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Measures to improve drink driving in Slovenia

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SLOVENIAN TRAFFIC SAFETY AGENCY

Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency is a central governmental institution for road safety, established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in 1 of September in 2010.

Agency`s mission is to reduce the worst consequences of road accidents.

Our tasks begin with road safety and include research and analytic work, preventive and educational programmes, expert tasks related to the national road safety programme, tasks related to drivers and vehicles.

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Area

20.273 km²

Population

2.066.880

GDP/capita

20.815 EUR

Economic growth increased in the first quarter of 2017 – GDP grew by 4.80%

Number of vehicles (2017)

1.525.000 of which 1.118.000 (76%) of cars

Number of cars per 1000 of inhabitants (2017)

531

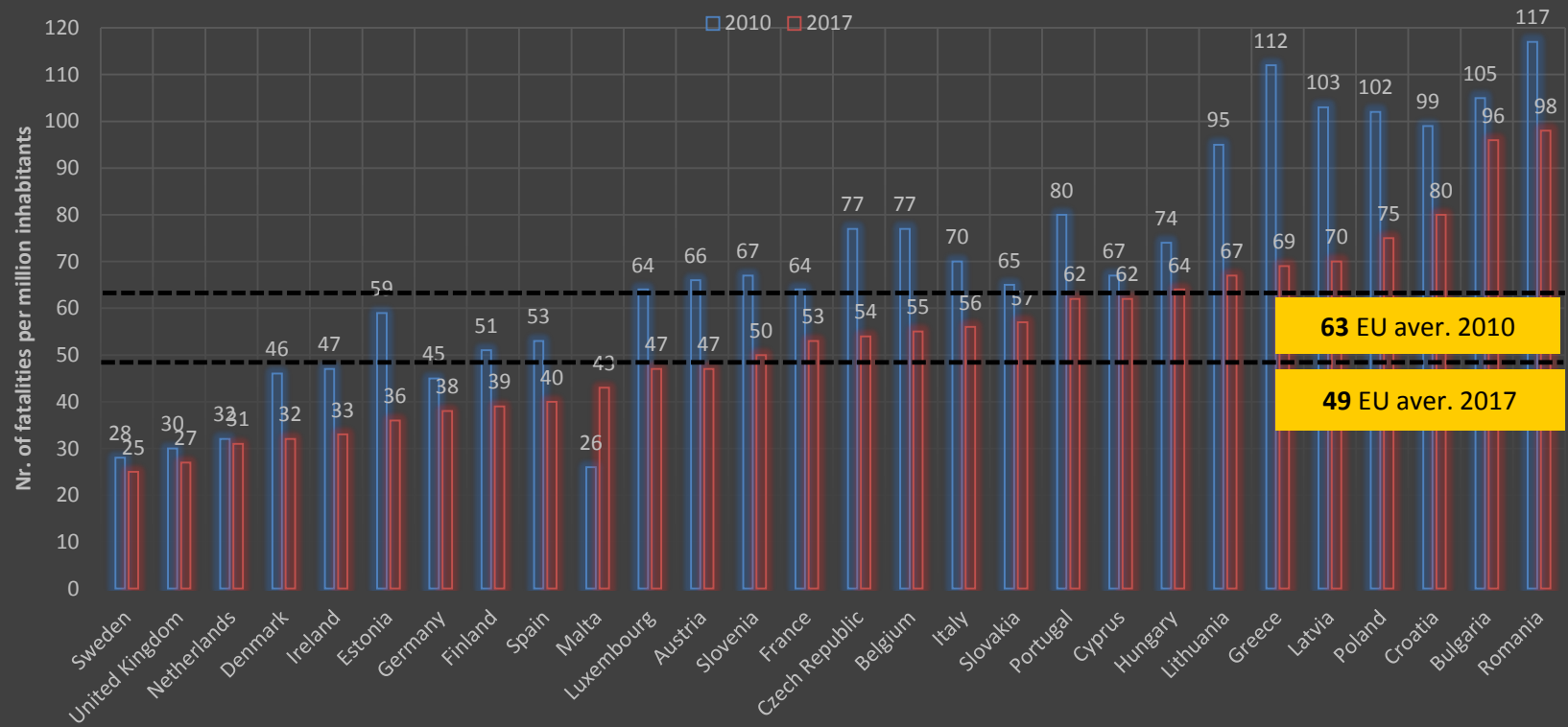
Number of fatalities in road traffic

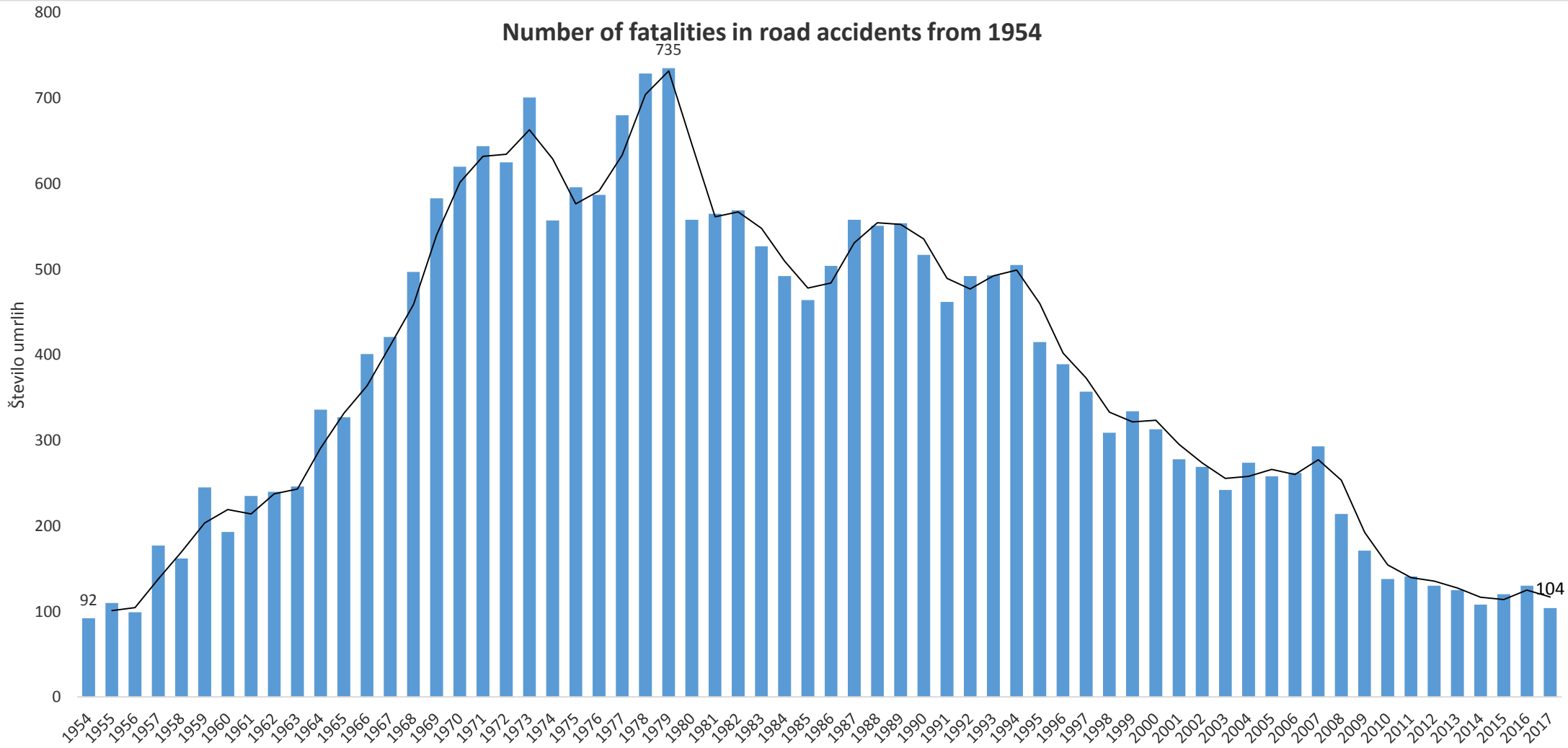
104 (2017)

