Drink-Driving in the European Union

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- ✓ **A science based approach to road safety**
- ✓ **Secretariat** in Brussels
- ✓ **60 member organisations** from across Europe
- ✓ More than **200 experts** contributing to ETSC's work
- ✓ The European Commission, Member Organisations, Member States and corporate sponsors are funding our work
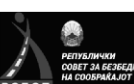
Road Safety Performance Index (PIN)

Ranking EU countries' performances

Monitoring EU transport safety policy

iSAFER
INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE
FOR EUROPEAN ROADS

SMART
SOBER MOBILITY ACROSS ROAD TRANSPORT

YEARS
YOUNG ROAD USERS

PRAISE
Work-Related Road Safety

SAFE & SOBER

REVIVE
IMPROVING POST-COLLISION
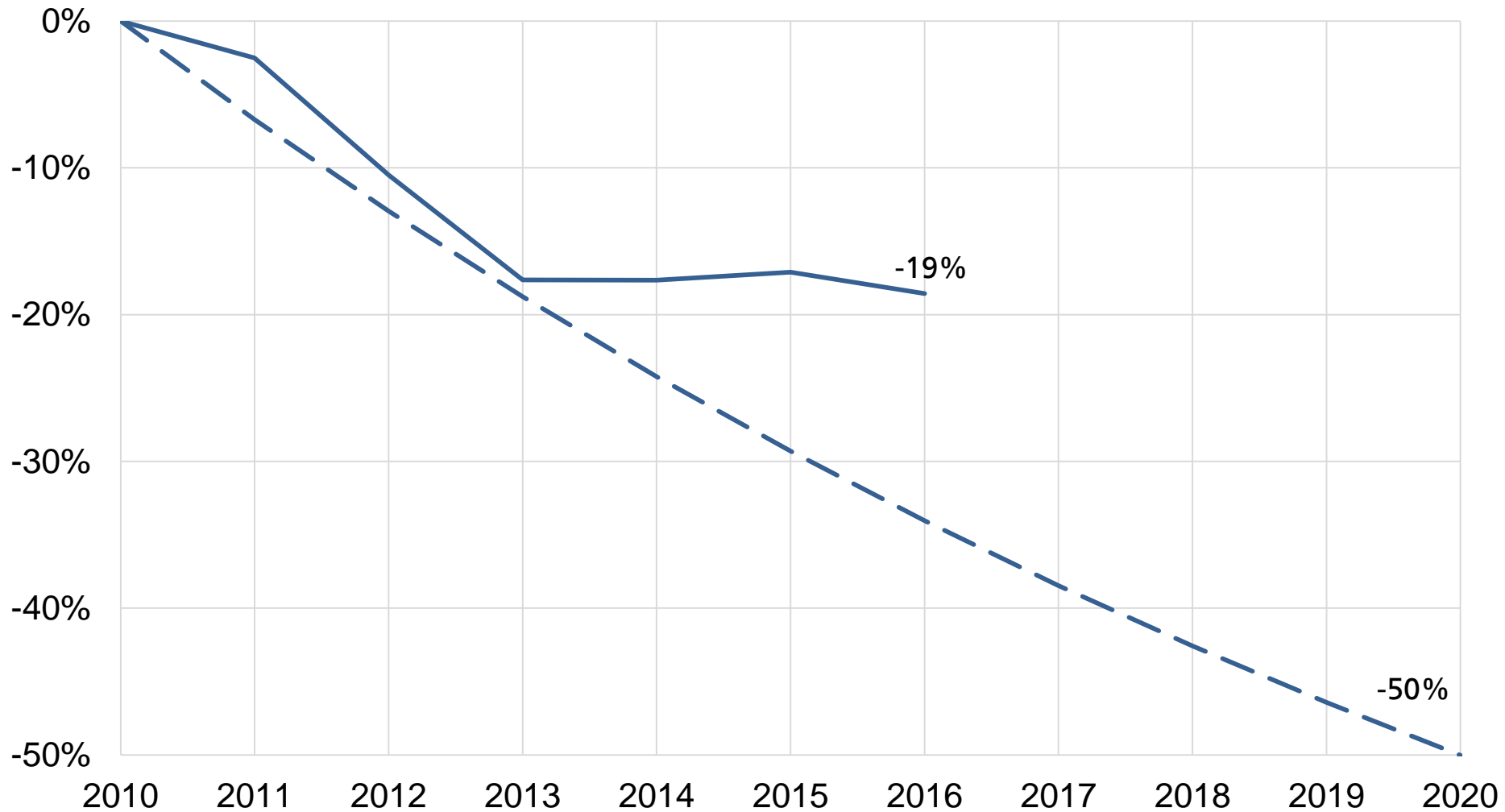RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY
CARE IN EUROPE

