

# PROGRESS IN REDUCING DRINK-DRIVING IN EUROPE

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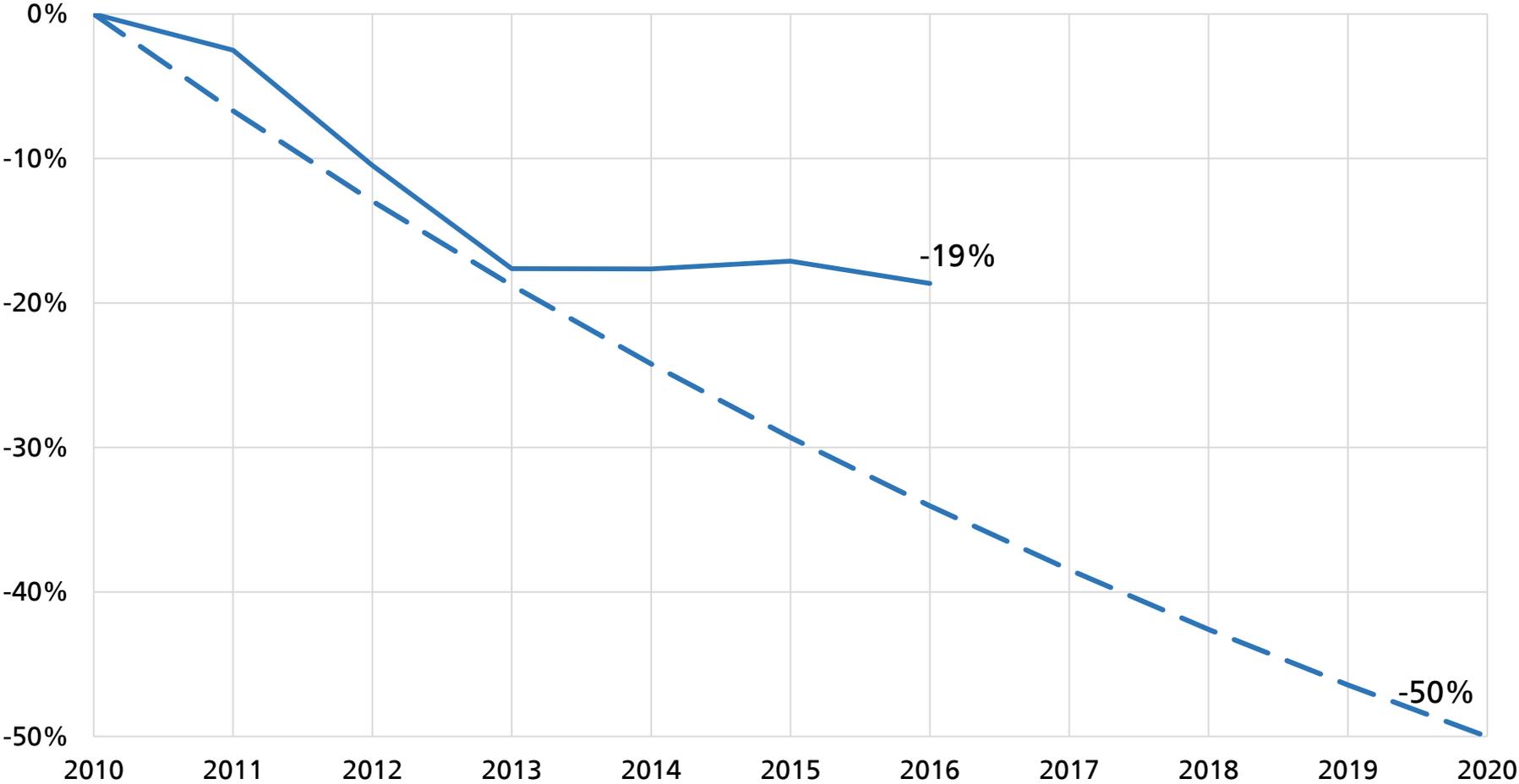
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- I. **Scope** of alcohol consumption and the drink-driving problem in the EU
- II. **Progress** in reducing drink-driving deaths in the EU Member States
- III. **Measures** to tackle drink-driving
- IV. **Recommendations**

# EU PROGRESS TOWARDS 2020 TARGET



Never ever  
drink and drive.

