

CANNABIS SOCIAL CLUBS: A HEALTHY OPTION

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CSC's can be established in various forms, depending on the legal margins that national governments allow within the international treaties on drugs. According to the European Convention on Human Rights, European citizens have the right to form an association that protects their interests. When their activities pose no threat to public health or public order, authorities have no right to interfere. **

In a CSC, cultivation of cannabis can take place according to health and safety standards. This means minimal use of chemicals, no electricity theft and reduced fire-risks.

Distribution takes place within an effective policy of prevention of irresponsible and problematic use. Membership of the associations is limited to adults.

A Cannabis Social Club presents a healthy option to diminish the role of criminal organisations in the cannabis market. It reduces risks such as adulteration with toxic products such as glass.

At present, CSC's are effectively operating in the United States, Canada, Spain and Switzerland. In other countries, initiatives are being taken to establish such a model.

If you wish to promote the establishment of a Cannabis Social Club in your area, please contact us or visit our website <http://www.encod.org/>

Sign the international petition in support of the CSC proposal!

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