

# SAFE & SOBER

The fight against drink-driving and alcohol interlocks

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# DRINK DRIVING IN THE EU

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# ETSC ACTIVITIES



Monitoring EU transport safety policy



Road Safety Performance Index (PIN)



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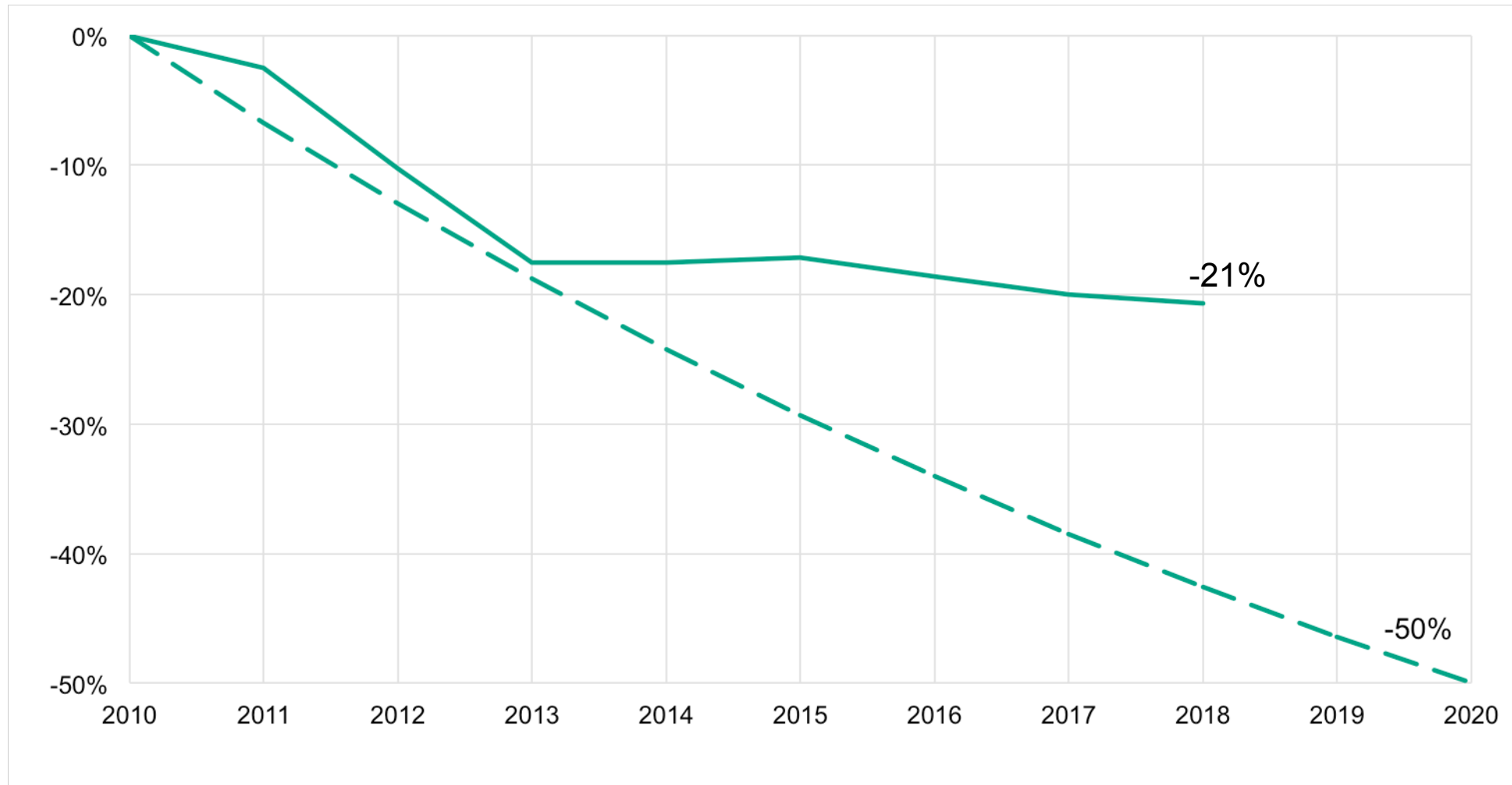
people died in road  
traffic in the EU in 2018  
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\* *Source: European Commission*