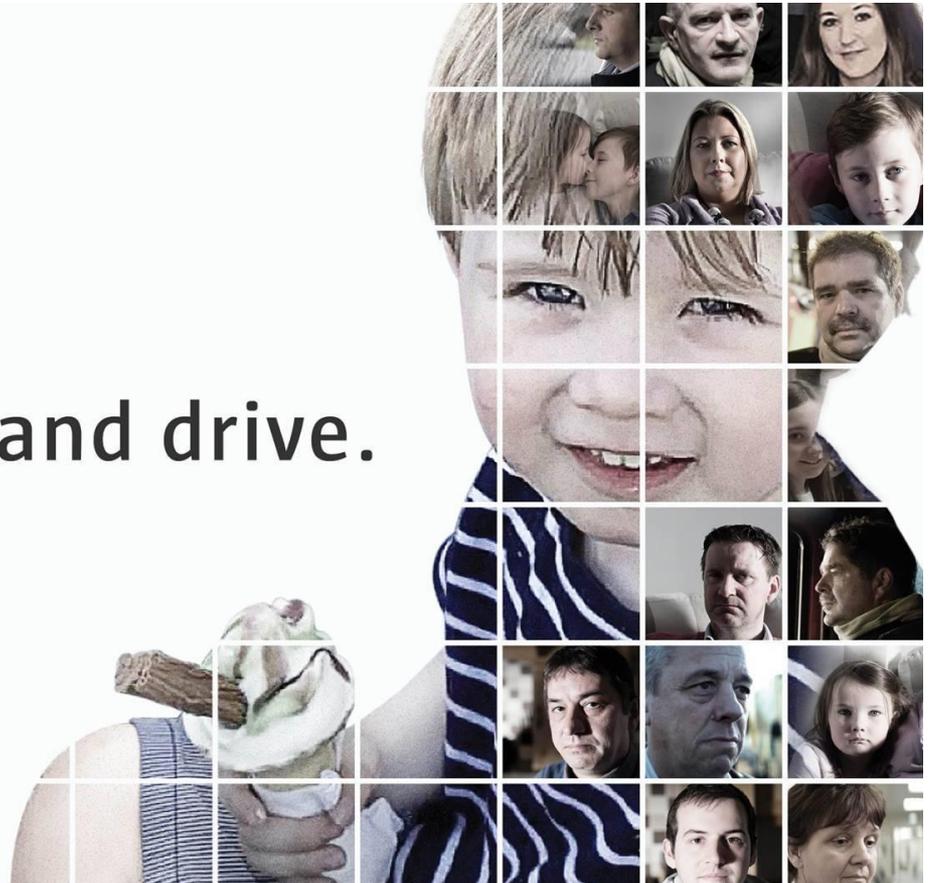
It's never just one life  
**CRASHED LIVES**



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# 25%

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of all road deaths in the EU  
are alcohol-related

*Source: EC*

# 6400

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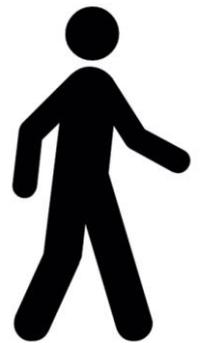
people died in drink-driving  
collisions in 2016

