



PREMIER MINISTRE

# Interministerial Mission for Combating Drugs and Addictive Behaviours

Understanding  
and **INFORMING**

Promoting  
and **COORDINATING**



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## FROM AN INTERMINISTERIAL POLICY...

Public policy in the fight against drugs and drug addiction hinges on prevention, care, risk reduction, enforcement and the fight against trafficking. It is interministerial by nature.

## ...TO AN INTERMINISTERIAL MISSION

The need for a body to coordinate ministerial action took physical form in the decree dated **8 January 1982** relating to the creation of the interministerial committee for the fight against drug addiction and the **permanent mission for the fight against drug addiction**.

### The **MILD&CA**, extended missions and field of competence

Placed directly **under the authority of the Prime Minister**, the MILDECA organises and coordinates government action for combating drugs and addictive behaviours and in this respect sets out the government's strategy in the following areas:

Research and observation	Application of the law
Prevention	The fight against trafficking
Care and treatment and risk reduction	European and international cooperation

It supports the institutional, public and associative partners of public policy in implementing guidelines, and providing methodological and financial support.

It is supported by a network of project managers from the prefectures to relay its activity regionally.

### The **MILD&CA**, a crossroads of knowledge and know-how

The MILDECA permanent staff comprises representatives from **all concerned ministries**. They create a real **cooperation culture**.

## Two operators to support its work

The MILDECA finances two public operators:

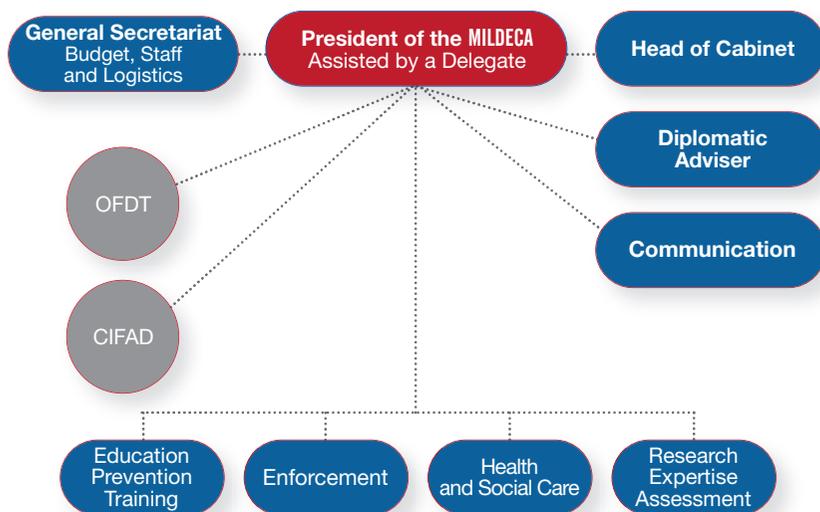
- ▶ **The French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction** (Observatoire français des drogues et des toxicomanies, OFDT) which observes psychoactive products consumption behaviours as well as the products themselves.
- ▶ **The Interministerial Training Centre for the Fight Against Drugs**, (Centre interministériel de formation anti-drogue, CIFAD) set up in Fort-de-France, which is responsible for carrying out training and co-operation work to strengthen the capacities of the French Departments of the Americas and the governments of Caribbean and Latin American States, particularly those located along the cocaine route to France and Europe.

## Financial levers adapted to the challenges

The MILDECA has a dedicated budget that enables it to foster and coordinate State action in its area.

In addition, it manages a **fund-named “Fonds de concours” which is fed by criminal assets confiscated in drug cases**. This funding is allocated to the services in charge of the fight against trafficking and preventive actions.

## ORGANISATION CHART



## Understanding addictive behaviours and developments in trafficking

Both addictive behaviours and trafficking are complex phenomena which are constantly and quickly evolving. To be in a position to provide pragmatic and effective responses, public authorities need to have continuously updated knowledge. In this respect:

### The **MILD&CA** closely monitors changes in consumption and products in France

The MILDECA commissions all the studies required for carrying out public action from the French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, its operator. For example, it initiated the development of the monthly indicators chart on tobacco and tobacco addiction in France.

