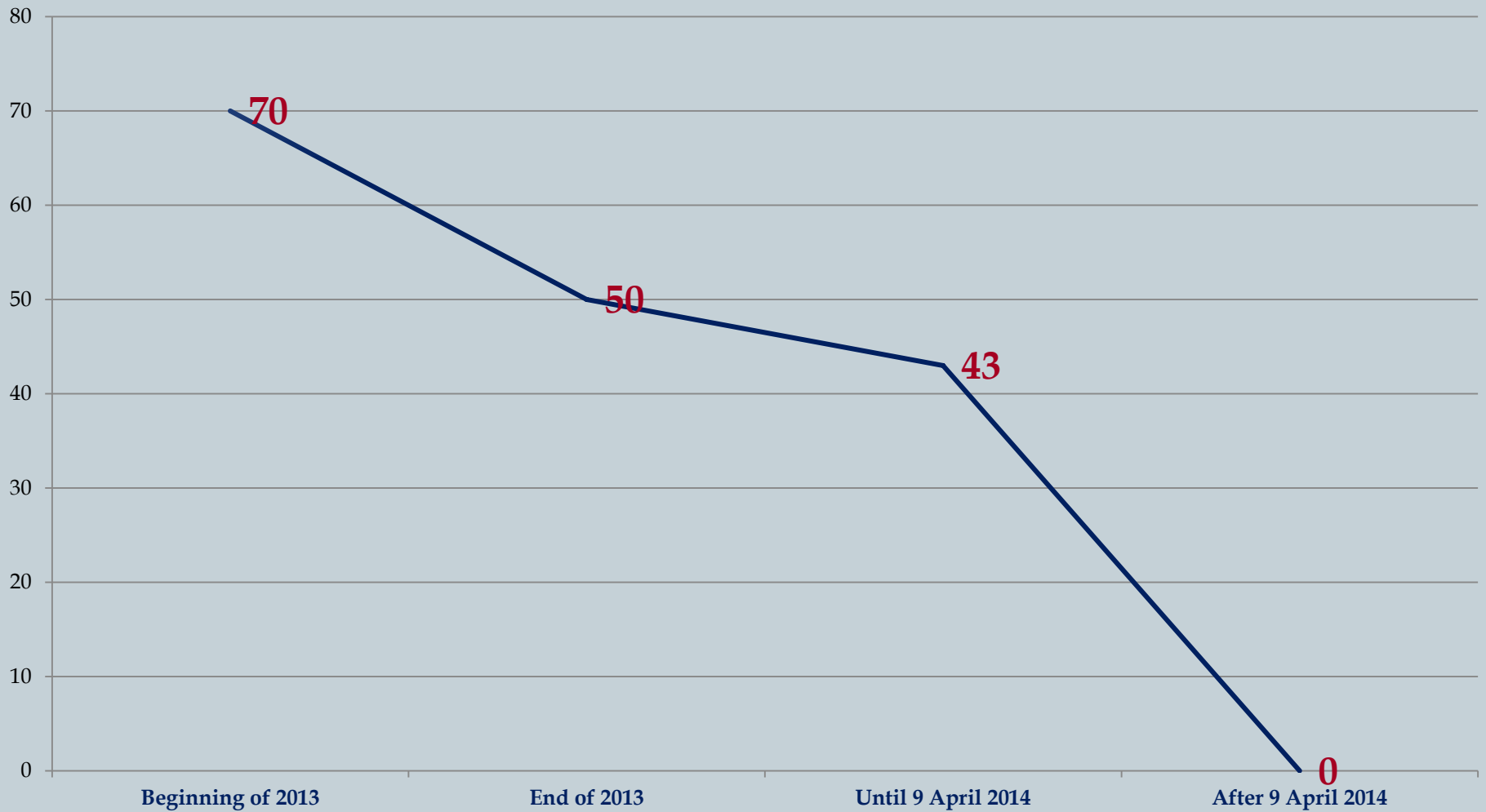
- **Unauthorised Manufacture, Acquisition, Storage, Transportation and Forwarding for the Purpose of Selling of New Psychoactive Substances and Sale - CRIMINAL LAW, SECTION 248¹, April 2014**
- **Encouraging to Use Narcotic, Psychotropic and New Psychoactive Substances - CRIMINAL LAW SECTION 251, May 2014 (came into effect in June 2014)**
- **Administering of Narcotic, Psychotropic Substances and New Psychoactive Substances against a Person's Will - CRIMINAL LAW SECTION 252, May 2014 (came into effect in June 2014)**
- **Unauthorised Manufacture, Acquisition, Storage, Transportation, Forwarding of New Psychoactive Substances and Unauthorised Use of New Psychoactive Substances - CRIMINAL LAW SECTION 248², September 2014 (came into effect in October 2014)**
- **Movement of Goods and Substances the Circulation of which is Prohibited or Specially Regulated across the State border of the Republic of Latvia - CRIMINAL LAW SECTION 190¹, September 2014 (came into effect in October 2014)**

