

ANALYSIS OF EXPERIENCE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD ON LEGALIZATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

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Introduction. The WHO estimates that 1.2 billion people worldwide suffer from diseases in which medical cannabis has therapeutic value. The global world cannabis market (regulated and illegal) is estimated at \$ 344 billion. USA. The five largest regional markets include: Asia (\$ 132.9 billion), North America (\$ 85.6 billion), Europe (\$ 68.5 billion), Africa (37, \$ 3 billion), Latin America (\$ 9.8 billion). That is, the development of the cannabis industry is promising in terms of state regulation by the authorities in order to fill the budget and economic development of countries.

The purpose of the study is to analyze the experience of countries around the world that have already legalized medical cannabis.

Research materials: data from the official websites of the WHO, "American medical marijuana association", "European medicinal cannabis association".

Results and discussion. For the analysis, we selected countries with a high level of GDP which have successfully legalized medical cannabis. The analysis found that in the United States, the majority of the 50 states, namely 36, legalized cannabis for medical use. From a historical point of view, in 1985, 23% of the total population consumed this substance. In 2015, cannabis consumption increased to 48%, and in 2018, 62% of the US population used cannabis. In 2019, consumption decreased by 15%. This is due to the adoption of the law on decriminalization. Also, it should be noted that in the same year, New York became the 16th state to accept the decriminalization of cannabis, and therefore, according to the law, if a person is found up to one ounce of cannabis, the fine is \$ 50. US dollars, if from one to two ounces - 200 dollars. USA. The consumption of medical cannabis in Italy began in the 20th century, where it was exported from Sicily throughout Europe. Italy initially fought cannabis by increasing criminal liability for the storage, use and cultivation of cannabis. In 2013, medical cannabis was legalized in Italy only with a doctor's prescription. However, cannabis was initially imported from abroad, and the average prescription price was between 59 euros, making this type of treatment unavailable. Since 2014, Italy has been growing cannabis on its own, ie all the money from the sale goes to the state budget. Canada is the second country to completely legalize cannabis. According to the open data of the analytical company "New Frontier" by 2025 the total turnover of the Canadian cannabis market will reach almost 6 billion dollars. USA. It is worth noting that in general, since the legalization of cannabis, about 300 thousand new jobs have been created, and due to the export of raw materials to other markets around the world, the state budget is growing.

Conclusions. It should be noted that many pharmaceutical companies already use cannabis to produce drugs such as GSK, Pfizer, Merck and others. An important aspect is that at different stages of treatment, therapy with these drugs shows a positive trend compared to other drugs. Thus, the legalization of cannabis for medical purposes will continue to grow, and therefore research in this area is relevant for all countries, including Ukraine.