Consumption of pure alcohol per capita

10,4 l

Nr. of fatalities per million inhabitants in EU member states in 2010 and 2017

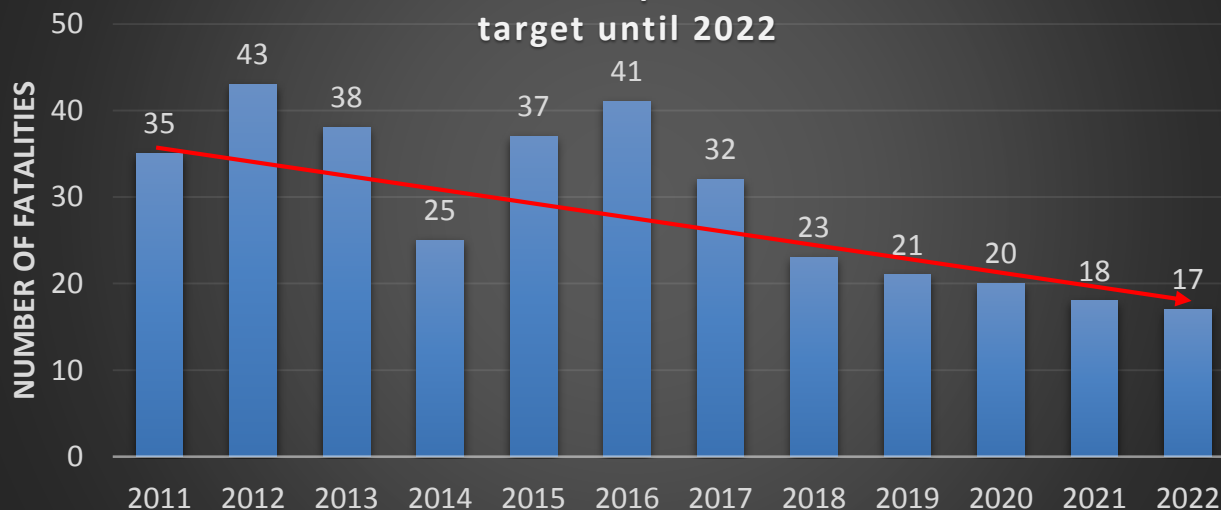




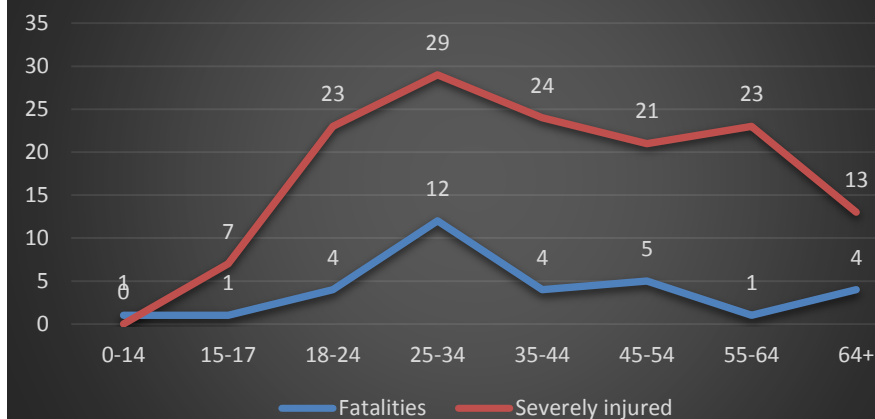
National program of road safety for the period 2013 - 2022