### The **MILD&CA** finances research and study projects

Public response - preventive, health and penal - to addictive behaviours and the delinquency and trafficking that they are liable to induce needs to be supported by continually renewed knowledge. For this reason, the MILDECA initiates and finances numerous research and study projects.

### The **MILD&CA** studies these phenomena at an international level

Developments in addictive behaviours and trafficking should be viewed from an international perspective. The production of information needs therefore to support this movement. This is why the MILDECA invests in activities in this area launched by the European Union, the Council of Europe (Pompidou Group) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). It is also a member of the Management Board of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA).

## Informing and training decision-makers, professionals and the general public

The MILDECA disseminate this knowledge with the aim of encouraging the emergence of a common culture for all decision-makers and professionals, and providing the general public with information which has been validated. In this respect:

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**The MILD&CA** manages the governmental information portal [www.drogues.gouv.fr](http://www.drogues.gouv.fr)

Because of its dual access to the *General Public and Professionals*, this portal is the reference public Internet site for all questions relating to drugs and addictive behaviours. It provides continuously updated information to all.

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**The MILD&CA** involves itself in information campaigns for all publics

Whether it carries out information campaigns alone or in partnership with the relevant ministerial operators, the MILDECA is involved in defining and deploying information campaigns for both professionals and the general public. It also contributes to drafting all the publications to support these campaigns.

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**La MILD&CA** carries out training for actors in the field

In addition to its training centre, the Interministerial Training Centre for the Fight Against Drugs (CIFAD), the MILDECA is a source of proposals for the content of training for all professionals working in public policy. As organiser, financer or participant, the MILDECA encourages the organisation of national and international conferences thus enabling the transfer of knowledge.

## Driving new actions for prevention, support, care, law enforcement and the fight against trafficking

In addition to understanding addictive behaviours and trafficking, the MILDECA provides a focus for considering public responses in relation to these phenomena. In this respect:

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### The **MILD&CA** presides over the interministerial commission for the prevention of addictive behaviours

This commission brings together all of the ministries as well as the main association partners and is responsible for selecting existing or new prevention programmes with the aim of carrying out their scientific assessment and improving their knowledge.

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### The **MILD&CA** supports trialling and the assessment of innovative action

The MILDECA monitors and explores innovative procedures and actions whether relating to prevention, support and care, enforcement or the fight against trafficking, developed both at national and international level. Where appropriate, it finances trialling and assessment at national level.

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### The **MILD&CA** supports the dissemination of best professional practices

The MILDECA leads working groups with all professionals in the educational, care, social services, justice and security sectors in the framework of specific working groups. It thus contributes to identifying, assessing and disseminating best professional practices.

## Coordinating action taken by public authorities

Public policy in the fight against drugs and drug addiction is by nature interministerial and necessarily implies the coordination of governmental action. This task has been assigned to the MILDECA. In this respect:

### The MILD&CA develops government plans for the fight against drugs and addictive behaviours

Working alongside the ministries and partners in the sector, it defines the strategic objectives shared by all of the State departments within the framework of multi-annual government plans. To monitor these, the president of the MILDECA has a permanent committee composed of representatives from all of the ministries.

### The MILD&CA, a network to relay action throughout the country

In each prefecture, the MILDECA relies on a project manager responsible for relaying its action. The project manager draws up a multi-annual interdepartmental programme setting out the priorities to implement with regard to the objectives of the government plan and the local context.

### The MILD&CA contributes to presenting the French position to international bodies

The MILDECA contributes to sharing the French position in relation to the fight against drugs and addictive behaviours, in close liaison with the French Secretariat for European Affairs (SGAE) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It promotes France's global and integrated approach abroad.



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