

Alternative Probation System (APS) in Austria

Safe & Sober Talk

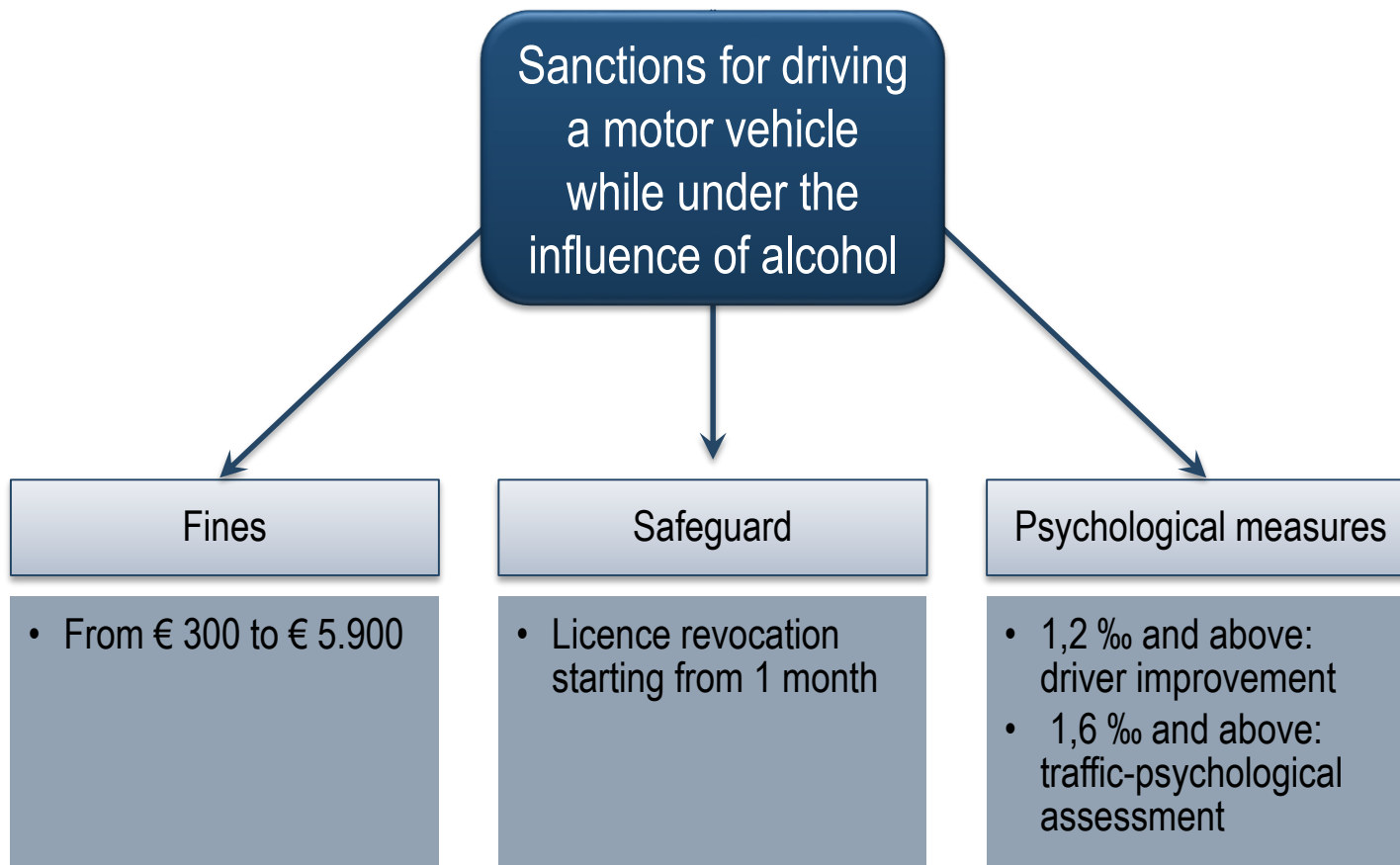
