

The logo for the Authority for the Responsible Use of Cannabis (ARJUC) features the acronym "ARJUC" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A yellow, curved shape is positioned above the letter "J".

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**Authority for the
Responsible Use of Cannabis**

Mission Statement

The Authority shall regulate and monitor the Non Profit Cannabis Organisations in order to significantly reduce the illegal market and minimise the harms of cannabis use.

GOALS



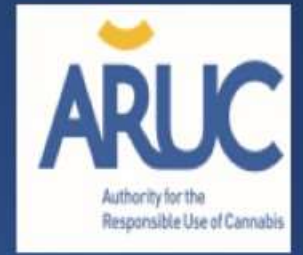
1. *Effectively weaken the Cannabis Illegal Market by regulating and monitoring the cultivation, processing, storing and dispensing of recreational cannabis through **Non-Profit Organisations**.*
2. *Create a **Risk and Harm Reduction** approach for Cannabis Users.*
3. *Go beyond de-criminalisation of persons who make a choice to take Cannabis. Remove the stigma surrounding cannabis users – allowing more openness, therefore more support and community building to develop.*
4. *Educating (not promoting) – users and non users about cannabis.*

Regulating & Monitoring One Centralised Data Collating System

Regulation and Monitoring of the NPOs' (Non-Profit Organisations)

- Seed to sale tracking : Cultivation – Processing – Storing - Quality Assurance Testing (conducted by ARUC) – Transporting (authorisation issued by ARUC) – Dispensing (payment by card only)
- Applications of all NPOs'
- Expenditure, investment, dispensations of each NPO
- Training certificate and update of all employees.
- Applications of all members (excluding the name).
- Data collection of all members' (names not included) cannabis use – age, social economic status, frequency and type of cannabis use.
- Records of all interventions.
- Home Growers : Free Laboratory testing, Training/harm reduction/ special licences
- Persons who do not have a residence permit in Malta cannot become members unless they are in Malta to study or work for more than one month. They will be given a 'special licence'.

Non Profit Organisations



Percentage : NPO	Percentage : ARUC	Percentage : Social responsibility
Expansion	Licence	Education
Equipment	Laboratory testing/packaging	Harm & Risk reduction
Other	Training	Social Project (environmental)

Timeline



Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	Phase 7
Training	Applications	Dispensing only	Special licence	Dispensing of	Dispensing of	Applications for
		of buds/flowers	for dispensing of	Hashish / Oil	Edibles.	Social Clubs
NPO Organisational	First Licences		Home Growers			
Planning		Regulating &		Impact Assessment	Implementation of	
	Free Testing for	Monitoring	Harm Reduction		Social Project	
SOP's	Home Growers		Programme mplementation.			

Harm & Risk Reduction – *“Come as you are...” G.A.Marlett Harm Reduction Researcher*

NPO – Training for employees	Home Growers	Public
Knowledge in all processes	Offering free Laboratory Testing & growing techniques support.	Targeting adolescents and young adults in informing them of substance use.
Knowledge in all levels of THC,CBD	Offering a special licence to dispense extra cannabis to NPO	Working with employers to support them in adjusting to the new approach to cannabis and its use.
Recognising ‘red flags’	Providing information to Parents & partners regarding the dialogue to have with children, adolescents, parents and partners.	Offering harm reduction support (drug testing, information, psy. support) during public activities.
Training in communicating with members.	Collecting data to scientifically assess the impact of home growing cannabis.	Working closely with the Justice and Health system, Rehabilitation Services and the Church to deliver and clarify the concept of Harm Reduction.

Scientific Research - We are a pilot study

Data collection will be conducted every step of the way in order to:

- Assess the effectiveness of the Centralised Data Collection system**
- Assess the impact of the new regulations for users and non users.**
- Recognise a possible change in attitude and understanding about Harm Reduction and cannabis use.**
- Share data on a National and International level**
- Assess the outcome of criminal arrests and health problems of cannabis users.**



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*Thank you for
your attention.*