

Data on the substance SISA, February 2012

Analytical data

Street name: SISA

Chemical name: methamphetamine

Active ingredients: methamphetamine

Form: colourless crystalline substance

Total weight: 5.6 gr. (each seized samples amounting 2.9 gr. And 2.7 gr. respectively)

Number of seizures: 2

Place: Exarheia (area of downtown Athens)

Dates: The seizures took place in the late 2011

Seizure authority: Police

The seized samples were analysed by the General Chemical State Laboratory (3^d Chemical Service of Athens, Department of Narcotics).

Summary of the Report on SISA

The data derived from 48 user reports. The interviewees were drug users who approached the treatment and low threshold services of the country in 2011. Thirty two (32) interviewees out of 43 who answered the relevant question mentioned that they used at least once SISA.

The user reports were collected by the Greek Focal Point mainly during the second semester of 2011.

Form: According to 22 user reports, SISA is circulating in crystalline form.

Routes of administration: Most frequently the substance is smoked (40 user reports).

Moreover, It can be injected (8 user reports).

Polydrug use: Eleven (11) out of 48 drug users mentioned that they used SISA with heroin or with heroin and pharmaceutical substances (i.e. hipnosedon, methadone).

Extent of use: The majority of the interviewees (41 user reports) mentioned that SISA is a widespread substance in the open drug scenes of Athens.

Settings: Open drug scenes of downtown Athens

Groups of users: According to 14 user reports, mainly immigrants (Countries of origins: Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, India), heroin users and young drug users use SISA.

Side effects: The main side effect was mentioned to be insomnia (15 user reports).

Other side effects are: Aggression (6 user reports), hallucinations (5 user reports), death due to the daily use of SISA or use of SISA with heroin (5 user reports), ulcers (e.g., in mouth, nose, or intestine) (3 user reports), rashes and infections (3 user reports, respectively), psychiatric problems (e.g. schizophrenia) (3 user reports), emaciation and anorexia (2 user reports, respectively), palpitations and anxiety (2 user reports respectively), logorrhea and heart problems (2 user reports respectively).