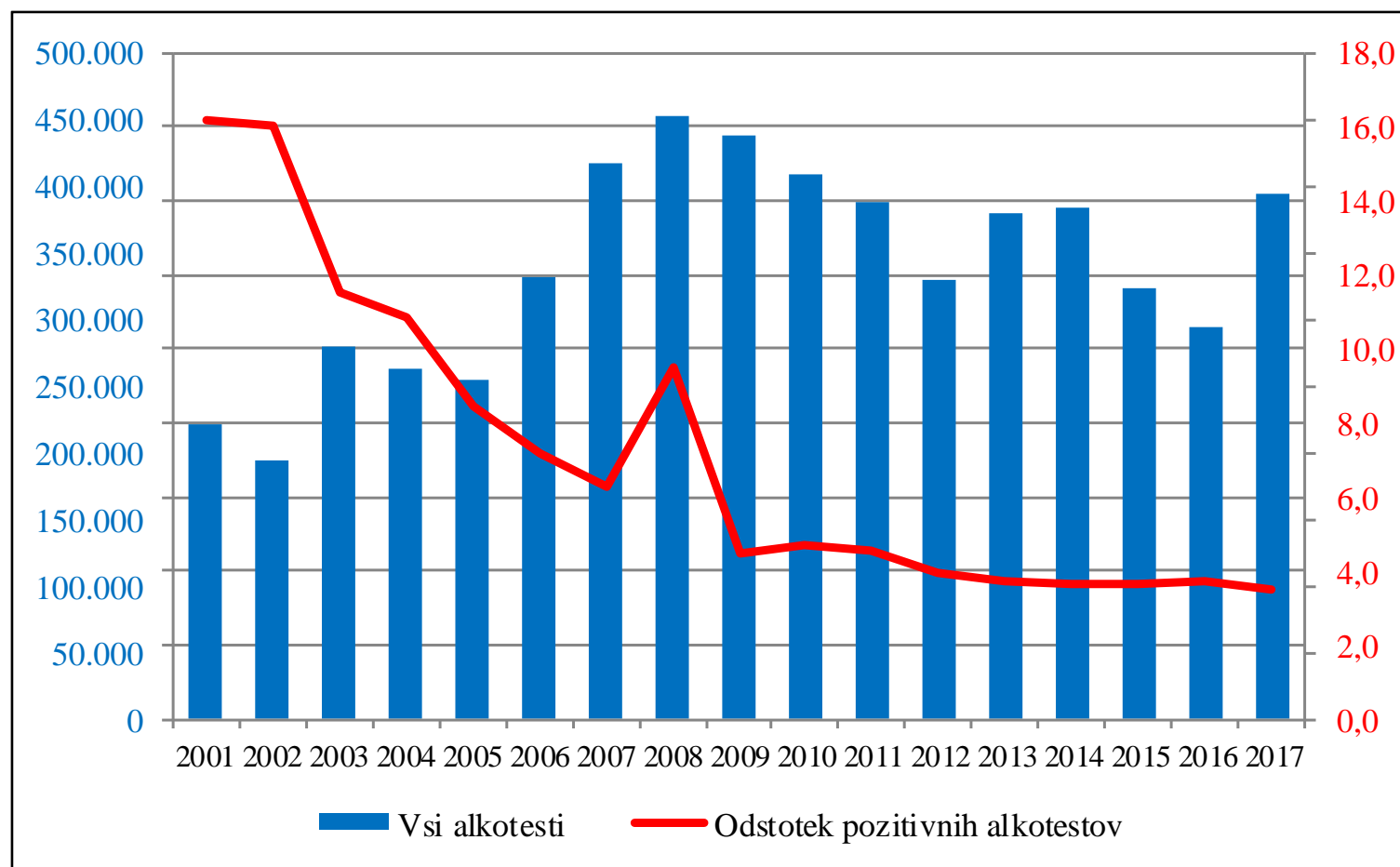
TO REDUCE BY 50% THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHERE THE SECONDARY FACTOR IS ALCOHOL, ILLICIT DRUGS OR OTHER PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES OR NOT MORE THAN 17 FATALITIES IN 2022

The number of fatalities due to driving under the influence of alcohol in the period 2011-2017 and the target until 2022

