

# The Regulation of Non-Medical Cannabis: A Challenge for the Coordination of Federal, Provincial and Municipal Actors

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# National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy (NCCHPP)

## Our mission

- Supporting public health actors in their efforts to promote healthy public policies

## Our areas of expertise

- Health impact of policies
- Methods for contextualizing policies
- Actors and mechanisms for intersectoral collaboration
- Strategies for influencing policy development



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## Innovative Courses of Action Pertaining to "Illicit" Psychoactive Substances

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# Objective

Prospective assessment of coordination challenges for governmental actors and solution pathways for “successful” legalization

# Outline

Coordination Challenges

Solution Pathways

# Coordination Challenges



Judicial  
processing of  
users



Violence in the  
illicit market



Quantities  
consumed



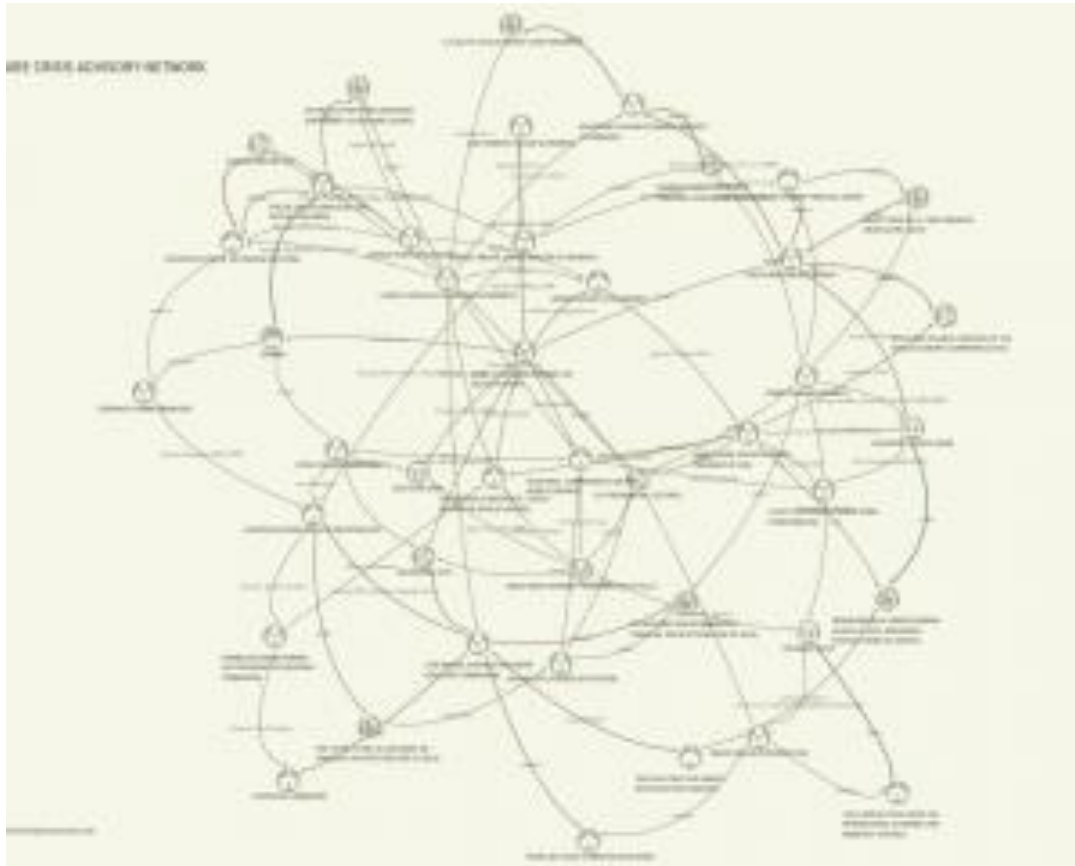
Quality and safety  
of products

Legalization  
and  
regulatory  
framework

Transition  
from the  
illicit to the  
licit market

Reduction of health and  
social harms associated  
with cannabis production,  
distribution and use

# Coordination Challenges



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# Coordination Challenges

Federal



Controlled Drugs and  
Substances Act  
(CDSA)

Police powers  
(Royal Canadian  
Mounted Police)

Provincial



Police powers  
(Sûreté du Québec)

Directeur des  
poursuites criminelles  
et pénales (Québec's  
director of public  
prosecutions)