DRUG DRIVING

2014-2016 bad years for road safety

25,684

people died in
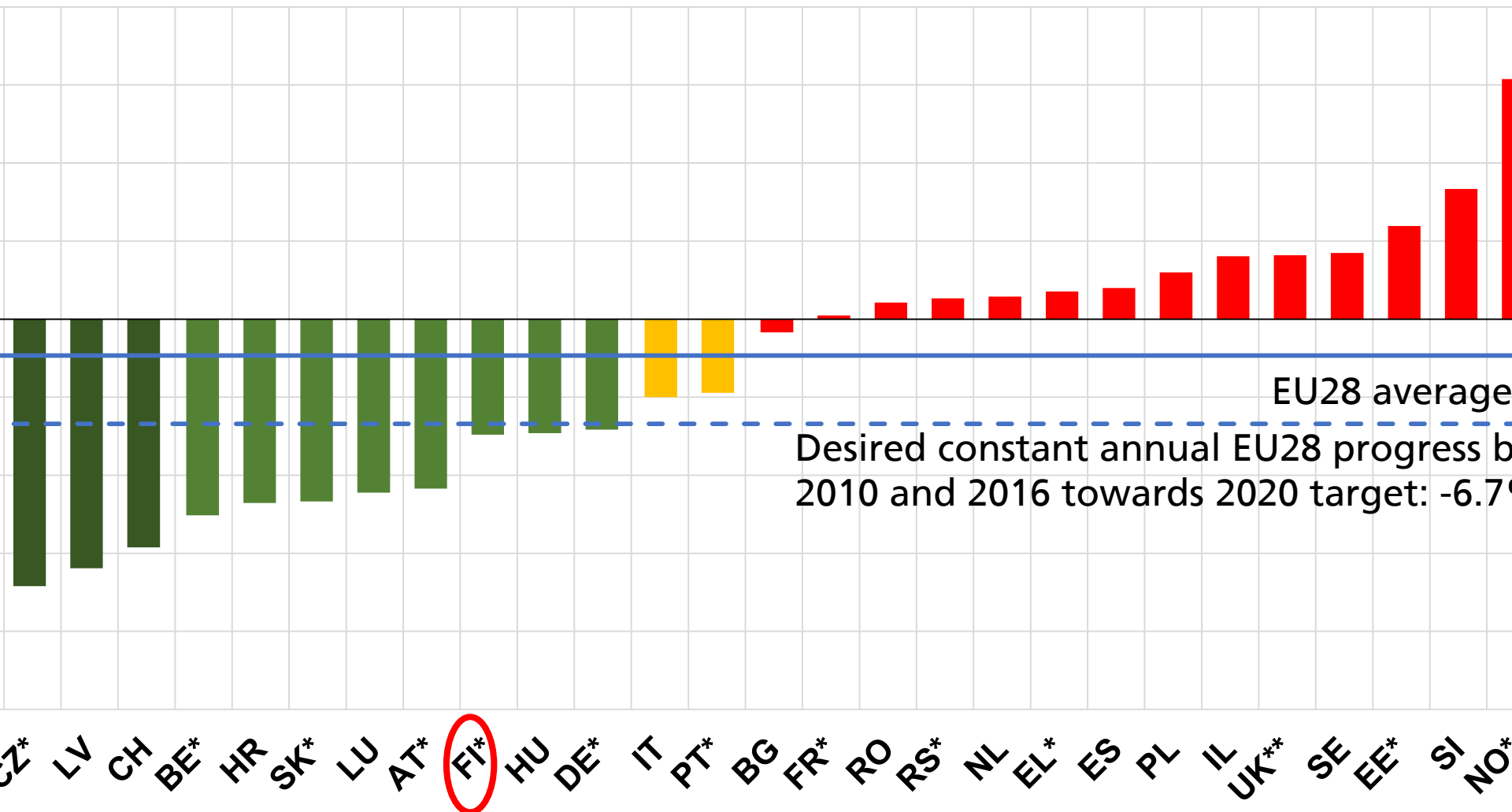road traffic in the
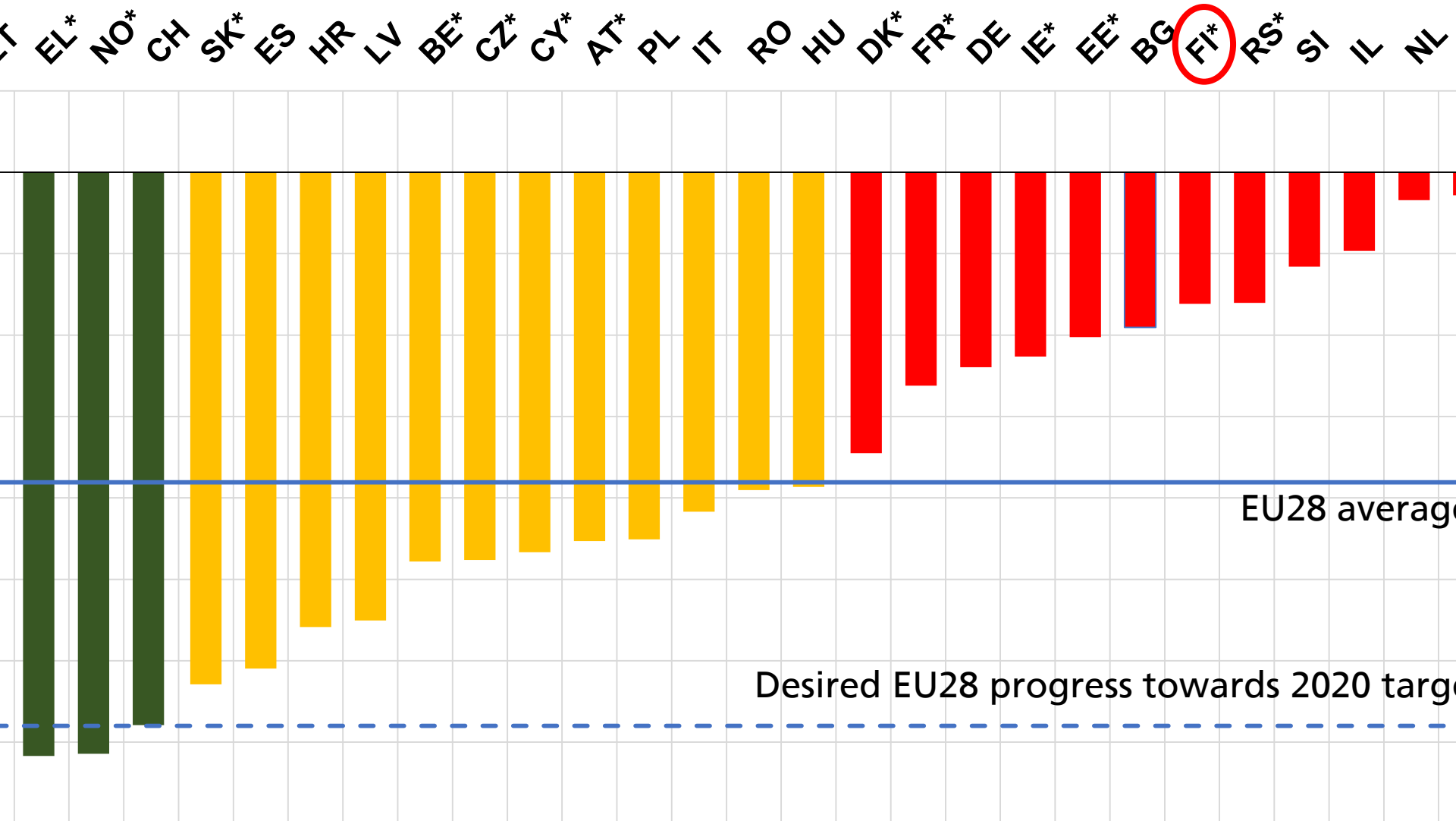EU in 2016

