



# Experiences of alcohol interlocks for DUI offenders in Austria

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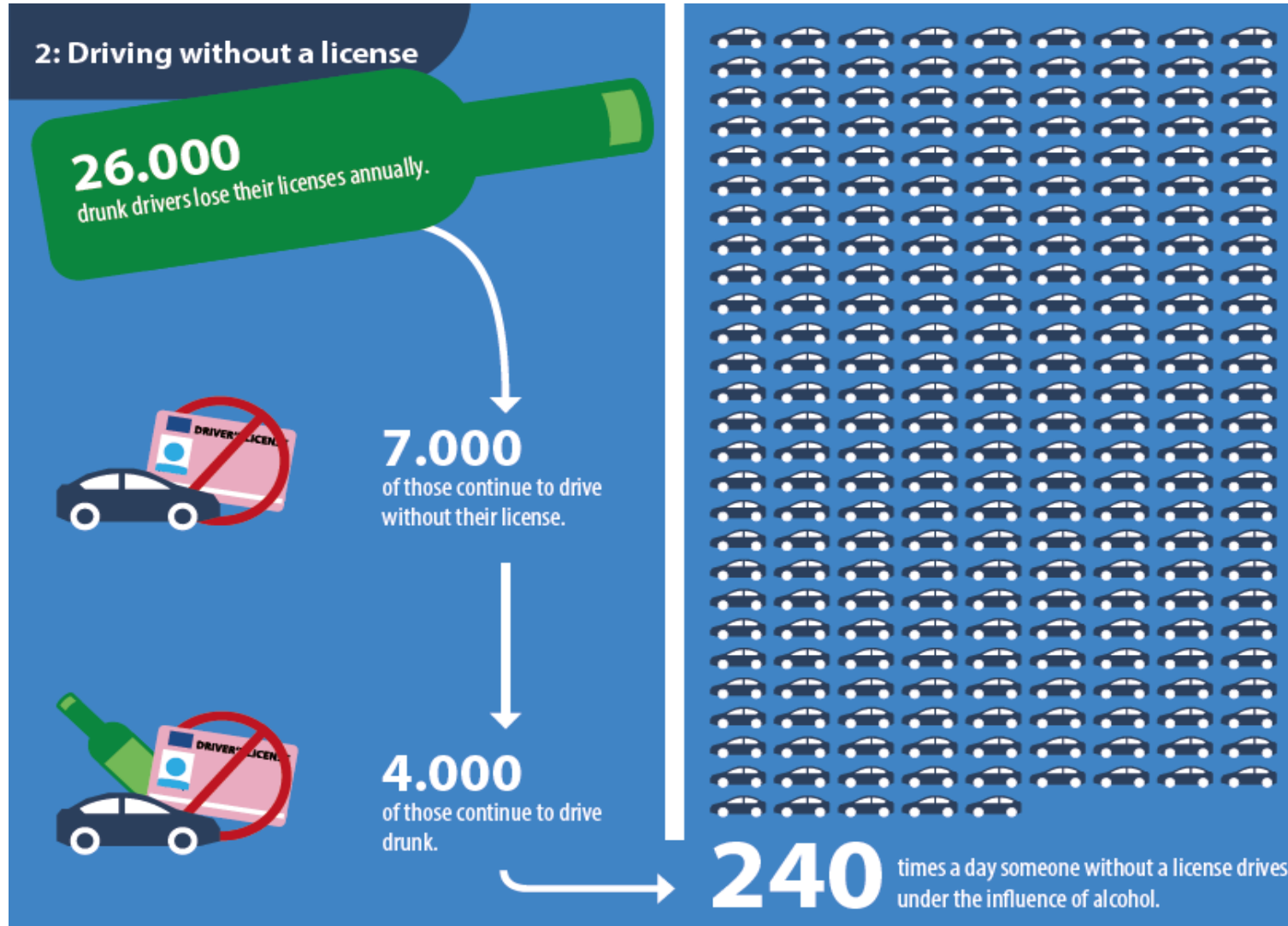
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## WHY ? (1)

There are three good reasons for implementing AI:

1. **Effectively prevent trips made by drunken drivers!**  
(1/4 of drivers who have lost their licence continue to drive;  
approx. 240 drunken trips per day in Austria)

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## WHY ? (2)

2. Make the strategy of **separating drinking & driving** sustainable !
3. Avoid unintentional problems (loss of job; loss of mobility)

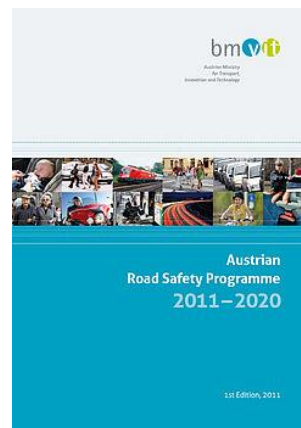
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## AI is a priority in the following programmes:

EU Road Safety Action Plan 2011 – 2020

Austrian Road Safety Programme 2011 – 2020

Austrian government programme 2013 – 2018



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## **Austrian Pilot Project Targets:**

- Assessment of the whole process: organisation & installation of devices, training of participants, AI-usage-experience, reading data, mentoring system.
- Planning and organisation of the framework for a nationwide support of participants
- 6 month trial phase
- Evaluate and improve the mentoring system

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## The pilot project – outcomes and feedback:

- The Alcohol Interlock device and bespoke mentoring programme showed **very positive results**
- The participants see the Alcohol Interlock device as **functional and convenient**
- Participants see the Alcohol Interlock programme as a **genuine alternative** to licence revocation
- The **social circle** of the participants reacts positively and with interest to the programme
- **Routine feedback loops** and narrow collaboration between the participants, companies and agencies are compulsory

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## WHO ?

- First time or repeated drunk driving offenders
- Primarily category B
- Not after accidents or hit-and-run incidents



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## WHEN ?

- Immediately after offence
- AI-duration is two times longer than licence withdrawal period

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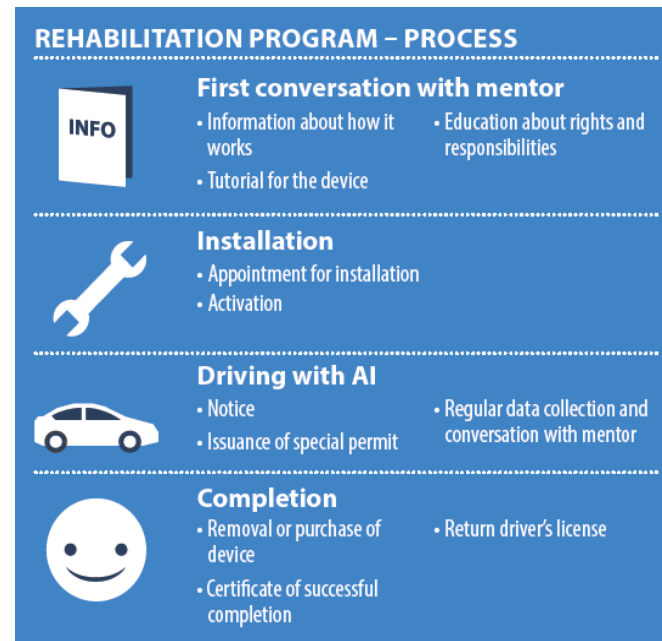
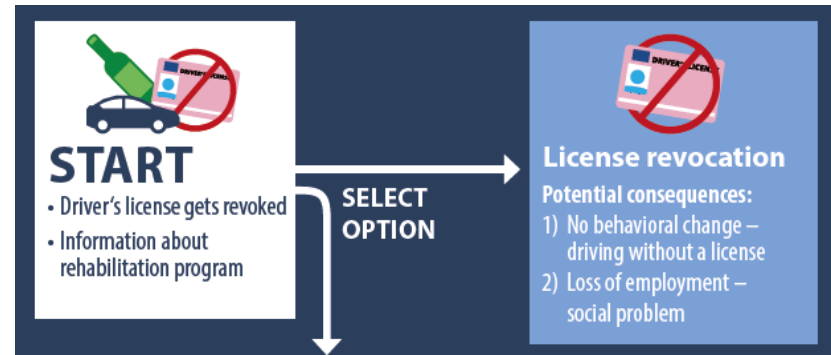
## **ANY ASSISTANCE FOR THE DRIVER ?**

Support is given by mentors with

- technical issues (device assembly, ...)
- administrative issues (not missing official deadlines, ...)
- legal issues (understanding decisions or requests, ...)
- psychological issues (attending driver-improvement, ...)