# DRINK-DRIVING DATA COLLECTION

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

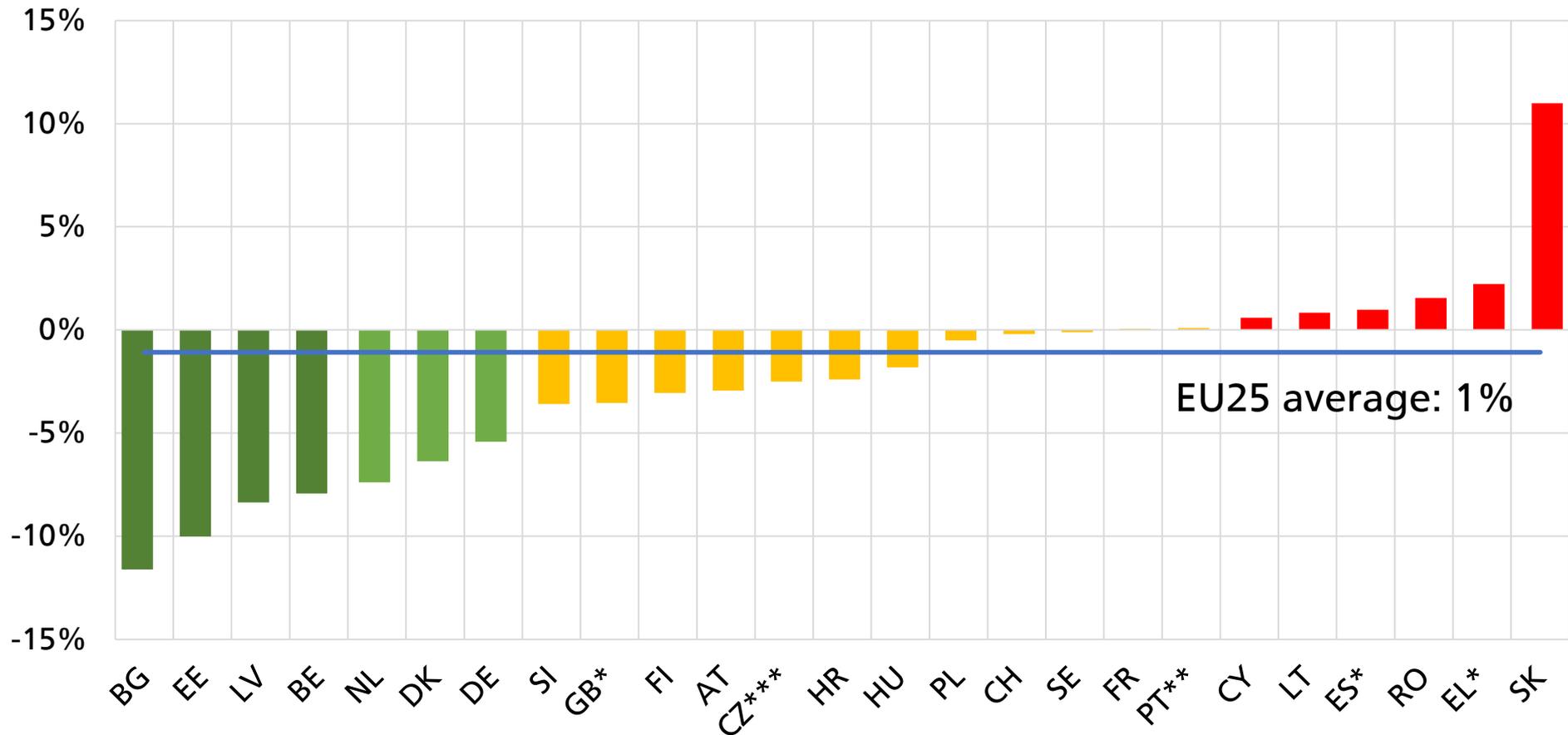
# DRINK-DRIVING DATA COLLECTION

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



# TACKLING DRINK-DRIVING IN 25 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES 2006-2016

Difference between average annual percentage change in deaths recorded as alcohol-related and corresponding change in other road deaths



# COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST DRINK-DRIVING

- Legal blood alcohol limits
- **Enforcement**
- Sanctions



# COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST DRINK-DRIVING

- Rehabilitation programs
- +  
• Alcohol interlocks



# COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST DRINK-DRIVING

- Education and campaigns



**Look her in the eye.  
Then say a quick drink  
never hurt anybody.**

**DRINKING AND DRIVING WRECKS LIVES.**



**50** Fifty years of campaigning against drink driving



# BAC LIMITS ACROSS THE EU

- An increasing number of countries are lowering their BAC limits to be in line with EU recommendation 2001 on maximum BAC legal limit
- 22 EU countries apply lower BAC for novice drivers (0.0 – 0.2)
- 19 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
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
Malta	0.8	0.8	0.8
UK	0.8	0.8	0.8

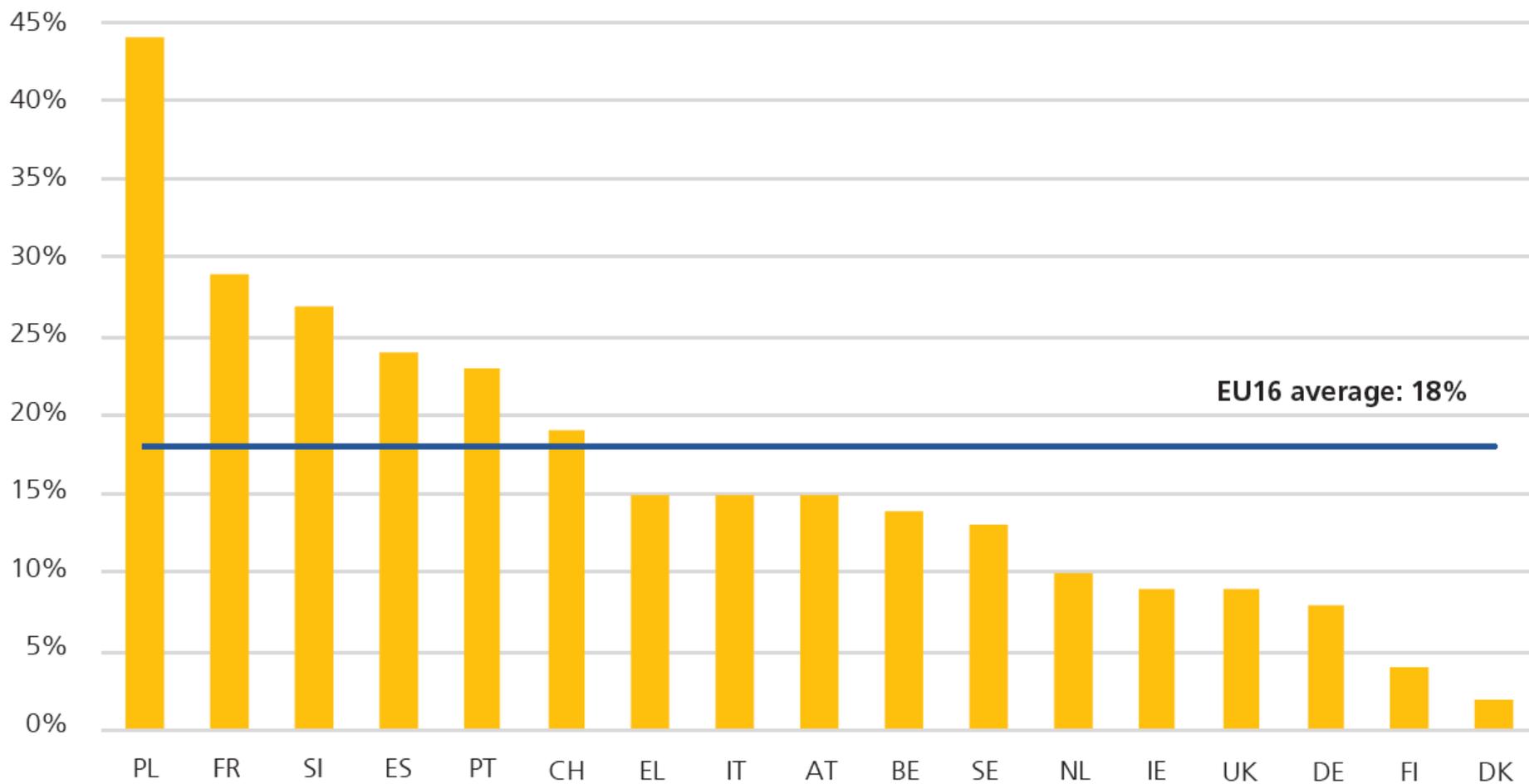
# DRINK-DRIVING CHECKS/1000 INHABITANTS (2015)

