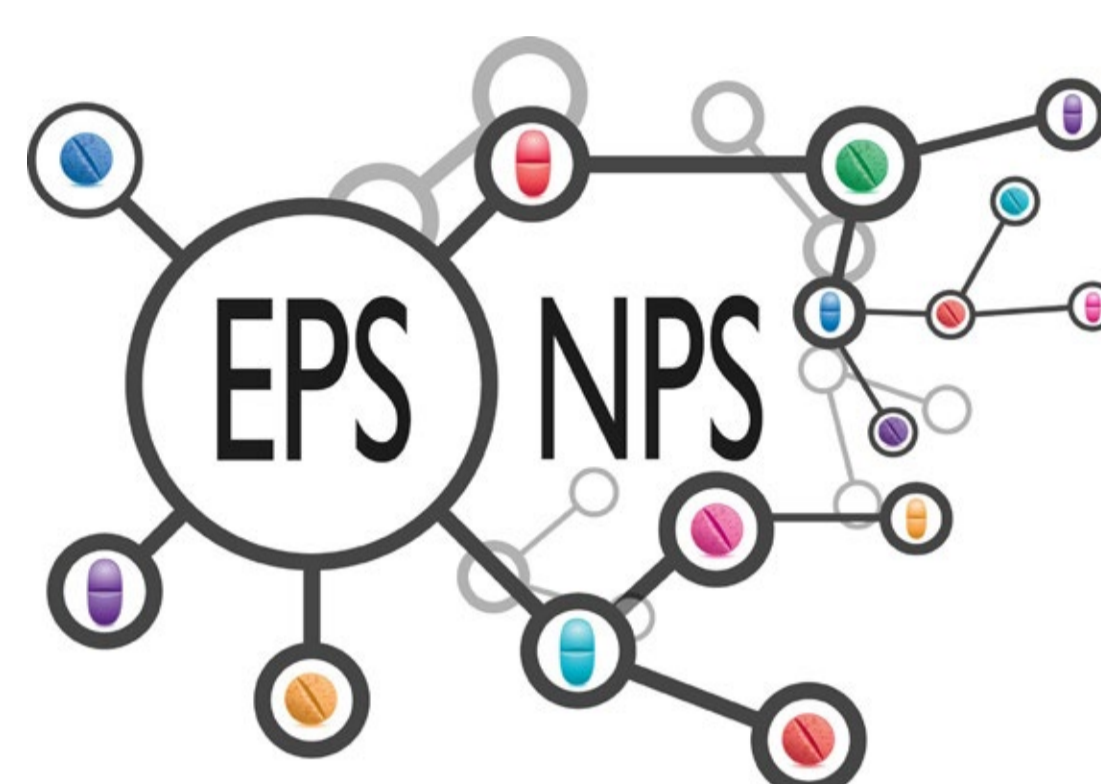


# PROJECT EPS/NPS

ENHANCING POLICE SKILLS CONCERNING NOVEL PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (NPS)



Enhancing a **knowledge-based joint EU approach** to effectively addressing the **rapid spread of NPS**, by promoting in particular the generation of data/knowledge, information-sharing, and cooperation. The project counts on the valuable support of an Advisory Board composed by experts from Arma dei Carabinieri, EUROPOL, INTERPOL, Swiss Federal Police, UNODC and US Drug Enforcement Administration.

## What's the project aim?

**Respond to the need of theoretical and operational knowledge on NPS;**  
**Empower LEAs and national competent authorities, facilitating information sharing and enhancing structural cooperation.**



**Data Generation**



**Knowledge Generation**



**Information Sharing**



**Cooperation**

## Key Issues:

**Criminological analysis:** Outline/map NPS supply chains in terms of production, distribution, sales and demand, with specific regards to the Internet and to the role of organized crime.