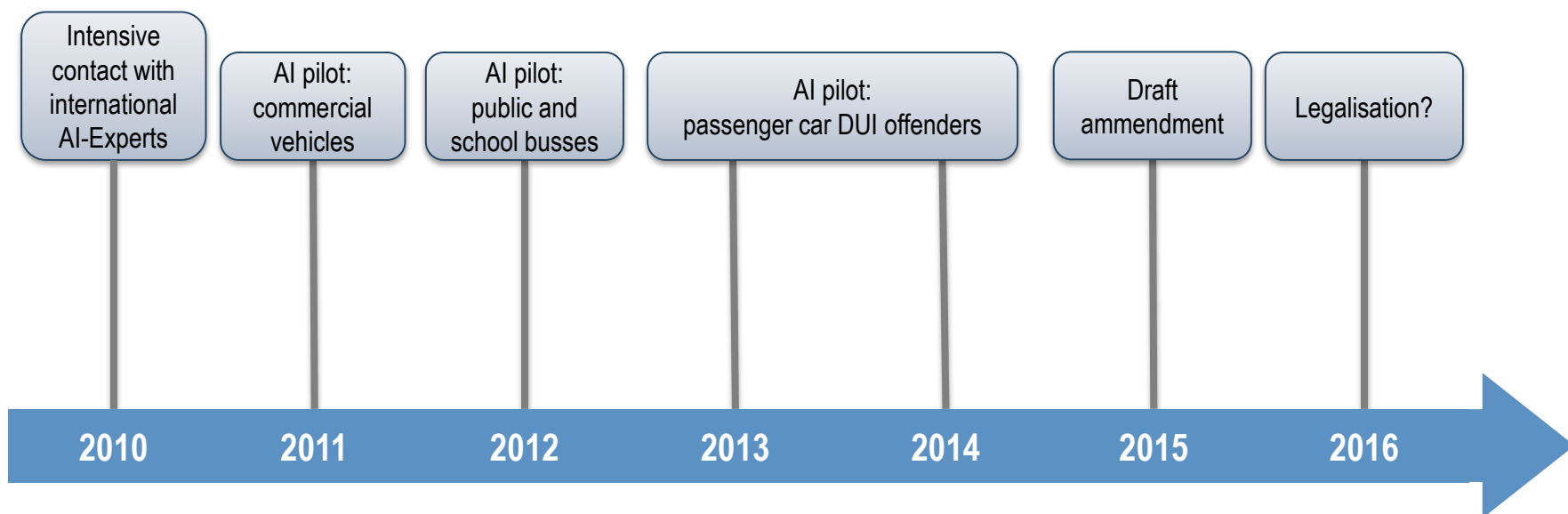
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## Proposal for an Austrian Model



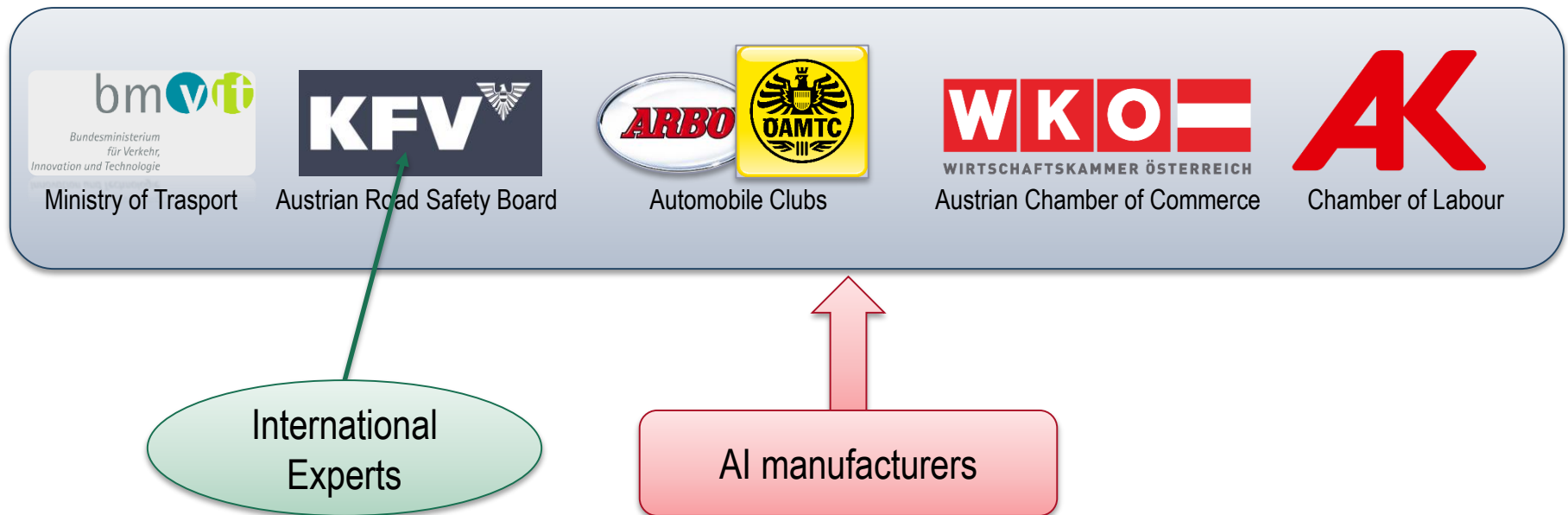
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## Timeline



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## Working group



**Thank you for your attention!**

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