Main heroin trafficking flows based on use (to determine the size) and seizures data (to determine the routes), 2014-2018

Sources: UNODC, responses to annual report questionnaire and individual drug seizure database.

The flows and their size are determined in two steps. First, the regional consumption as the share of global consumption is obtained on the basis of the estimated number of users in each region. Secondly, information on trafficking routes based on seizures data is used to determine how the drugs necessary to supply that consumption are trafficked into the respective regions. For more details on the methodology used, please see the Methodology section of this document.

The flows need to be considered as broadly indicative of existing trafficking flows while several secondary flows may not be reflected. Flow arrows represent the direction of trafficking: origins of the arrows indicate either the area of departure or the one of last provenance, end points of arrows indicate either the area of consumption or the one of next destination of trafficking.

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