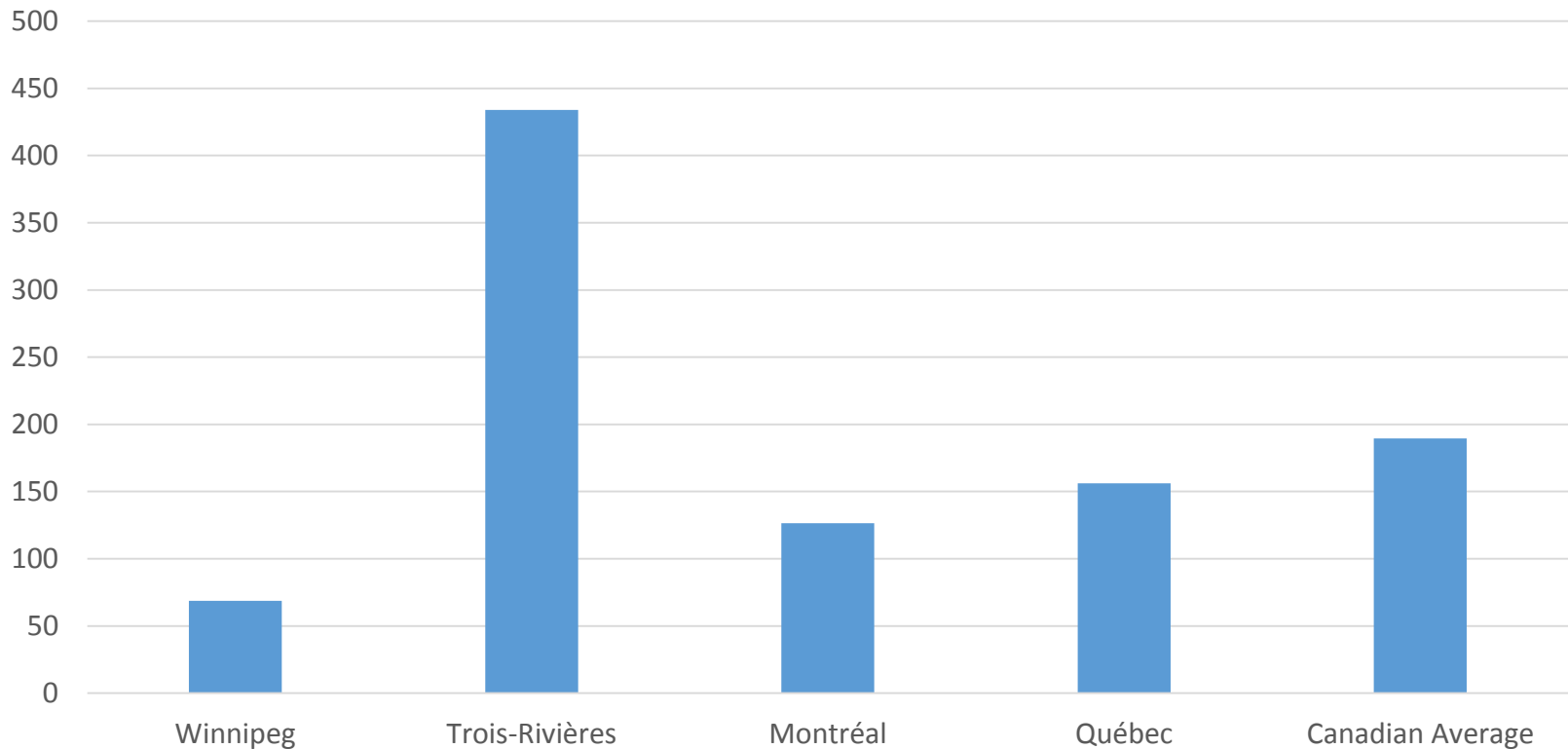
Municipal



Police powers (e.g.  
SPVQ or SPVM)

