



## Controlled substances law up-to-date

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# **Project description:**

On 4 June 2018 the 7<sup>th</sup> ALES annual meeting on 'controlled substances law up-to-date' took place. During the meeting questions regarding the causes of drug dependency, current phenomena of drug trafficking and regulatory options were examined from various professional perspectives. The opening speech, in particular, provided an insight into the different stages of substance use starting with the consumption, via the abuse to the stage of dependence. Subsequently, an international comparison of the various efforts in





regulating the drug demand was provided. An additional presentation was specifically dedicated to the evolution of the Austrian controlled substances law up to its most recent amendments including the relevant case law of the Austrian Supreme Court. After the introduction of several case studies, a panel discussion with high-level representatives of the stakeholders involved concluded the meeting.

## **Project completion:**

4 June 2018

## **Project partner:**

Austrian Interior Ministry

#### **Publication:**

A short summary of the meeting is available here: http://ales.univie.ac.at/veranstaltungen/

The records of the presentations and all contributions to the discussion will be published in conference proceedings in 2019 in: Grafl/Klob/Reindl-Krauskopf, Kriminalwissenschaften in Theorie und Praxis.