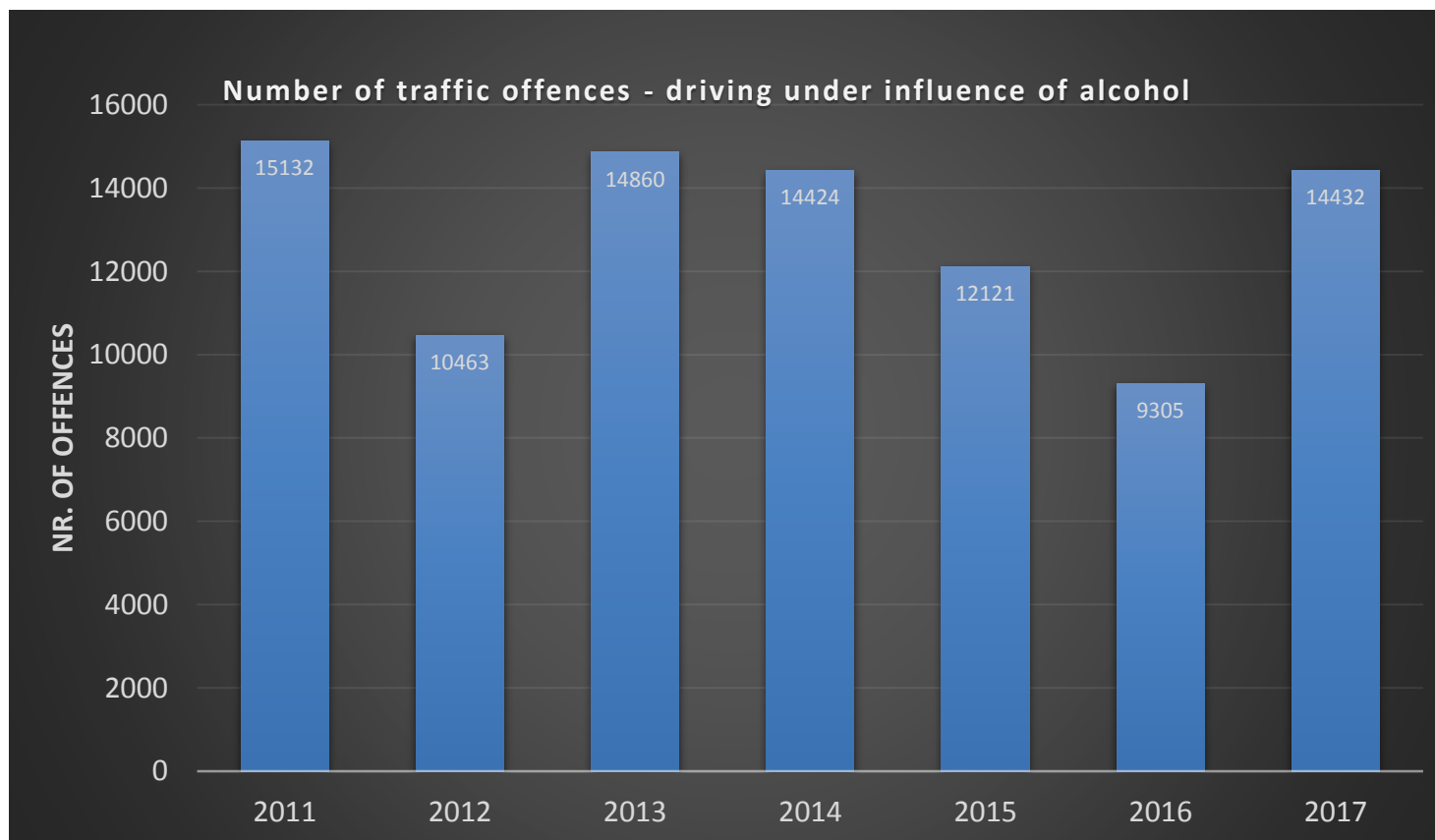


Consequences of road accidents caused by driver under influence of alcohol (2017)





	Type of measure	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Alcohol test ordered	377.507	321.885	293.822	394.971
	Positive results	13.875	11.645	10.869	13.850
	Share of 18positive results	3,68%	3,62%	3,70%	3,51%
ILLICIT DRUGS	Medical exam for drugs	775	723	912	1.405
	Positive results	246	143	236	238
	Share of positive results	31,74%	19,78%	25,88%	16,94%
	Refusal of medical exam	181	209	315	670
	Number of detentions (ZPrCP)	465	310	331	360
	Suspension of drivers licence	6.788	5.687	5.192	7.297
	Number of road accidents causers	15.398	15.352	15.610	15.076
	Number of drivers who caused road accident under influence of alcohol	1.527	1.514	1.872	1.529
	Average level of alcohol concentration	1,45	1,44	1,44	1,44



- In 1947, we reduced the level of alcohol in Slovenia to 1.0 g/kg (‰)
- In 1950 the limit was reduced to 0.5 g/kg (‰)
- In 1965 we introduced a complete ban for professional drivers - 0.0
g/kg (‰)
- Since 2005, we have 11 groups of road users, who have a total ban on
alcohol

Restrictions on the use of alcohol (alcohol policy) → PROHIBITIONS:

- The sale and supply of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 18.
- To sell alcoholic beverages to persons showing obvious signs of alcohol abuse.
- To sell alcoholic beverages from automatic self-service devices.
- To sell alcoholic beverages between 9 pm and 7 am on the following day, except in catering establishments (bars, pubs, restaurants...) with a permit.

