

Introduction/Information

– In Belgium, the possession of drugs, group use, facilitating or encouraging others to use and maintenance of addiction are punishable by imprisonment "basic" 3 months to 5 years and / or a fine of 1,000 to 100,000 €

They are many drugs on the market : Heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, crack cocaine, LSD, ecstasy, opium, marijuana, psilocybin mushrooms, PCP, etc...

Adapting to this diversification, legislature introduced in the late eighties, a distinction between drugs considered "soft" drugs and "hard".

Drug use (or possession of drugs for personal use), when it comes to soft drugs is rarely sanctioned or low in Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom

In the Netherlands, whether they are softs or hards products, the law does not prohibit their use. However, it prohibits all operations concerning them (production, processing, trade, possession ...) and fixed penalties for these offenses. Are considered soft drugs marijuana, cannabis, hashish and other mixtures. The "Opiumwet" or "Opium Act" prohibits the import, possession or manufacture of drugs such as heroin or cocaine

They put forward guidelines and authorize such sale of soft drugs in coffee shops, provided that such institutions do not sell ecstasy or alcohol and no more than 5 grams of drug per person.

Cons

– Drug dependence is a phenomenon that is spreading. It poses serious psychological, social, spiritual and moral problems.

Effects vary from one drug to another, without being able to distinguish, at the pharmacological level, between the categories of "soft drugs" and "hard drugs". It is the quantity consumed, the way of absorption and eventual side-effects that are the decisive factors. Moreover, every day new drugs arrive on the market, bringing new effects and new questions. Lastly, the problem of drug dependence should rightly be extended to include many substances (tranquilizers, sedatives, anti-depressants, stimulants) that are not considered "drugs", including tobacco and alcohol. In fact the problem is posed in terms different from those which are merely biochemical.

Products may differ but the basic reasons remain the same. Thus the distinction between "hard drugs" and "soft drugs" is irrelevant. Legal or illegal, drugs are always harmful. During the last years there have been discussions in some European countries to legalise so called soft drugs. Soft drugs usually means cannabis, which is the name for drugs made from the plant called "Cannabis Sativa". Several countries have a very liberal attitude to these light drugs and think that it would be better if they were legal.

I think it is wrong to legalise any kind of drug and that nothing good can come out of it.

There are already serious problems with legal drugs, like alcohol and tobacco. There is a reason why drugs are banned. It is because they are dangerous to our health.

Legalising soft drugs would be awfully expensive for society. If more people use drugs, then the need for medical care and detoxification clinics will increase. Both are very expensive, but they will be necessary because addicts need treatment.

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Conclusion

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