## Exchange on data collection challenges related to new psychoactive substances use

Panel I: Situation



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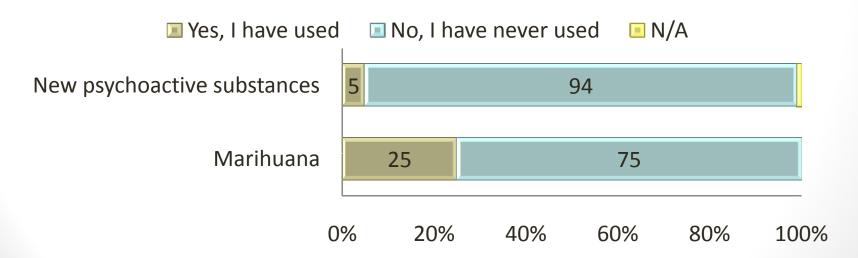
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### **Prevalence of NPS use**

The most recent data, 5,2 % young people (15 – 24 year olds) reported having used legal substances that imitate the effects of illicit drugs in Lithuania.

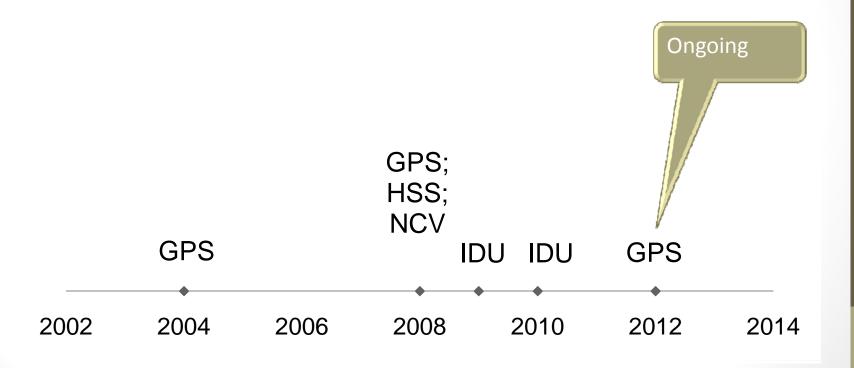
To compare with the most popular illicit drug in Lithuania – marihuana:



Data source: Flash Eurobarometer survey, 2011

### Prevalence of NPS use (2)

Previous studies had not shown prevalence of use of new psychoactive substances in Lithuania.



### Recent changes in the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in Lithuania

### Until 2010/11/11 – Individual substances control system

Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances was controlled individually (to start control the substance was necessary to add into the list the exact substance name)

### Since 2010/11/11 - Generic system

The inclusion in the applicable legislation of a definition of a chemical family of substances/main compound (in this context, over and above the isomers, esters, ethers and salts). It is understood that all structures ascribable to main group automatically apply to the same control regime as the main compound. By consequence such substances are automatically controlled.

In 2011/10/26 Parliament adopted Law on the Control of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Article No.3 changes

# Thank you for your attention!

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