



European Cities Against Drugs  
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Riga Stradiņš University  
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**The Deadly Charm of Spice:**  
how we judge, prevent and assess abuse in the Baltic Sea region

a part of the **Legal High Baltic Alert** — project supported by the Swedish Institute

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016**

**Venue:** Riga Stradins University, *Anņņmuižas bulvāris 26a, Conference Hall*

09.00 – 09.05 Conference opening (ECAD and RSU)

09.05 – 09.10 *Welcome to Riga, Juris Radzevičs, Riga City Council Executive Director*

**Block A: 09.10 – 10.20 Spice: first encounter, “benefits” and “costs”**

09.10 – 09.40 **Rita Jorge**, *Scientific Analyst, EMCDDA Action on New Drugs Sector, Supply reduction and new drugs unit, Portugal*  
*Understanding the “spice” phenomenon: Perspectives from the EU Early Warning System*

09.40 – 10.00 **Martin Dahlander**, *lecturer, Youth incentive, KRIS, Sweden*  
*Spice addiction and recovery: My story of choices*

10.00 – 10.20 **Marianne Paimre**, *PhD, Lecturer, Tartu University, Estonia*  
*Drugs in the Media presentation*

10.20 – 10.30 Coffee-break

**Block B: 10.30 – 11.45 Do we have a “situation” in the cities of the region?**

10.30 – 10.55 **Andrejs Aronovs**, *Interim Vice Chief, Riga Municipal Police, Latvia*  
*Recent developments in Riga in regards to synthetic cannabis and Spice*

10.55 – 11.20 **Peep Rausberg**, *Forensic Specialist, Estonian Forensics Institute, Estonia*  
*Spice in Estonia: the problem of synthetic cannabinoids as seen by forensic chemist (statistical data of seizures, trends, examples)*

11.20 – 11.45 **Inga Dreimane**, *Prevention Specialist, Head of Structural Unit “Pārdaugava”, Children and Youth Centre, Riga City Council, Latvia*  
*“Spice-up your life?” What happened in Riga in 2013-2015*



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11.45 – 13.00 LUNCH

***Block C: 13.00 – 14.35 Policing and preventing***

13.00 – 13.20 **Vivita Ķikule**, *Head of Public Health Promotion and Prevention Unit, Riga City Council, Welfare Department, Latvia*  
*Prevention in Riga - how does it work?*

13.25 – 13.50 **Anders Eriksson**, *Prevention Specialist, Prevention Centre Stockholm, Sweden*  
*An effective prevention: Stockholm city perspective and experience*

13.50 – 14.10 **Sandris Bergmanis**, *NGO "Stop Drugs" founder, businessman, Latvia*  
*What we did to prevent Spice use and what happens now*

14.10 – 14.35 **Jörgen Larsson**, *Independent Prevention Expert, after 18 years at Stockholm County Council, STAD Prevention project, Sweden*  
*What can parents do to prevent drug and alcohol debuts*

14.35 – 14.45 Coffee-break

14.45 – 15.30 **What do we need to tackle the challenge of Spice in the future?**  
*Conclusions and final discussion*

15.30 Conference close