NPS
RESPONSES
ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY



- **Allowing of unauthorized manufacture, storage, transportation and selling of NPS in a personal property - Latvian Administrative Violations Code Section 45⁴, June 2014 (*came into effect in July 2014*)**
- **Unauthorised activities with narcotic, psychotropic, new psychoactive substances and precursors - Latvian Administrative Violations Code Section 46, October 2014 (*came info effect in November 2014*)**

RESULT - 0 NPS SHOPS



BUT - MANUFACTURE OF HERBAL MIXTURES CONTAINING NPS



2014

- **DISMANTLING OF 3 OCG - MANUFACTURE OF NPS
CONTAINING MIXTURES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SELLING**
 - **NPS - ADB-CHMINACA (4,02 kg) - CHINA**
 - **PLANT BASED SUBSTANCES - RASPBERRY
LEAVES, COLTSFOOT - LATVIA**
- + 2 CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS - MIXING OF NPS
CONTAINING SUBSTANCES**

BUT - TRAFFICKING CHALLENGES

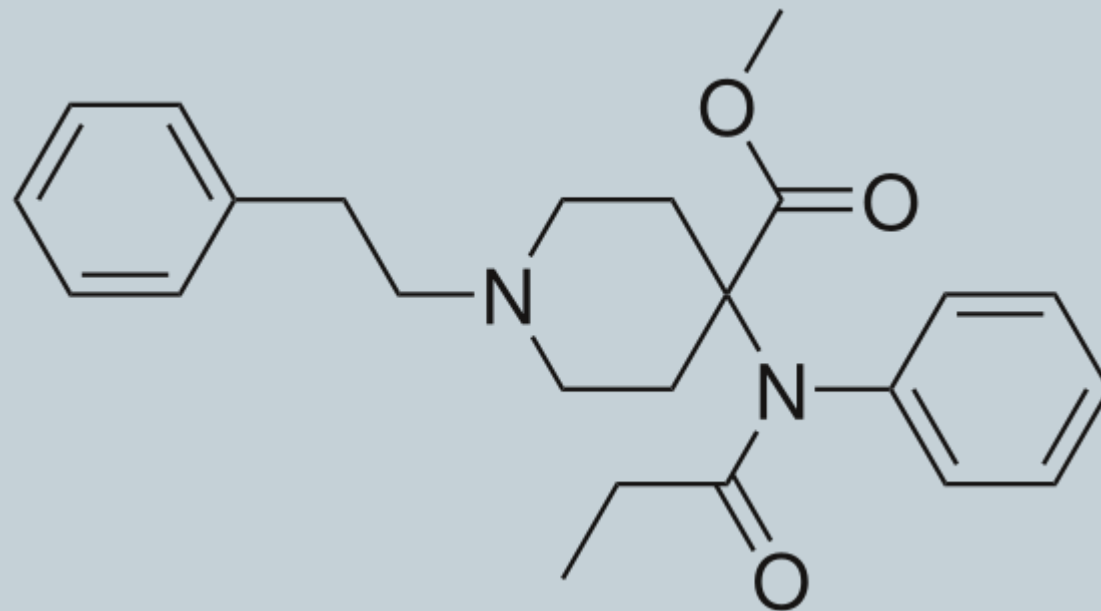
2014/2016



TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS/NPS -

VIA

- **INTERNET/DARKNET**
- **POSTAL SERVICES**



- **NEW SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS**

CARFENTANYL



- **an analogue of the synthetic opioid analgesic fentanyl;**
- **one of the most potent opioids known and the most potent used commercially;**
- **was first synthesized in 1974;**
- **has a quantitative potency approximately 10,000 times that of morphine and 100 times that of fentanyl, with activity in humans starting at about 1 microgram;**
- **a general anaesthetic agent for large animals**

CARFENTANYL



- **CARFENTANYL IN LATVIA - THE END OF 2012**
- **THE BEGINNING OF 2013 - !OPERATIONAL INFORMATION!:**
 - **21 OVERDOSES;**
 - **9 CARFENTANYL RELATED OVERDOSE DEATHS**

CARFENTANYL RESPONSES



- **February 2013** - included in the Law On the Procedures for the Coming into Force and Application of the Criminal Law - *amount of up to which the quantities are recognized as small/large*
- **May 2013** - included in the Regulations Regarding Narcotic Substances, Psychotropic Substances and Precursors to be Controlled in Latvia

