



Press release

New additions resource for professionals and researchers across Europe launched online

Today sees the launch of a new European information service on alcohol, drugs and addictions. The **Elisad Gateway**¹, supported by the European Commission, provides users with a searchable catalogue of web-based information resources on these subjects.

The **Elisad Gateway** can be found at www.addictionsinfo.eu. The portal offers users free access to approximately 1 000 high-quality internet sources on alcohol, drugs and addictions from 35 European countries and is searchable in 17 European languages². Visitors to the site can search for information on education and prevention, treatment, policy and research, find resources in their own countries or abroad and identify other European organisations of interest.

The Gateway project, operating since 2002, has been developed with 24 specialist documentation centres and partner organisations within the **Elisad** network and all catalogued resources have been selected and evaluated by subject specialists³. The result of a highly successful cross-Europe collaborative project, it is hoped that the **Elisad** online platform will facilitate contact between European professionals working in the field of drugs and addictions.

The project has been managed by **Toxibase** (France), and coordinated by **Archido**, a drug information service located at the University of Bremen (Germany).

In Romania, the National Anti-drug Agency has been responsible for data collection, evaluation, and the Romanian version of the gateway.

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¹ **Elisad** is the European association of Libraries and Information Services on Alcohol and other Drugs (www.elisad.eu/). The **Elisad Gateway project** aims to develop a comprehensive information service, providing access to web-based resources on alcohol, drugs and addictions within a searchable catalogue.

² All data and descriptions can be searched by topics including policy, research, prevention and treatment. The **Elisad** portal reflects drug-related activities and information from across disciplines in science, practice and policy.

³ The quality and consistency of this information service is ensured by methodical guidelines, and with the supervision of the **EMCDDA** (European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction). The catalogue content is sustained and updated by specialised libraries on drugs from 27 European countries.