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to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Drug production: the European Union is becoming a producer continent

In its latest report, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction sets out the most recent figures and the main conclusions on drugs in Europe.

In addition to traditional drugs, such as cannabis, the report states that new drugs are being produced on the European continent. In recent years, laboratories have been discovered producing heroin from morphine in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Spain and the Netherlands. In 2018, almost 16 tonnes of acetic anhydride was seized in the European Union.

All this is due to changes in the production strategies of criminal organisations, as well as access to new and cheaper processing equipment. The report also highlights the porous nature of the EU's borders, in particular the areas close to Turkey and Eastern Europe.

Given that 8 300 people died in Europe in 2018 as a result of drugs, and the young people of Europe are not spared, what does the Commission intend to do to stop the transmission chains for cannabis, heroin and all the other substances?