CARFENTANYL RESPONSES



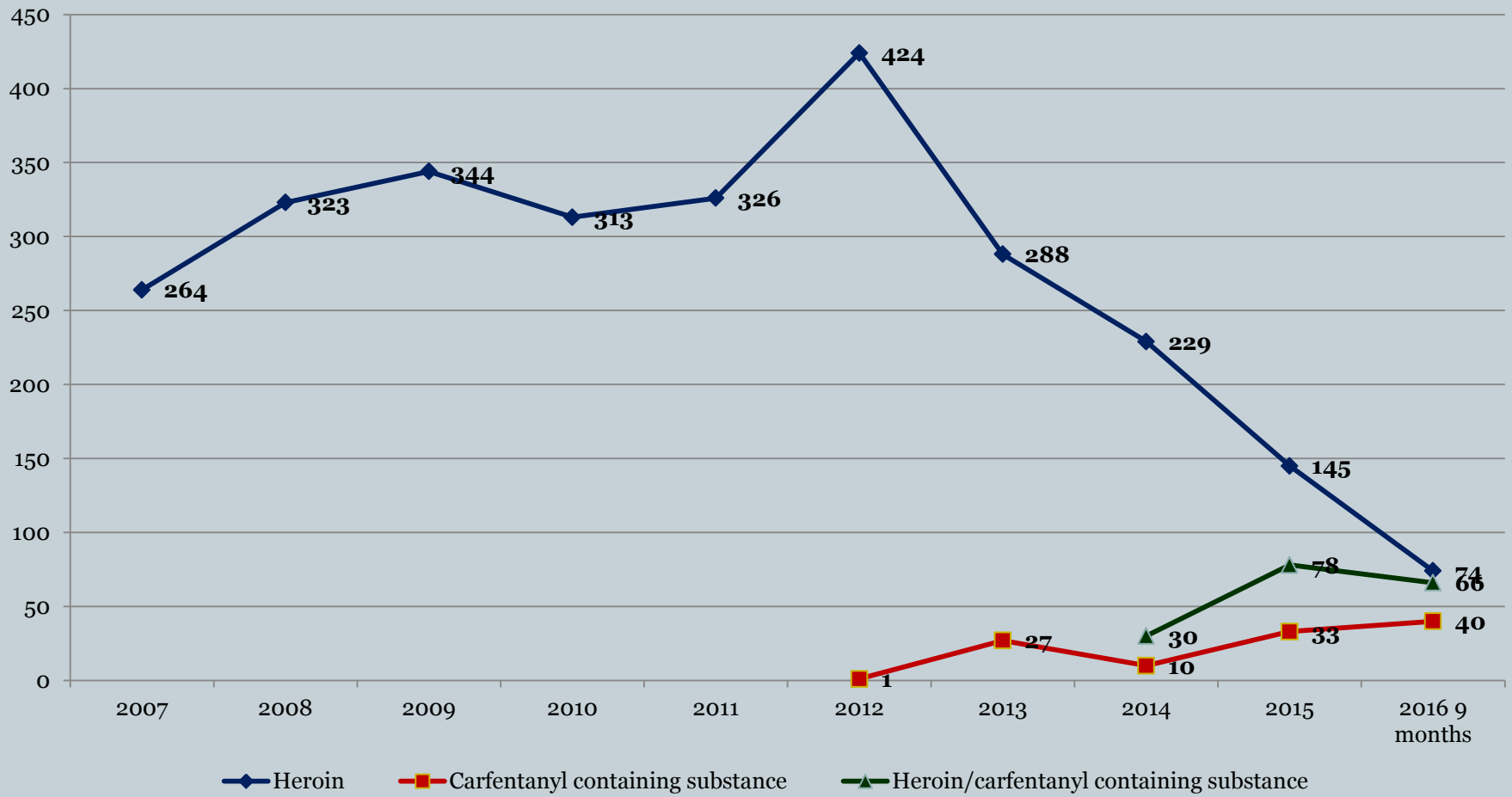
Schedule I

Substances and Plants Included in Schedule I - prohibited especially dangerous narcotic substances and equivalent psychotropic substances thereof, illegal handling and abuse of which endangers health

No.	International non-propriety name of the substance (INN)/trivial name of the substance	CAS No.	Chemical name of the substance	Amount up to which the quantities are recognised as small	Amount from which the quantities are recognised as large
10)	mixture of substances containing carfentanyl in any quantity	59708-52-0	methyl 1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-(N-propanoylanilino)piperidine-4-carboxylate	0.001g	1g