STRICTER SANCTIONS (Act of Traffic Rules; Article 105; stricter penalties for drink driving in 2008 and 2010):

Sanction	Penalty (EUR)	PP	Side sanction
Up to and including 0.50 g/l BAC or 0.24 mg/l of breath and showing signs of behavioral disorder	300,00	4	
Up from 0.50 to 0.80 g/l BAC, or of 0.24 to 0.38 mg/l of breath	600,00	8	Possibility to undertake a medical examination with counselling– deleting of 4 penalty points.
More than 0.80 to 1.10 g/l BAC , or more than 0.38 to 0.52 mg/l of breath	900,00	16	Voluntary participation in the rehabilitation program for deleting 4 penalty points.
More than 1.10 g/l BAC , or more than 0,52 mg/l of breath	1.200,00	18	Suspension of driver's license and participation in the appropriate rehabilitation program (educational, psychosocial workshops or medical treatment of addiction)



- **Rehabilitation programs:**

- ❖ **Medical exam with counselling**

- ❖ **Educational workshops** (It lasts in a total of **6 pedagogical hours of group work**. They are carried out in two meetings, which can not be performed in the same or consecutive day according to the following program)

- ❖ **Psychosocial workshops** (The program of psychosocial workshop covers at least **17 pedagogical hours**, of which at least two hours of individual treatment and at least 15 hours of work in a group)

- ❖ **Medical programs for addiction treatment**

Participant's attitudes and excuses:

- *I did not feel drunk - otherwise I would not drive.*
- *They just waited for me in front of the bar – someone called them and they stood in front of the bar...*
- *They stopped me right next to the house, and I was just at home.*
- *I drove on the side road.*
- *I accidentally drove, I did not intend - an emergency, instead of a friend ...*
- *I didn't want to drink alcohol, it happened, and I had a car just there ...*

SITUATION:

- *Celebrations*
- *Sport and sports activities*
- *Hang out with friends - in free time*
- *At work and after work*

- Preventive activities and media campaigns with clear message that alcohol in unacceptable in traffic

- Preventive events
- Expert conferences
- Round tables



- Implementation of educational and preventive programs in primary schools and in high schools
- Police enforcement (breath alcohol testing)
- Informing public about medical examinations and rehabilitation programs



- ***NEW!! National preventive campaign ALCOHOL, DRUGS and PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES***

STUDY (2016): Driving under influence of illicit drugs in Slovenia

- As many as 8% of the respondents have been already behind the wheel under the influence of drugs. Every third one does it regularly!
- Most common drugs among Slovenian drivers are: **marijuana**, **cocain** and **amphetamines**.
- **Drugs are completely unacceptable in traffic, as they have a strong impact on driving skills.** Like alcohol, drugs also affect perception, anticipation, judgment, and deciding and finally implementing appropriate behavior.
- Consequences on Slovenian roads due to drug-related driving in 2017:

5 fatalities, 23 severely injured, 50 slightly injured

Activities to tackle driving under influence of illicit drugs:



Preventive events



Workshops in high schools



Expert round tables



New preventive materials „Be cool, don't drive high“



1000 additional tests for illicit drugs „Drugwipe“

- raising awareness in media (press conferences, press articles),
- new activities on social networks

In the next years

✓ **Amendment of the legislation:**

1. Rules on Educational and Psychosocial Workshops
2. Rules on medical examinations

✓ **Renovation of rehabilitation programs::**

1. Extension of educational workshops for 8 hours (2x 4 hours) – now is 6 hours
2. Upgrade the psychosocial workshops due to socially useful work
3. Measures for **repeat** traffic offenders (interlock?)
4. Different programs for drug addicts

✓ **Evaluation of rehabilitation programs** → evaluation among participants of rehabilitation programs

✓ **Preventive campaigns:**

1. Media awareness campaigns
2. Preventive events
3. Workshops in highschools
4. Expert conferences

*Each of us carries its share of responsibility for better road safety and contribute to its realization,
but goals can only be achieved if we continue to work together.*

- **Thank you for your attention!**

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