









#### HOW TO SET UP A CSC IN 4 STEPS

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#### **SPAIN**

- Since 2005, approx. 200 clubs have been set up
- Legal basis: cultivation for personal use is not prosecuted
- Some clubs have thousands of members, consumption room, open daily
- One Spanish village (Rasquera, Catalonia) is ready to produce for CSC's, regional authorities are considering legal regulation for clubs
- www.fac.cc



#### **BELGIUM**

- One CSC: Trekt Uw Plant, operating since 2010
- Legal basis: ministerial guideline allowing 1 plant per adult
- TUP has 300 members, 2 regional sections
- 14 growers, with a max. of 32 plants each
- Every 2/3 months: harvest
- Information on homegrowing, healthier ways of growing and consuming, lobby for cannabis regulation
- www.trektuwplant.be





## FRANCE

- Initiative to organise collectives who wish to work along the CSC guidelines since July 2012
- Legal basis: none it is an act of civil disobedience
- 150 initiatives around the country, first meeting to agree on common principles in december 2012
- Facebook: Cannabis Social Club Français

## **GERMANY**

- Facebook page to promote the idea
- Legal basis: none it is an act of civil disobedience
- In February 2012, a hearing on CSC's took place in German parliament
- Facebook: Pro Cannabis Social Club's für Deutschland

## UNITED KINGDOM

- Website to promote the idea
- Legal basis: none it is an act of civil disobedience
- Some 50 clubs exist on the website unclear if they are active or not
- www.cannabiscure.co.uk

#### **ITALY**

- Several initiatives to open the discussion
- Legal basis: none it is an act of civil disobedience
- Possibly, first clubs will be limited to users for medicinal reasons
- More information to follow





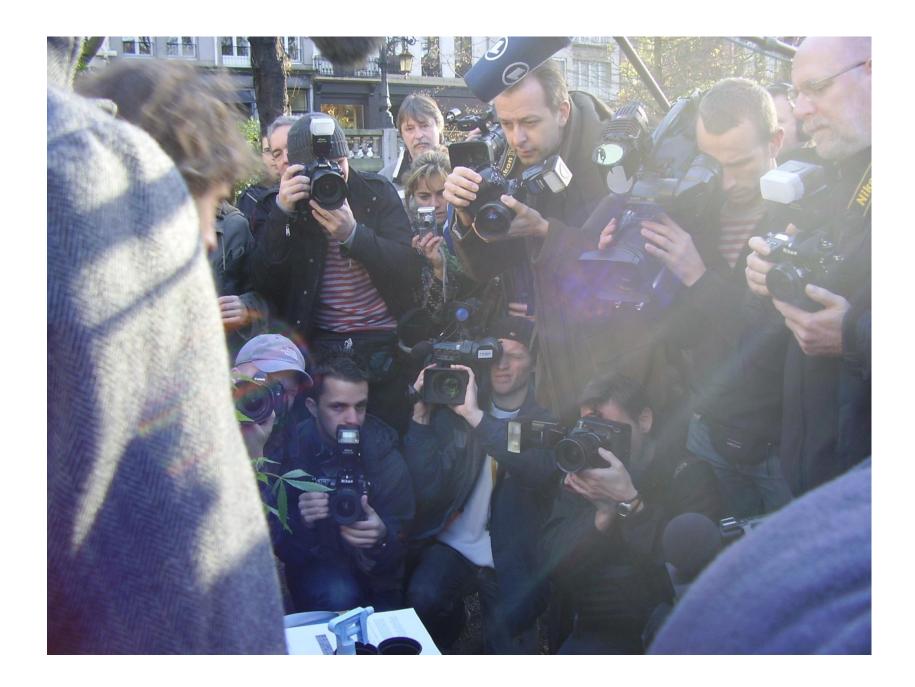


# STEP 1:

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION** 



- Press conference/public action
- Celebrity
- Make clear the purpose of the club
- No reaction? Then Step 2

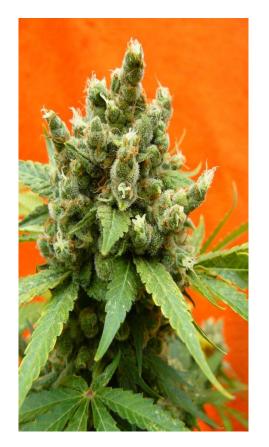


#### BENEFITS OF CANNABIS SOCIAL CLUB

- For personal use of members
- Non-profit
- Biological product
- Financial transparency
- Internal democracy
- Willing to engage in dialogue with authorities
- Show examples of other countries