SEIZURES

2007/2016 9 months



SEIZURES

2012/2016 9 MONTHS



	Substance	Seizures	Quantity
2012	Carfentanyl containing substance	1	0,0843
2013	Carfentanyl containing substance	27	83,743
2014	Heroin/carfentanyl containing substance	30	309,0913
2014	Carfentanyl containing substance	10	5,8933
2015	Heroin/carfentanyl containing substance	78	328,8951
2015	Carfentanyl containing substance	33	19,5941
2016 9 MONTHS	Carfentanyl containing substance	40	11,3032
2016 9 MONTHS	Heroin/carfentanyl containing substance	65	52.9336

CARFENTANYL



- **ROUTE - !OPERATIONAL INFORMATION! - FROM RUSSIAN FEDERATION, REPUBLIC OF BELARUS;**
- **TRAFFICKERS - GYPSIES**

CARFENTANYL - USERS



2015:

- **7 CASES - FENTANYL DERIVATIVES WERE IDENTIFIED IN PERSON'S BODY;**
- **2 PERSONS - ADMITTED THE USE OF CARFENTANYL**
- **NO SPECIFIC USERS / THE USERS OF HEROIN**

July 2016



**ACRYLFENTANYL containing substance -
0,3699 g - a highly potent opioid analgesic, an
analogue of fentanyl**

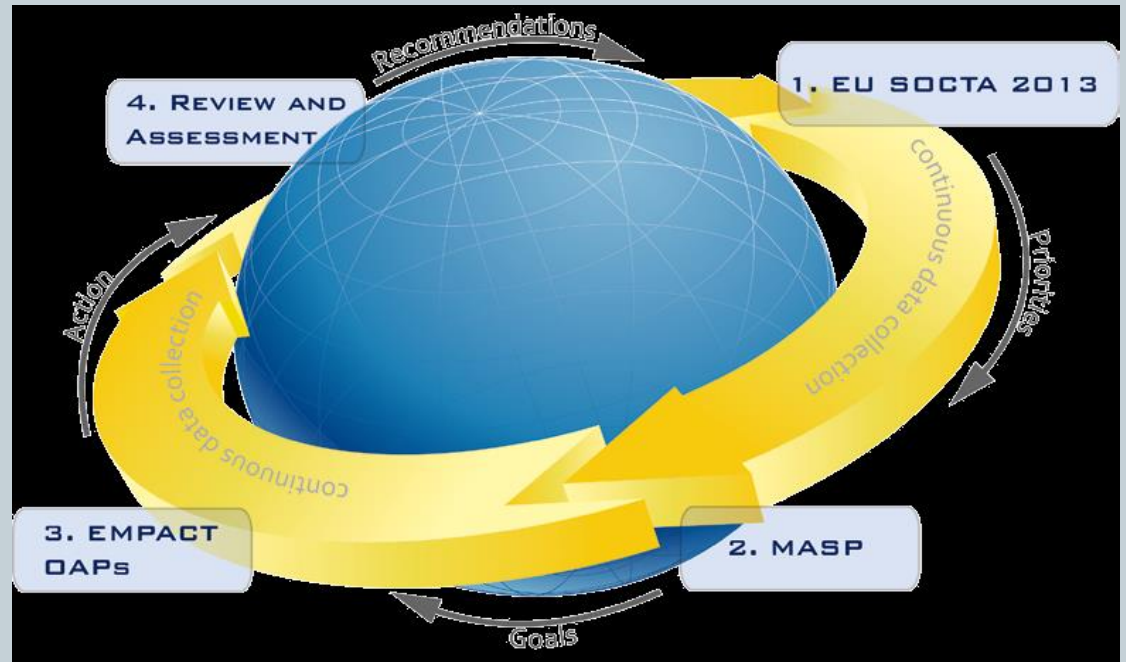
- **the substance was found in parallel with identifying a death case - a man, 32 years old**
- **no evidence regarding drug related death**

Drug related deaths

2013/2015



- **2013 - 11 drug related deaths:** the overdose of opioids (3 cases - heroin, morphine); methamphetamine (1 case); hallucinogens (1 case); **information is not available in 6 cases**
- **2014 - 15 drug related deaths:** the overdose of opioids (10 cases - opium, heroin, codeine, morphine, not identified opioid); overdose of amphetamine (2 cases); **information is not available in 3 cases**
- **2015 - 18 drug related deaths:** the overdose of opioids (9 cases - methadone, morphine, morphine + cocaine, morphine + amphetamine/methamphetamine, heroin + methamphetamine, not identified opioid); methamphetamine (2 cases), amphetamine (1 case), cocaine (1 case); **information is not available in 5 cases**



- **EMPACT - EUROPEAN MULTIDISCIPLINARY PLATFORM AGAINST CRIMINAL THREATS**



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

State Police
of the Ministry of Interior
of the Republic of Latvia