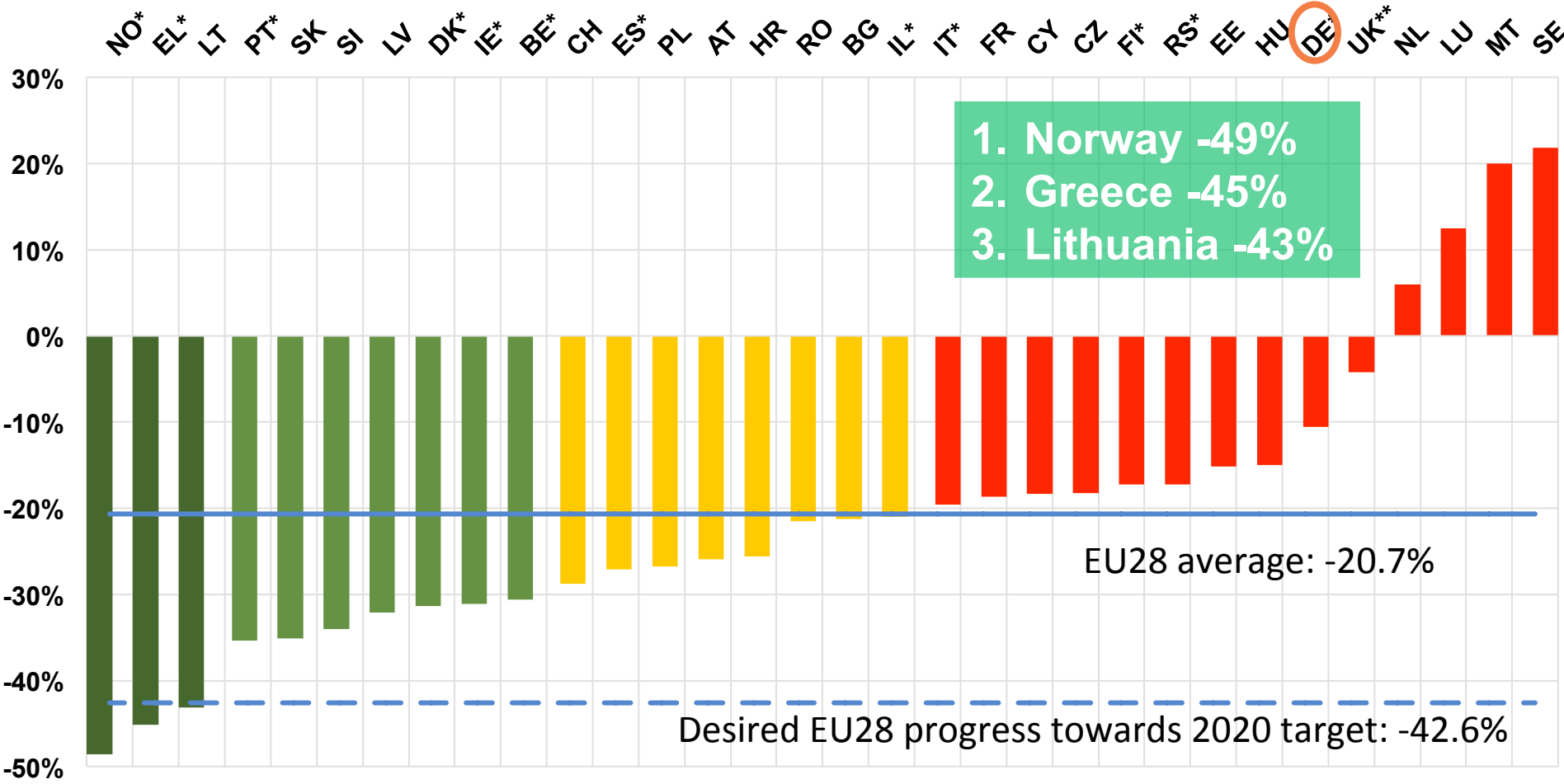


**2014-2018  
bad years  
for road  
safety**

# A WIDENING GAP BETWEEN THE ACTUAL AND DESIRED PROGRESS



# RELATIVE CHANGE (%) IN ROAD DEATHS 2010-2018



# DRINK-DRIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Up to **1.5 - 2% of**  
**KM driven**

in the EU are driven with  
an illegal Blood Alcohol  
Concentration (BAC)





# DRINK-DRIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

25%

of all road deaths in the EU are  
alcohol-related



# DRINK-DRIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

At least **5,000** deaths could have been prevented by eliminating drink driving



# DRINK-DRIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

**31%**



**of drivers reported to have driven after  
consuming alcohol in the last year**

\*ESRA (2016)

# DRINK-DRIVING DATA COLLECTION



- Different definitions
- Road users not tested systematically
- Legal constraints
- Police data does not give a full picture