# STEP 2

Create an association



#### CREATE AN ASSOCIATION

- Set up of an association, following legal requirements of your country
- Founders should be mentioned with name and adress (so they should not be growers)
- Edit statutes and house rules in a democratic way, with help of befriended lawyer
- Financial transparency



#### **STATUTES**

Use statutes of any association

Among the objectives: health promotion

Ensure democracy and transparency

Political objective



#### **HOUSE RULES**

- Protocol for adhesion of new members
- No sale
- No damage to association or members
- How to handle surplus
- Protocols for growers and representatives of CSC
- Refer to Encod Code of Conduct, see www.encod.org





#### FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

- Bank account makes financial transactions transparent
- If impossible: create another association that is not cannabis related and will administrate funds
- Monthly financial report for members
- Yearly balance to be approved by general assembly







# STEP 3

Professionalisation



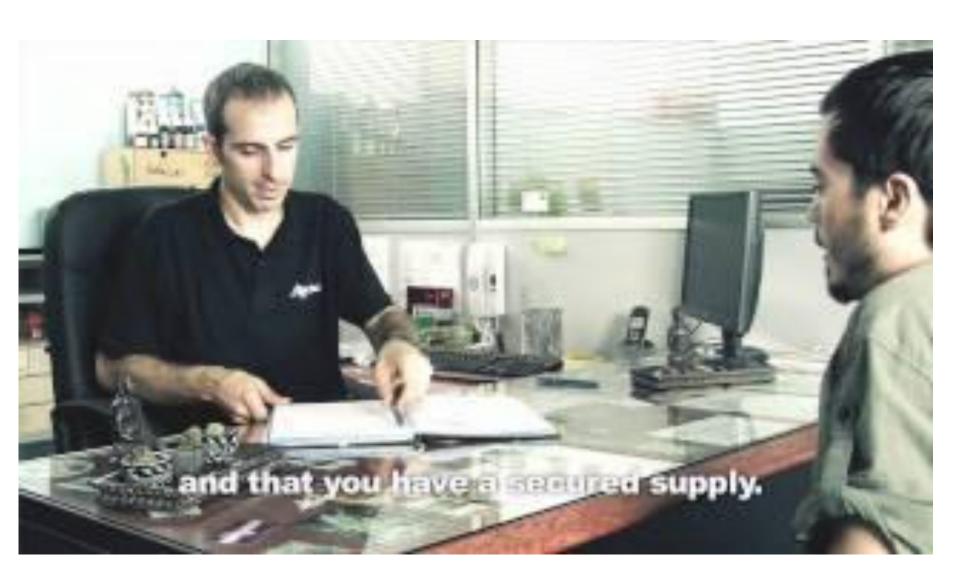
#### Administration of members

- Membership form
- Membership contribution
- Screening of members
- Identification of plants as property of members
- Ensure privacy
- Waiting lists and special treatment for medicinal users
- Communication with members
- Non-plant related activities



# Screening of members

- Adults?
- From the region?
- History of cannabis use? Problems?
- Aware of legislation?
- Explain procedures (avoid false expectations)
- Sign declaration of property
- Copy of ID





## Communication with members

- Regular update (emaillist)
- Send photos of plants
- Surveys on experiences, special demands
- Helpdesk for members with problems, or members who wish to grow for themselves
- Workshops, meetings, social events



# Administration of plants

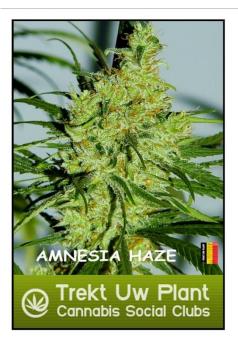
- Documentation
- Regular follow up
- Discretion: no media, no 'open house'
- Screening of growers: personal liability, ability to grow, suitable space
- Start small think big
- Find neutral space to deliver plants to members





## Costs

- Infrastructure and regular costs
- Prefinancing with 'green loan'
- Compensation growers
- Compensation organisation
- At TUP: 4 euro/gr for grower, 2 euro/gr for association.



