

Drug routes into Europe

Europe is to gain a new weapon in its war on narcotics with an EC-wide drug supersquad, the European Drugs Monitoring Centre, due to come into operation by the end of June. MEPs are also calling for a new European Drugs Intelligence Unit to work alongside national police forces, customs officers and Interpol

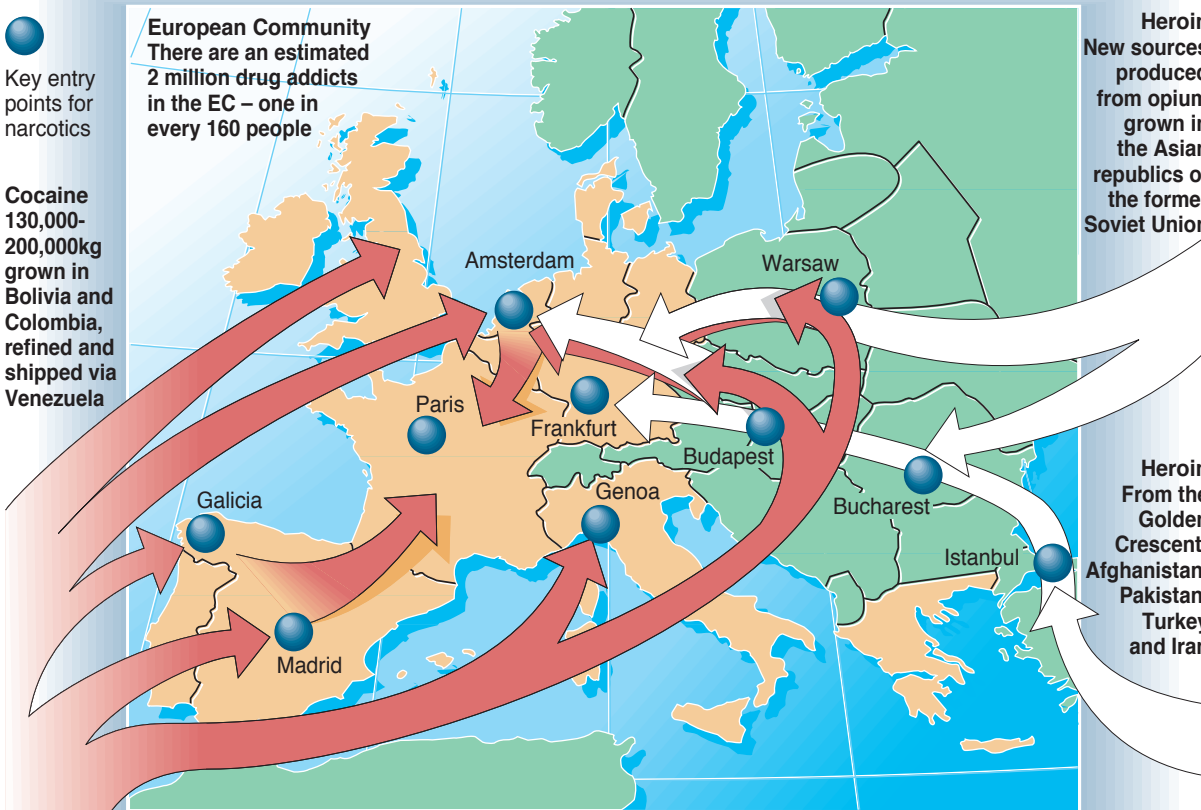
European Community
There are an estimated 2 million drug addicts in the EC – one in every 160 people

Heroin
New sources produced from opium grown in the Asian republics of the former Soviet Union

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Key entry points for narcotics

Cocaine
130,000-200,000kg grown in Bolivia and Colombia, refined and shipped via Venezuela

Heroin
From the Golden Crescent: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey and Iran



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