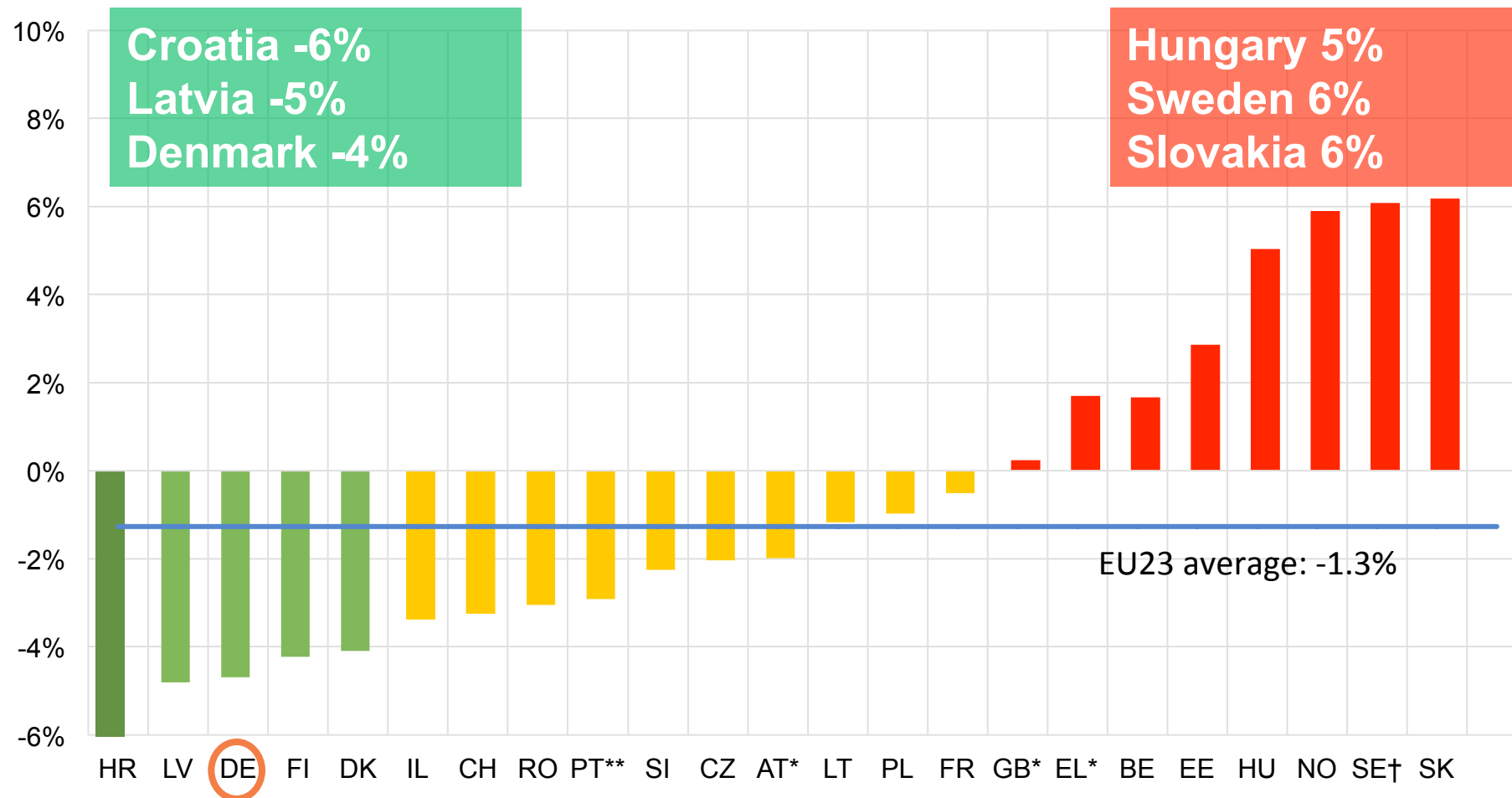
# DRINK-DRIVING DATA COLLECTION

Every driver, rider and walker involved in a fatal and serious