# Drink Driving Time to step up efforts

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- The European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) is a non-governmental organisation promoting independent science-based approach to road safety
- Supported in our work by 43 member organisations across Europe.
- Funded by our members, the European Commission, national governments, and corporate sponsors
- Bringing together practitioners, researchers, policymakers and parliamentarians from across the EU





## **ETSC Activities**



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Safe&Sober Campaign and Drink-driving policy network



## "Safe & Sober" Campaign

#### Safe & Sober...

- is a co-operation between VOLVO and ETSC
- is a 3 year programme (2010-2012) run for the second time

#### Safe & Sober aims at...

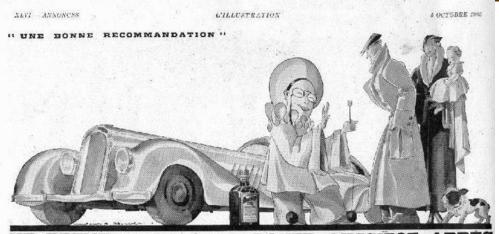
- improving local, regional and national policies for the prevention of Drink Driving in commercial transport;
- identifying and promoting best practice;
- addressing measures relating to education, enforcement and engineering.

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support better policy-making



# Luckily things have changed...



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# Drink Driving in the EU

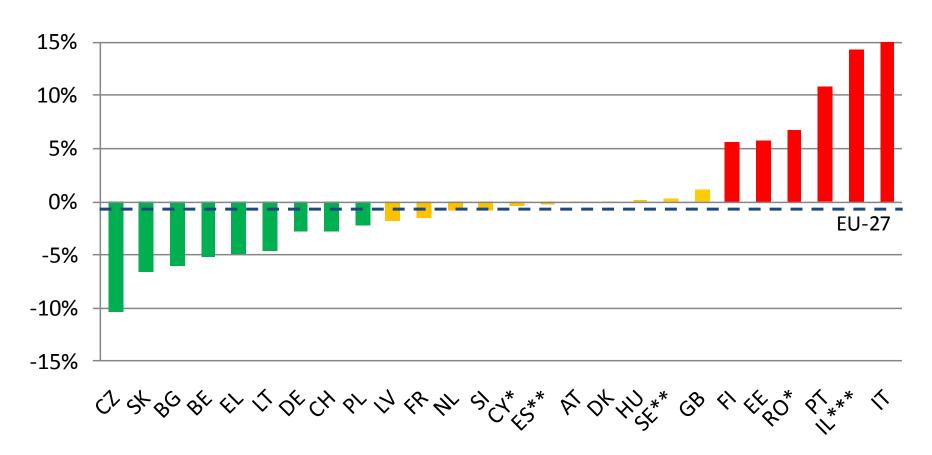
- Drink driving in the EU:
   up to 2% of drivers with an illegal BAC
- Up to 10,000 road deaths annually (25%)
- Around 35% of driver deaths
- Alcohol related crashes are the leading cause of death in the age group 16-24





## **Progress in reducing Drink driving**

Difference between the average annual % reduction in deaths attributed to alcohol and the corresponding reduction for other deaths (over 2001-2008)





## **EU** effort

- EU Recommendation (2001): 0.2 BAC limit for novice and professional drivers and 0.5 for all other drivers.
- EU Recommendation on Enforcement (2004): BAC limits need to be enforced!
- An EU strategy (2006) to support Member States in reducing alcohol related harm:
   4<sup>th</sup> priority: reduce road deaths attributed to alcohol
- New EC proposal on Cross Border Enforcement (July 2010)
- EU-funded research: DRUID and HEROES (Healthy Nightlife Toolbox, <u>www.ryd.eu/heroes</u>)



## ETSC's recommendations

A common BAC limit



 Enforcement of existing legislation



Alcolocks





## **BAC limits across the EU**

- An increasing number of EU countries are lowering their BAC limits to be in line with EU recommendations on maximum BAC legal limit (2001)
- 17 EU countries apply lower BAC for novice drivers (0.0 – 0.2)
- 14 EU countries apply lower BAC for professional drivers (0.0 to 0.2 BAC)