#### Amnesia Haze

(mostly Sativa)

Sweet Floral Fruity SOUP Citrus Lemon Spicy Hot Mint, Herbs, qinger, Pepper, cinnamon, sage, Şandalwood, Pine, Hashish; Bitter Nuts Chemical Microbiological Earth



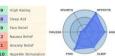
TASTE:

Sweet Fruity Tropical Sour Citrus Lemon Spicy Microbiological Sweat



**Head**, **Uplifting**, Thought provoking, PSyChedelic, **Body**; Calming; Energetic







THC:>20% CBD:<0,5% CBN:<0,05%

De hierboven vermelde data zijn louter indicatief, afhankelijk van de voedingsbodem, de gebruikte meststoffen, de hoeveelheid water en licht. Ook is het belangrijk of de wiet afkomstig is van de top van de plant, het middendeel of de onderste takken.



#### Tips voor verstandig gebruik

Het gebruik van cannabis (hasj en wiet) is in veel culturen al eeuwenlang bekend. Cannabis is afkomstig van de hennepplant. Het effect duurt 2 tot 4 uur. Je wordt er vrolijk of ontspannen van. Net als bij andere genotsmiddelen kan cannabis op een verkeerde manier gebruikt worden. Vandaar deze tips voor verstandig gebruik.

- Cannabis valt soms slecht. Je voelt je dan ziek of angstig. Zoek een rustige plek en eet of drink iets zoets, bijvoorbeeld sinaasappelsap. Raak niet in paniek. Na een uur is het
- Als je medicijnen slikt en je wilt gebruiken raadpleeg dan eerst een arts.
- Gebruik nooit wanneer je zwanger bent.
- Bij roken van cannabis komen stoffen vrij (teer en koolmonoxide) die schadelijk zijn voor de gezondheid.
- Bedenk dat, als je cannabis vermengt met tabak, je tabak rookt. Nicotine werkt verslavend.
- Gebruik cannabis voor je plezier.
- Met een joint los je geen problemen op. Als je elke dag blowt, probeer dan eens een paar dagen niet te blowen.
- Door cannabis verandert je concentratievermogen. Gebruik daarom niet op school, op je werk, of in het verkeer.
- Een ervaren roker voelt precies aan wanneer hij genoeg heeft. Hij kan dan stoppen. Als je voor het eerst blowt weet je nog niet goed wat je kunt hebben.
- Wanneer je nog weinig ervaring hebt met cannabis is het verstandig om er geen alcohol bij te drinken.

INHOUD:

#### 1 (één) Cannabisplant



Stamnr :

Deze plant werd omringd met de beste zorgen :

- ♥ Er werden geen bestrijdingsmiddelen gebruikt.
- ♥ Deze plant werd gekweekt met 100% groene stroom.
- ♥ Deze plant werd gekweekt met het 100% BIO-concept

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Substraat: All Mix. Pro Mix

Groeifase: Voeding: Alga-Grow

Wortelstimulator: Plagron Roots Bladvoeding: Phyt-Amin

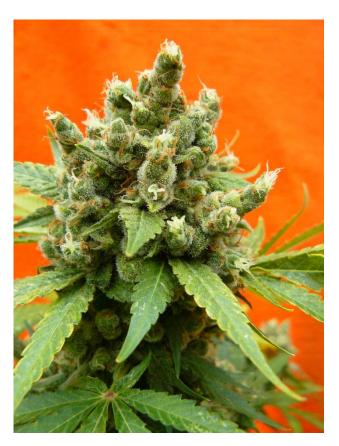
Bloeifase: Voeding: Alga-Grow

Top activator: 'Green Sensation'