collision should be tested systematically



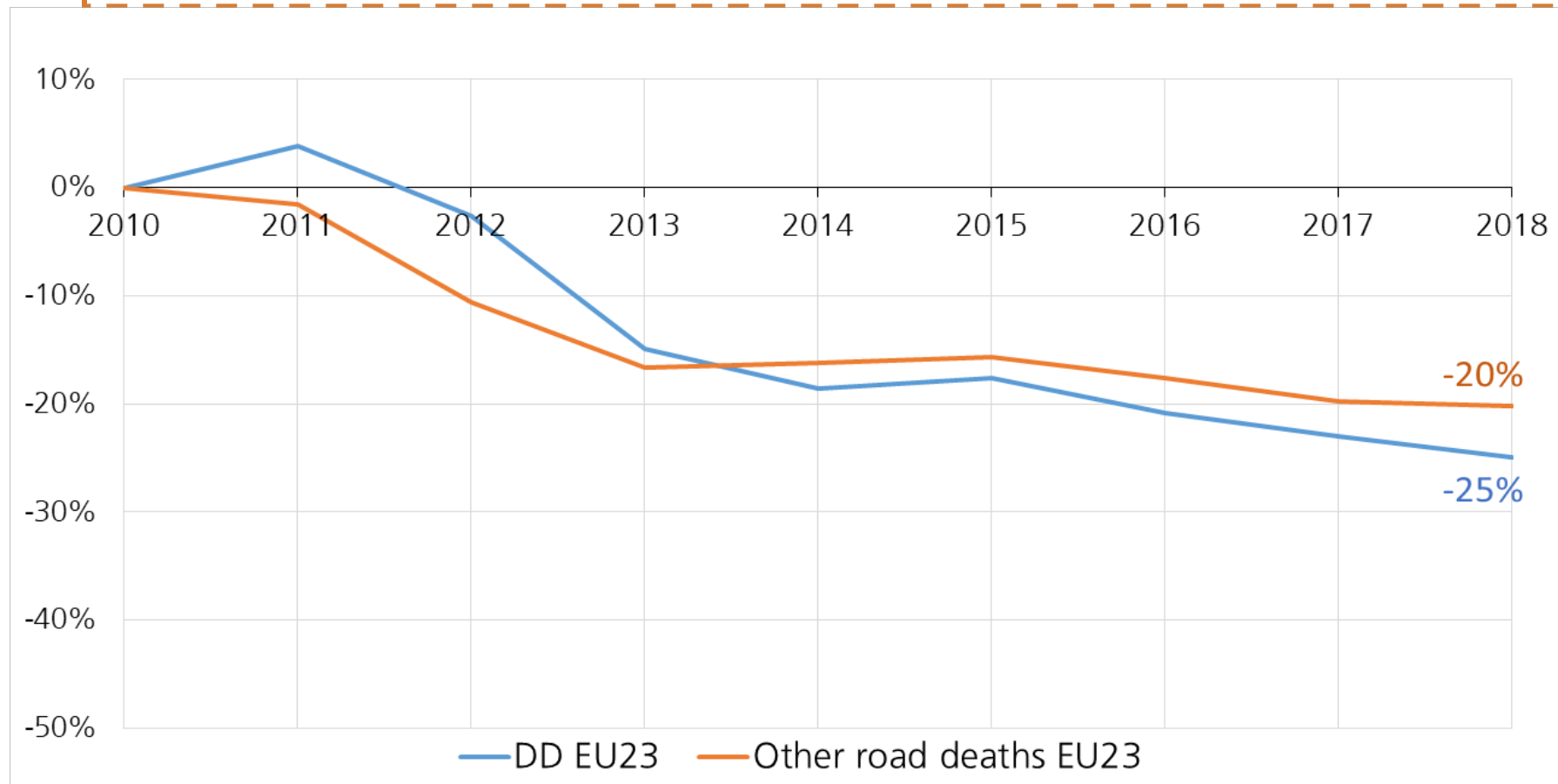
# PROGRESS IN TACKLING DRINK DRIVING 2010 - 2018