Legal BAC limit (g/l)	Standard	Professional	Novice		
Belgium	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Bulgaria	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Czech Republic	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Denmark	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Germany		0.5 0.0			
Estonia	0.2	0.2	0.2		
Greece	0.5	0.2	0.2		
Spain	0.5	0.3	0.3		
France	0.5	0.50 (0.20)	0.5		
Ireland	0.5	0.2	0.2		
Italy	0.5	0.20	0.2		
Cyprus	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Latvia	0.5	0.5	0.2		
Lithuania	0.4	0.4	0.4		
Luxembourg	0.5	0.20 (0.50)	0.2		
Hungary	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Malta	0.8	0.8	0.8		
Netherlands	0.5	0.5	0.2		
Austria	0.5	0.1	0.1		
Poland	0.2	0.2	0.2		
Portugal	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Romania	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Slovenia	0.2	0.0	0.0		
Slovakia	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Finland	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Sweden	0.2	0.2	0.2		
United Kingdom	0.8	0.8	0.8		



Source: DG MOVE, EC, 2010 and ETSC members

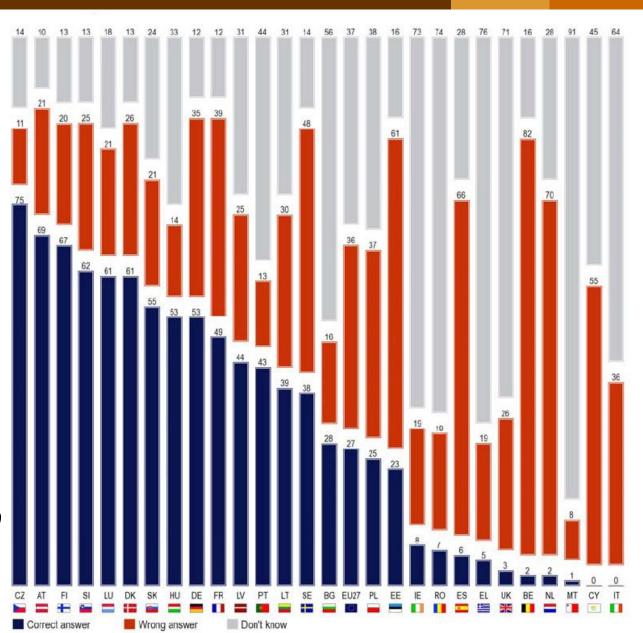
## **Awareness**

- On average only 27% of respondents knew the legal BAC limit
- 36% gave a wrong answer
- 37% did not know

Eurobarometer, Oct. 2009







### **Enforcement**

- Being checked for dring drink driving is the exception: maximum 1 in 5 drivers checked in one year
- Sartre-3-Survey (2004): Only 26% of drivers in the EU were checked (2001-2004).
- Many drivers under the influence are hard core drinkers
- Alcolocks together with traditional enforcement methods (for detection) can help addressing hard core drinkers



## **Alcolock barometer**

Stage / Country	AT	BE	DK	FI	FR	NL	SI	SE	UK
Pilot ongoing		Χ		Χ		Χ		Χ	Χ
Legislation in preparation		X RP	X	X School buses	X RP	X RP		X RP	X CP
Legislation adopted		Х	Х	Χ					
Legislation in implementation									
Rehabilitation		Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	
Commercial Transport				Χ	Χ		Χ		
Voluntary use in commercial transport	Х	Х		Χ				Χ	
Children transport					Х				

<sup>\*</sup> RP=Rehabilitation programme, CP=Consultation process

**Drink Driving Monitor** 

ETSC's Newsletter on Drink Driving Policy Developments in the EU





# **July 2010**

## EC Road Safety Policy Orientations 2011-2020

"The Commission will examine to what extent measures are appropriate for making the installation of alcohol interlock devices in vehicles compulsory, for example with respect to professional transport (e.g. school buses)"



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#### Editorial

This 10th Drink Driving Monitor brings news from improve drink driving legislation and enforcement. changing or lowering the BAC limit in Ireland, Belgi existing enforcement practices in the Czech Republic carrying out a breath test every time a driver is check vehicle has a breathalyser to do this. Results from rec to enforcement are also presented from Austria a summer campaign on drink driving enforcement by alcolock legislation barometer is included.



#### Eurobarometer Poll on Attitudes to Drink Driving

A new Eurobarometer was published polling EU citizens opionions on alcohol and drink driving. Key findings include most EU citizens cannot give a correct answer regarding the legal blood alcohol limit for driving in their country. Only a little over a quarter of respondents (27%) were able to give a correct answer when asked what the legal blood alcohol limit for driving is in in theircountry. More than one third gave an incorrect answer. Ther is a wide variation in awaeness levels across the Member States. The Czech Republic, with a Zero limit, tops the list with

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#### Drink Driving:

Young Drivers and Recidivist Offenders





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