TUP TESTRAPPORT GEUR/AROMA	Kruidig	Bitter
SOORT :	Heet	Noten
STAMNUMMER:  HET IS NIET NODIG OM ALLE VAKJES IN TE VULLEN ENKEL DIE SMAKEN DIE JE HERKENT. GEEF EEN SCORE VAN 0 TOT 100	Mosterd Teriyaki Kerrie Chilipeper Soja saus BBQ saus / Hot Ketchup Groene Munt	Verse noten  Walnoot Macadamia Hazelnoot Amandel
Zoet  Bloemen  Nectar Roos Vanille Viooltje Kersenbloesem Oranjebloesem Abrikozenbloesem  Fruit  Tropisch  Passievrucht Meloen (zoete) Kiwi Kokosnoot  Roos Vanille Viooltje Oranjebloesem Ahrikozenbloesem  Ananas Mango Lychee Papaya	Kruiden  Gember Salie Basilicum Tijm Dille Saffraan Kruidnagel Venkel  Sandelhout Cederhout Den Esdoorn Hasjiesj  Zuur  Citrusvrucht	Geroosterde noten  Pistache Pinda  Sesam Kastanje  Organisch  Thee Koffie Ui  Chemisch  Hoestsiroop Metaal Lijm  Medicinale geur Giftig Benzine/Diesel
Bes  Framboos Braambes Blauwe (bos)bes  Aardbei Veenbes	Citroen Citroengras Grapefruit  Sinaasappel	Microbiologisch
Druif Kers Appel  Suiker Kauwgom Toffee (butterscotch) Heemst (marshmalow) Pindakaas  Abrikoos Perzik Peer  Honing Koekjesdeeg Chocolade Zoethout Slagroom	Zuivel  Boter Warme Melk  Zuur onbepaald	Rot Aarde Muskusachtig Schimmel Zweet Houtskool Hout Alcohol Krijt Soda Leder







# STEP 4

Let it grow

# Regulation vs. prohibition

- Legal security
- Controlled production, better balance THC – CBD/CBN
- Decrease illegal market, separation from other drugs
- No access for young people
- Save time and money for police / justice
- Legal employment and tax income
- Sensibilisation of consumer
- Transparent relationship producer-consumer

- Legal insecurity
- No control on production, high THC
- Easy access for young people
- Benefits for criminal organisations that also deal with other drugs etc.
- Pressure on police & justice
- Costly and highly ineffective war on drugs
- No contact with consumer
- No relation between producer and consumer



## IS IT ALLOWED?

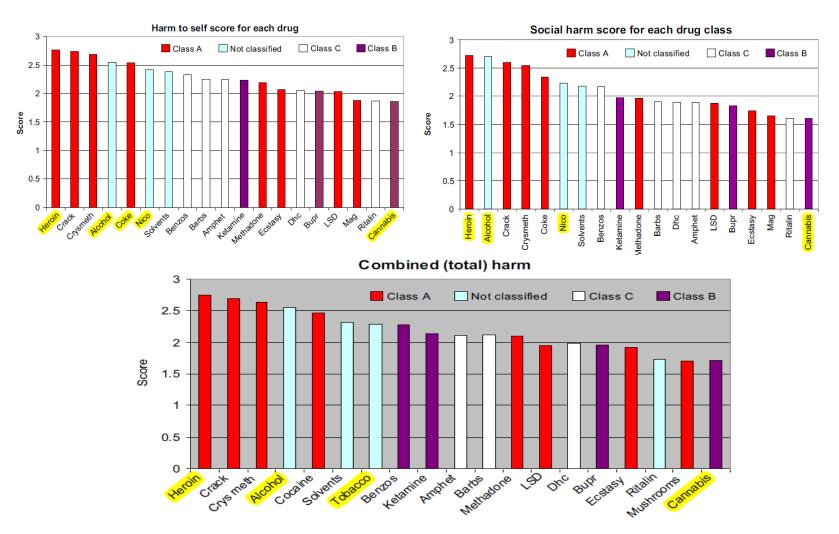
"[...] prohibit the production, manufacture, export and import of, trade in, possession or use of any such drug **except** for amounts which may be necessary for <u>medical and scientific research</u>, including clinical trials therewith to be conducted under or subject to the <u>direct supervision</u> and control of the Party."

Article 2, punt 5.b., Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, United Nations, New York, 1961

"[...] The cultivation, production and trafficking of narcotic drugs, including cannabis, are mainly controlled by national legislation in Member States. [...] Article 2.2 excludes from the scope of the Council Framework Decision the cultivation of cannabis for personal consumption, as defined by national law."

Franco Frattini, European Commissioner Justice, on the legal status of cannabis cultivation for personal use, 2006

# Ranking of drugs



Taylor M, Mackay K, Murphy J, et al. BMJ Open 2012;2:e000774. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2011-000774





## **STEP 4 APPROACH**

- Public presentation of initiative (contact lawyer/ENCOD for definitive proposal)
- Create the association
- Professionalisation of member and grow administration
- Convince your politicians

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