Difference between the average annual percentage change in deaths attributed to drink driving and corresponding change in other road deaths



# PROGRESS IN TACKLING DRINK DRIVING 2010 - 2018

Relative developments in road deaths attributed to alcohol and other road deaths in 23 EU Countries 2010-2018



# BAC LIMITS ACROSS THE EU

- Almost all EU countries have a BAC in line with EU recommendation 2001 on maximum BAC legal limit for all drivers
- 22 EU countries apply lower BAC for novice drivers (0.0 – 0.2)
- 21 EU countries apply lower BAC for professional drivers (0.0 to 0.2 BAC)

	Standard BAC	BAC Commercial drivers	BAC Novice Drivers
Czech Republic	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hungary	0.0	0.0	0.0
Romania	0.0	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	0.0	0.0	0.0
Estonia	0.2	0.2	0.2
Poland	0.2	0.2	0.2
Sweden	0.2	0.2	0.2
Lithuania	0.4	0.0	0.0
Croatia	0.5	0.0	0.0
Germany	0.5	0.0	0.0
Italy	0.5	0.0	0.0
Slovenia	0.5	0.0	0.0
Austria	0.5	0.1	0.1
Belgium	0.5	0.2	0.5
Cyprus	0.5	0.2	0.2
Greece	0.5	0.2	0.2
Malta	0,5	0,2	0,2
Ireland	0.5	0.2	0.2
Luxembourg	0.5	0.2	0.2
Portugal	0.5	0.2	0.2
Spain	0.5	0.3	0.3
Latvia	0.5	0.5 (0.2 bus/tram drivers)	0.2
France	0.5	0.5 (0.2 bus drivers)	0.2
Netherlands	0.5	0.5	0.2
Bulgaria	0.5	0.5	0.5
Denmark	0.5	0.5	0.5
Finland	0,5	0,5	0,5
Scotland	0.5	0.5	0.5
UK (except Scotland)	0.8	0.8	0.8