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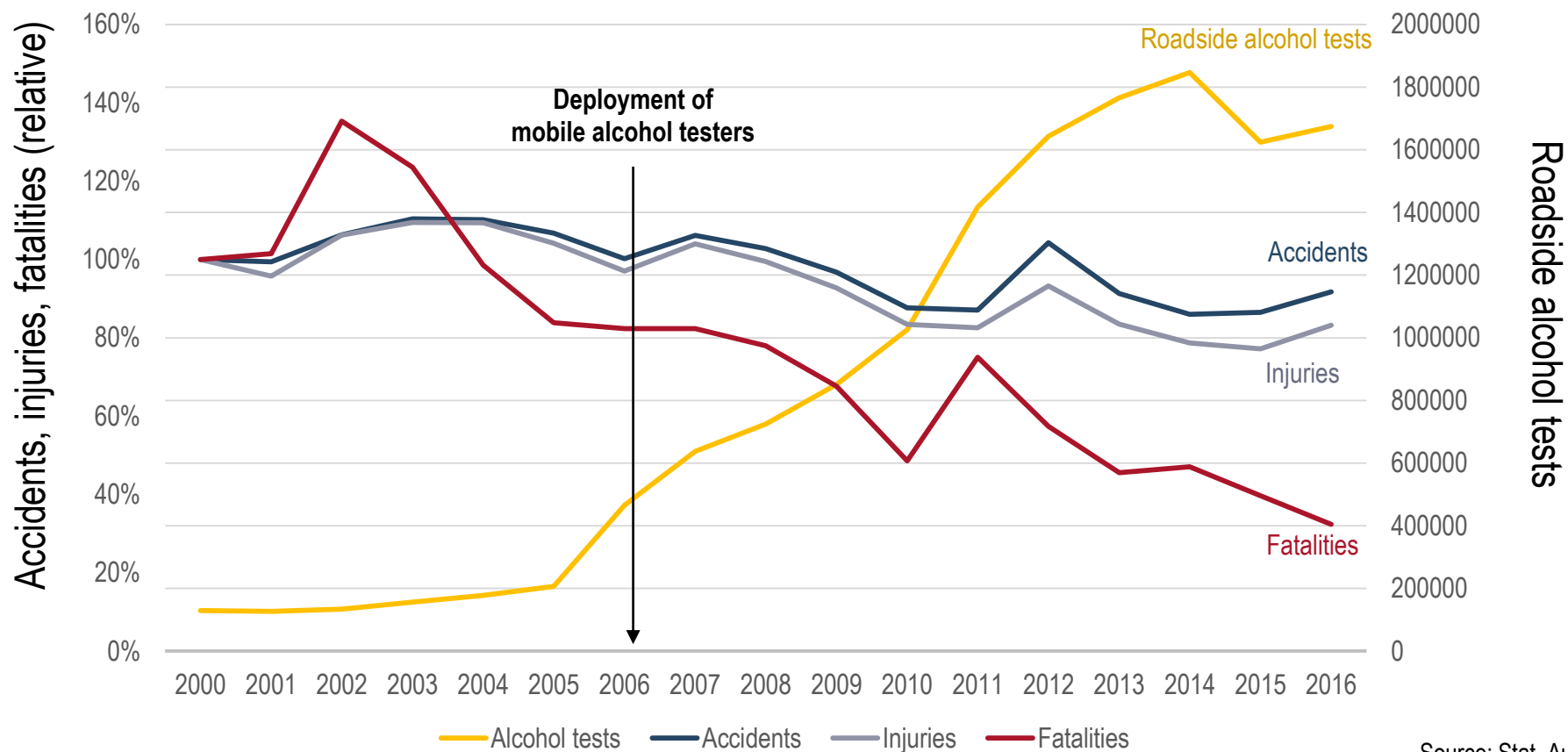
The situation in Austria before APS