	2015	2014	2013
Estonia	677	572	470
Poland	466	405	234
Finland	279	286	149
Austria	189	214	209
Slovenia	156	186	184
Greece	n/a	166	163
France	152	164	160
Hungary	135	124	121
Cyprus	135	138	146
Sweden	130	205	234
Romania	72	73	75
GB	n/a	11	12



Not available in  
 Belgium  
 Czech Rep.  
 Germany  
 Denmark  
 Croatia  
 Luxembourg  
 Latvia  
 Netherlands  
 Slovakia

# ONLY 18% OF ROAD USERS THINK THEY ARE VERY LIKELY TO BE TESTED FOR DRINK-DRIVING ON A REGULAR JOURNEY

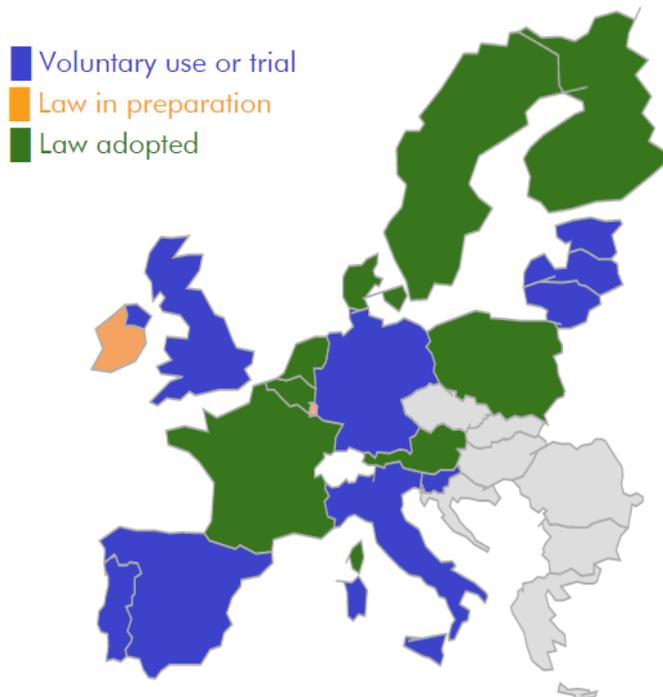


Source: ESRA survey

# ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS

## Alcohol Interlocks in the EU

December 2017



- Studies repeatedly shown alcohol interlocks combined with rehabilitation programmes cut reoffending rates
- Increasingly used across Europe for professional drivers and in rehabilitation programs for drink driving offenders

# RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MEMBER STATES

- Obligatory testing for alcohol of all active road users in all collisions resulting in road deaths or serious injuries
- Adopt the SafetyNet recommended definition of a drink-driving death or serious injury
- Consider adopting a zero tolerance for drink-driving
- Intensify enforcement of drink-driving laws by setting targets for minimum levels of alcohol checks of the motorist population
- Alcohol interlock use for first time high-level and recidivists offenders supported by a rehabilitation programme

# WHAT CAN YOU DO AS AN MEP?

- Promote alcohol interlocks in your country
- Upcoming revision of the General Safety Regulation:
  - Support mandating life-saving technologies, including standardised alcohol interlock interface in all new vehicles
  - As a first step towards wider use of alcohol interlocks, support legislation for their use by professional drivers



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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

Best practice and guidelines for Member States



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