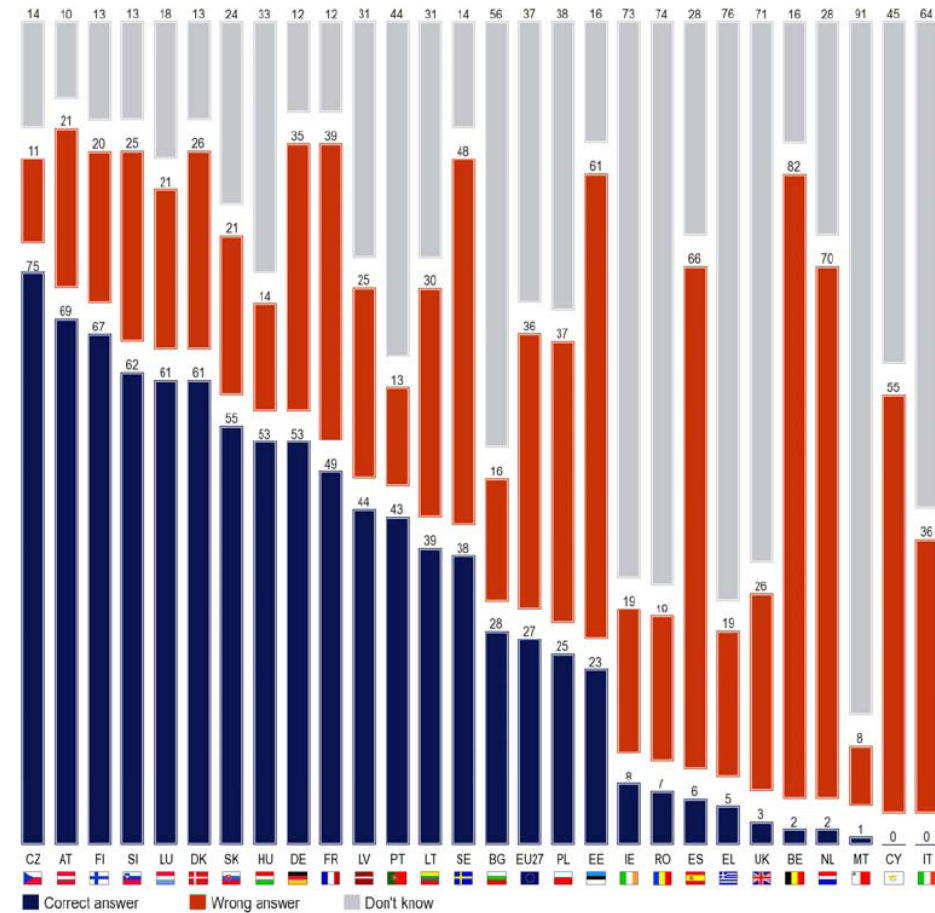


# AWARENESS NEEDS TO BE REINFORCED

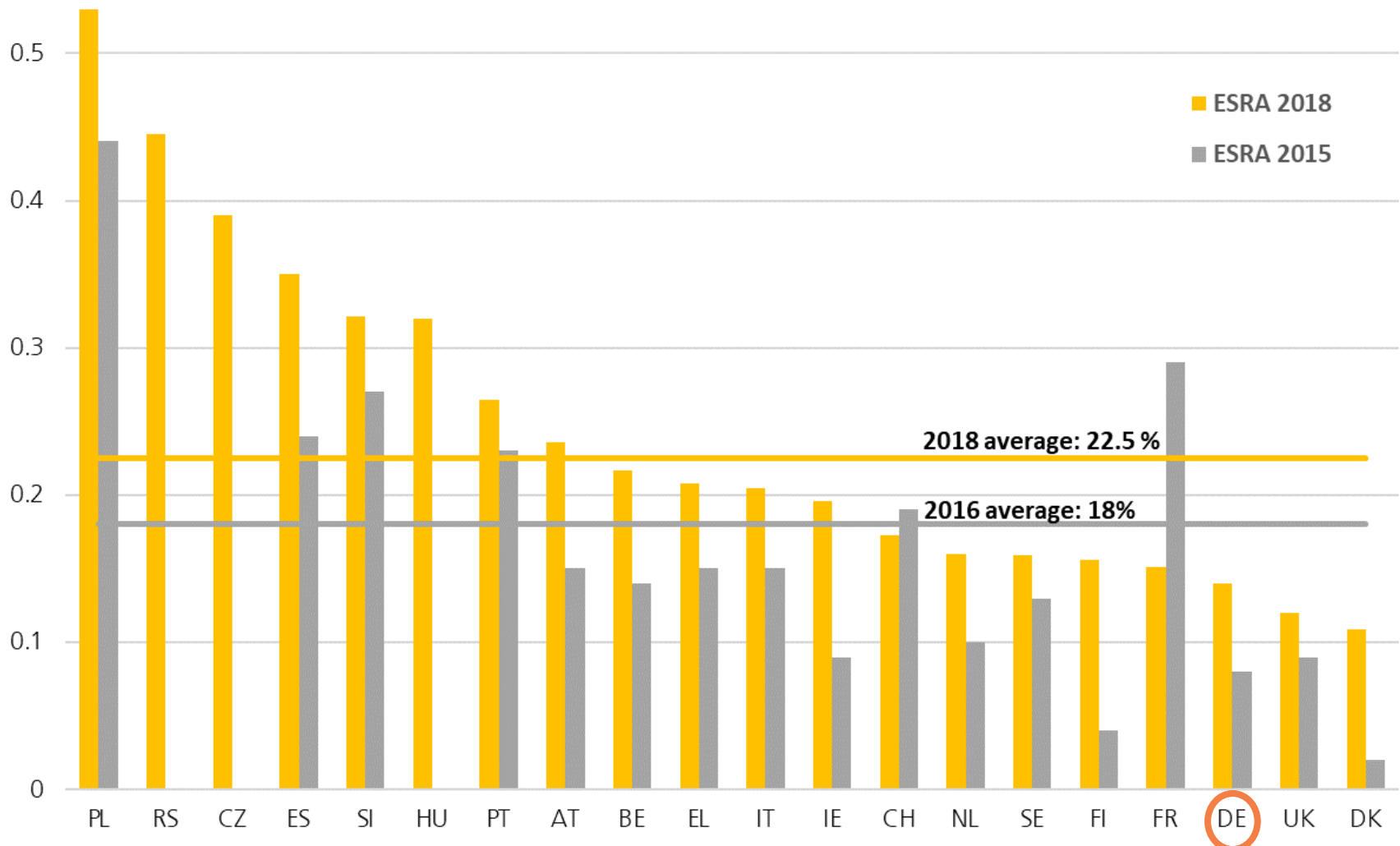
- On average only 27% of respondents knew the legal BAC limit
- 36% gave a wrong answer
- 37% did not know



*Eurobarometer, Oct. 2010*



# ONLY 22% OF ROAD USERS THINK THEY ARE VERY LIKELY TO BE TESTED FOR DRINK-DRIVING ON A REGULAR JOURNEY



# ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS & REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES

As part of rehabilitation programs imposed as a condition for driver's license recovery

Studies repeatedly shown alcohol interlocks combined with **rehabilitation programmes** cut reoffending rates



# KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



## RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Improve data collection of alcohol-related road deaths. Mandate systematic testing of all road users involved in a collision with injury.
- ✓ Consider adopting a zero tolerance level (i.e. a maximum BAC of 0.2g/l) for all road users.
- ✓ Intensify enforcement. Couple enforcement with publicity activities.
- ✓ Develop use of alcohol interlocks as part of rehabilitation programmes for first time high-level and recidivist offenders.
- ✓ Mandate the use of alcohol interlocks for professional drivers.
- ✓ Run regular campaigns.

## PROGRESS IN REDUCING DRINK-DRIVING AND OTHER ALCOHOL-RELATED ROAD DEATHS IN EUROPE

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SMART WAYS  
OF TACKLING  
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THE EU**



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February 2018



**ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS  
AND DRINK DRIVING  
REHABILITATION  
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Best practice and guidelines for Member States



HOW MANY  
**DRINKS**  
SHOULD YOU  
HAVE BEFORE DRIVING?

**ALCOHOL  
INTERLOCK  
PROGRAMME**

AS AN  
**ALTERNATIVE  
TO A DRIVING BAN**