Is this sufficient?

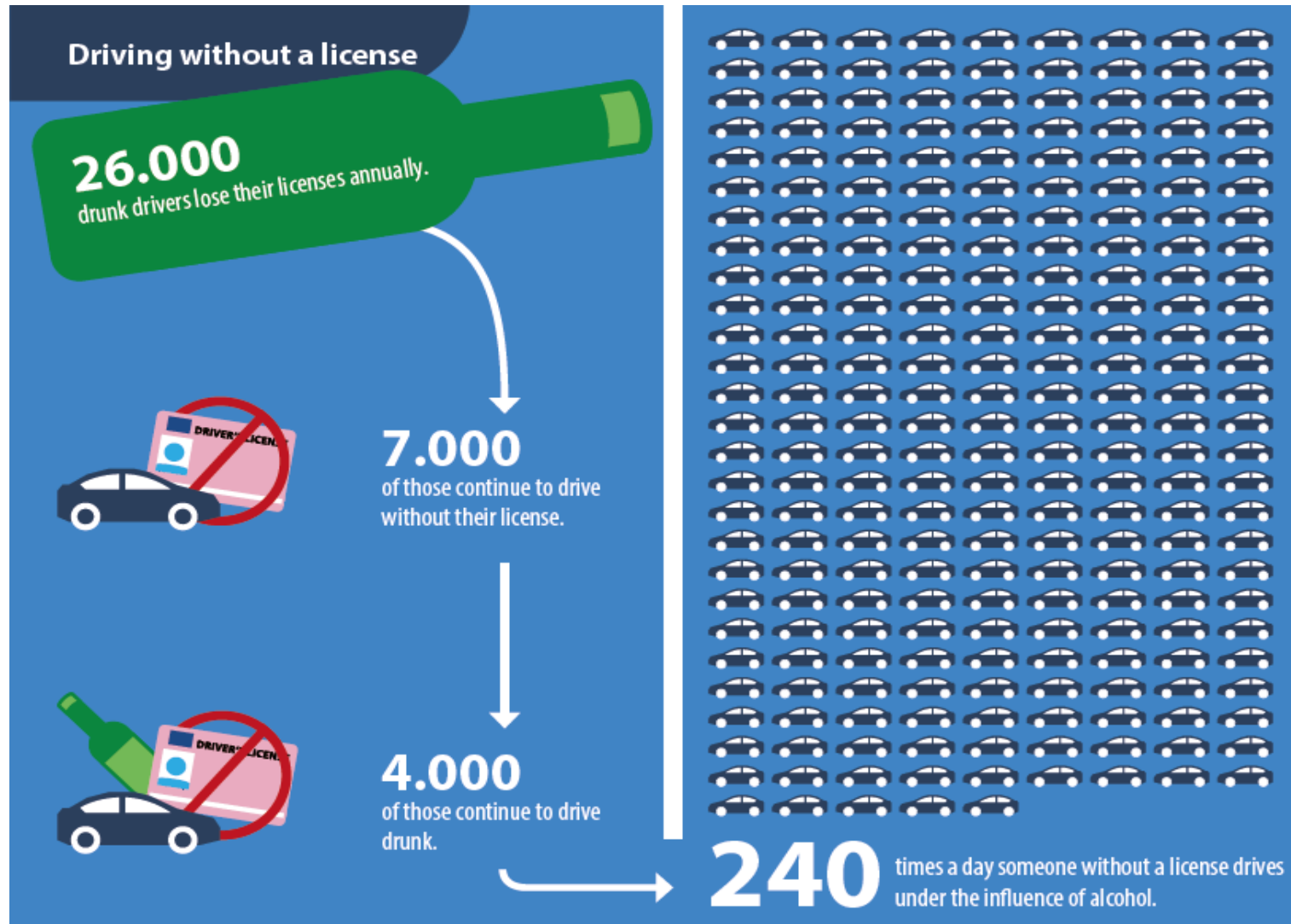
Progression of alcohol-related accidents in Austria

Roadside alcohol tests and accidents, injuries and fatalities due to driving under the influence of alcohol
2000-2016



Source: Stat. Austria

Revocation: reliable safeguarding measure?



Bottom line:

⇒ Accident figures are dropping, but are still high

⇒ Alcohol tests are going up

⇒ Revocation not effective

The Austrian Model (starting Sept 2017)

- Secondarily preventive (only offenders)
- Implementation starting 1 Sept 2017; limited to 5 years
- Participation is voluntary
- Only category B and BE
- Enforcement by administration, judicial system not involved
- Central operative coordination through one competent private entity (procurement procedure) → Workers Samaritan Organisation Austria
- Mentoring is exclusive to the Austrian model