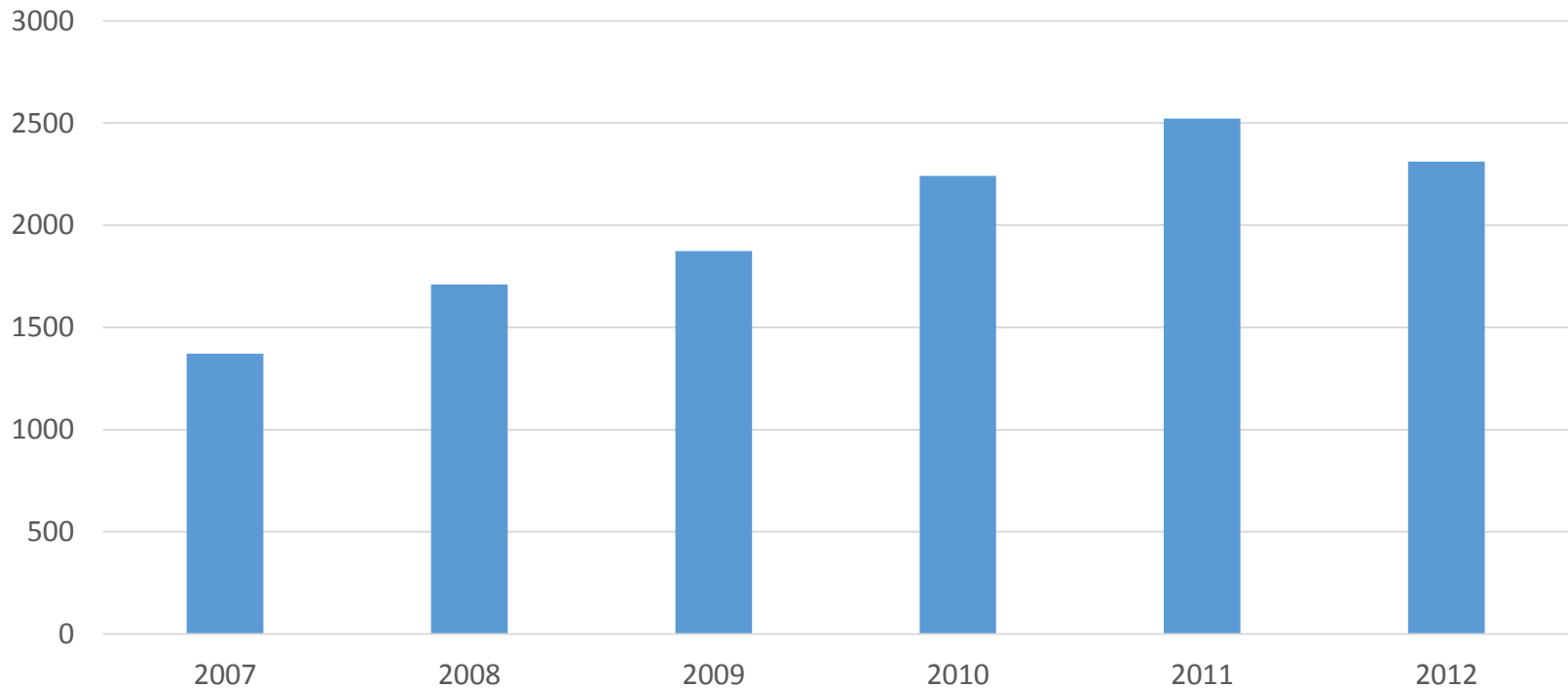
# Coordination Challenges

Offence Rates for Cannabis (per 100,000 Citizens)  
for Some Canadian Municipalities in 2007



# Coordination Challenges

Cannabis Possession Offences Covered by the Program to Deal Non-Judicially With Certain Criminal Offences Committed by Adults (DPCP)



# Solution Pathways

Integrated governance: conditions for success



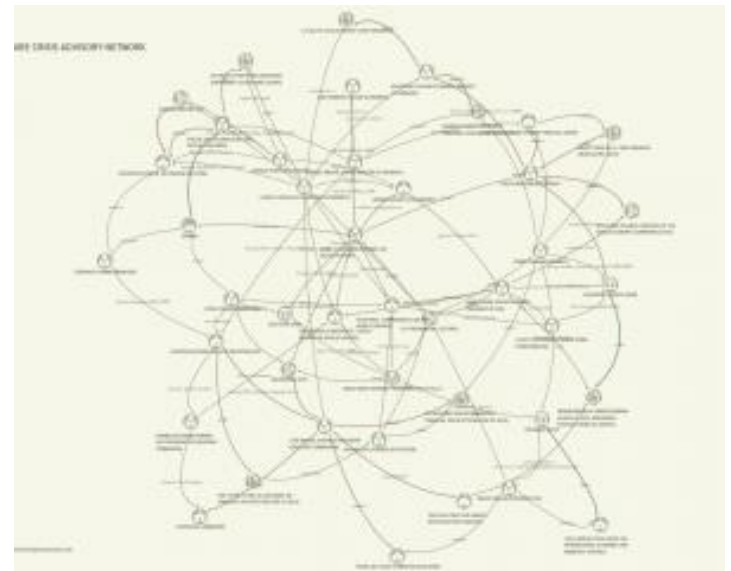
# Solution Pathways

Integrated governance: conditions for success

Adopting a modern approach to power



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Developing a knowledge production system

# Solution Pathways

In Canada: Secrétariat à la légalisation, FPT Group,  
Provincial collaborations, Health Canada – CIHR, INSPQ

Washington: Washington State Liquor and Cannabis  
Board

Uruguay: Instituto de Regulacion y Control del Cannabis