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Albania Sixth in the World for Cannabis Resin Imports to Europe

United Nations World Drug Report

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USPA NEWS - Albania is one of the main countries responsible for cannabis resin entering the EU. It ranks as number six, behind Iran, Lebanon, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Morocco.

This is according to data from the United Nations World Drug Report 2020 and covers the period between 2014-2018.

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The report found that cannabis resin trafficking was in decline between 2010-2016 but its popularity is now on the increase as of 2018.

Globally, drug use is increasing with an estimated 210 million users, representing 4.8% of the world´s population. Cannabis is the most widely used substance with around 192 million users.

Previous reports from Interpol and the European Centre for Drug Monitoring and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) found that the cultivation of cannabis in Albania is expected to increase. This is due to the focus of law enforcement being shifted to dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.This is according to data from the United Nations World Drug Report 2020 and covers the period between 2014-2018.

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