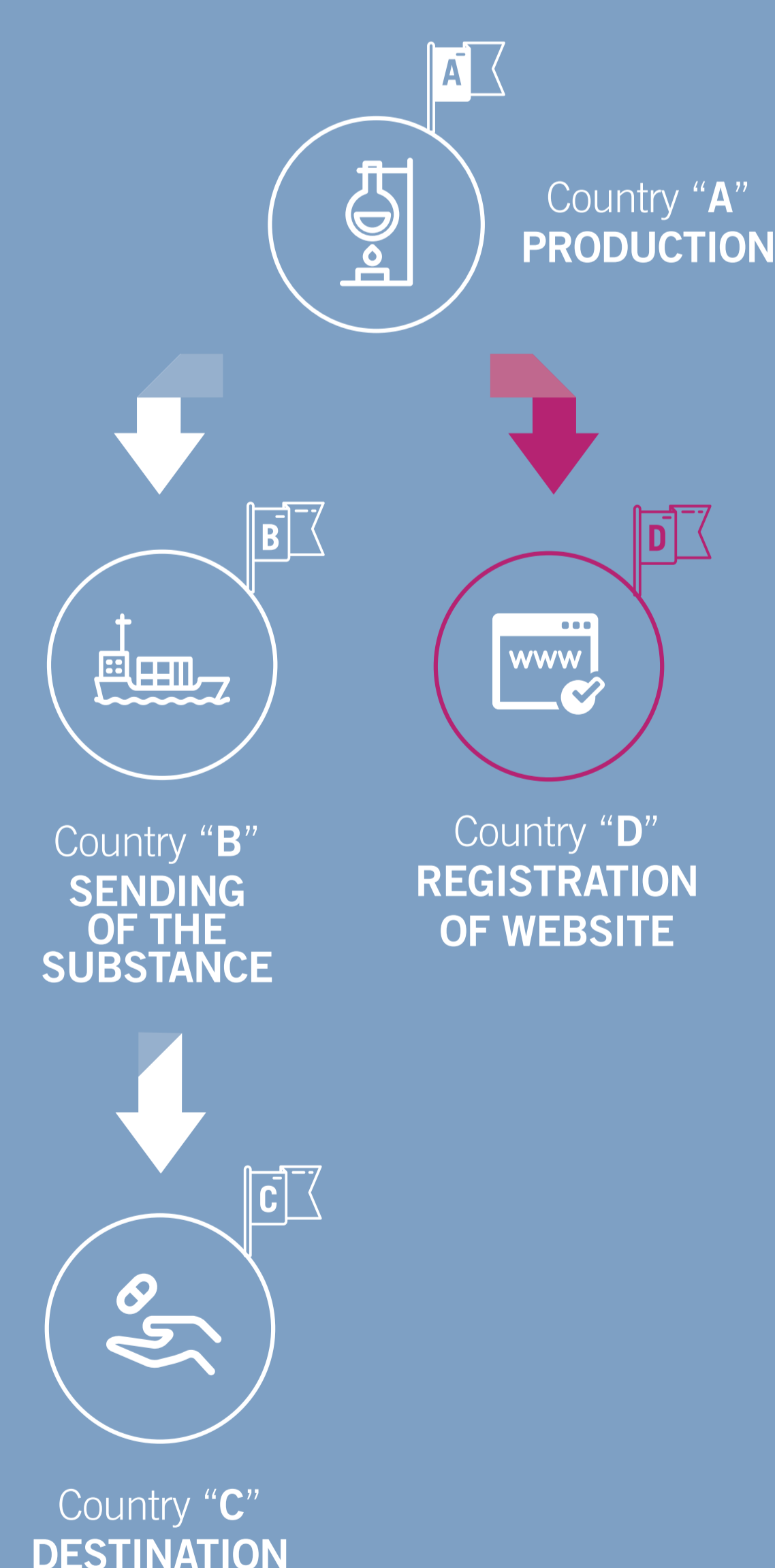
- Analysis of the demand
- Analysis of the role of the Internet Darknets in the supply chain

**Chemical analysis:** Produce a robust and adaptive technology to observe trends in production and distribution by monitoring the levels of active ingredients, cutting agents and impurities.

**Netnography:** An automatized online media monitoring system on NPS to increase knowledge on the demand and on the consumption patterns.

**Legal and forensic analysis:** Assess the existing scenario at EU/MS level to outline legal and ethical issues hindering the development of legally and forensic sustainable approaches that might effectively regulate the market for NPS.

**Collection of best practices related to NPS cases:** Look at police forces at a local level to find out the best approach to fight back against NPS trafficking.



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