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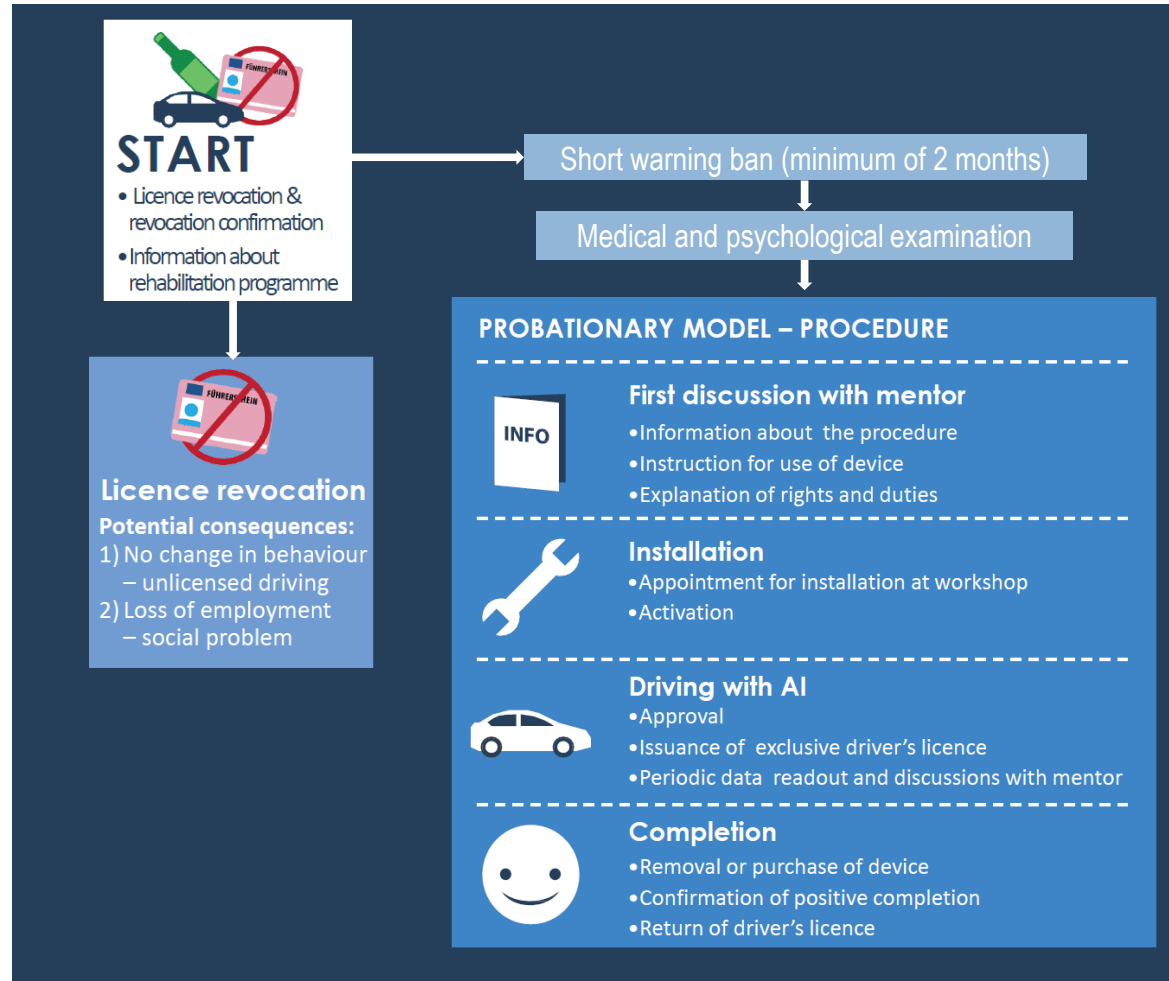
Mentors:

- Driving licence Category B + 30 hours initial training
- Conduction of mentoring discussions with data readout
- Consultation of offender
- Driver has to meet mentor every 2 months
- Interface between all stakeholders

The Austrian Model (starting Sept 2017)

- Dual system (revocation + AI)
- Participation after a 4 month revocation possible
- Half of the actual revocation period has to be completed (but a minimum of 4 months)
- The rest of the revocation period is doubled and completed as an AI-phase (but a minimum of 6 months)
- Device setting: 0,1 ‰
- Violations during the APS-phase lead to exclusion and revocation
- Extension of the APS-Phase is not intended

Procedure



Costs

| Costs for... | Amount |
|--|---|
| ... rental of the device | € 6,56 per day (~ € 200,- per month) |
| ... mentor | € 150,67 per hour (with a minimum of 4 hours) |
| ... installation and removal of device | ~ € 300,- |

Violations

Consequences from violations → exclusion from APS

| | at first instance | when repeated |
|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Bypassing or deactivating the AI | x | |
| Positive test while driving | x | |
| Driving vehicles without AI | x | |
| Insufficient cooperation during APS participation | x | |
| Positive test before start-up | | x |
| Ignoring test request | | x |
| Incomplete driver's log | | x |

Procedure of mentoring discussions

Mentoring discussion (starting from the second meeting)

Part 1



- 1) Data readout from device
 Bluetooth
- 2) Calibration of device

Part 2



- 1) Examination of data readout for violations
- 2) Discussion of the participant's experiences with the device
- 3) Discussion of the driving behaviour in reference to the data readout and driver's logbook and development of strategies for a successful continuation of the programme
- 4) Support with administrative procedures in relation to the DUI offence

Thank you for your attention!



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