CHANGE IN ROAD DEATHS (%) 2010-2016
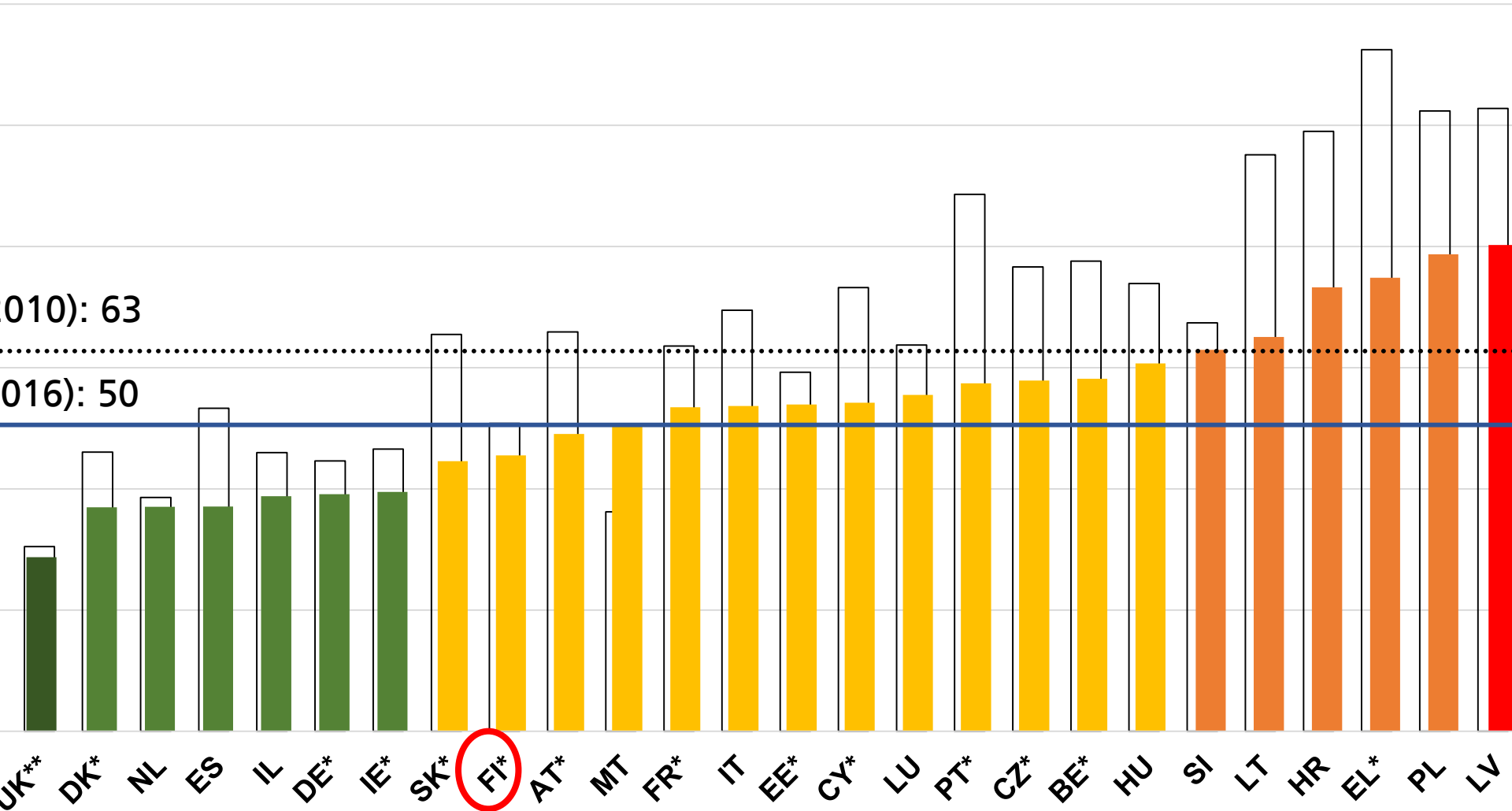
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EU28 average

Desired constant annual EU28 progress b
2010 and 2016 towards 2020 target: -6.7

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ROAD DEATHS PER MLN. INHABITANTS IN 2016 and 2010

010): 63

016): 50

UK** | DK* | NL | ES | IL | DE* | IE* | SK* | FI* | AT* | MT | FR* | IT | EE* | CY* | LU | PT* | CZ* | BE* | HU | SI | LT | HR | EL* | PL | LV

135,000

seriously injured in road traffic in the EU in 2014 according to MAIS3+ definition

Drink-driving in the EU

While the dangers linked to drink driving are fairly well understood, the phenomenon is still widespread in the EU:

- Up to 1.5 - 2% of Km driven in the EU are driven with an illegal Blood Alcohol Concentration

- According to the SARTRE survey, 31% of car drivers in Europe reported to have driven after consuming some amount of alcohol.

- Alcohol related crashes are the leading cause of death in the age group 16-25

Progress in tackling drink driving 2001-2015

Difference between the average annual percentage change in deaths attributed to drink driving and corresponding change in other road deaths
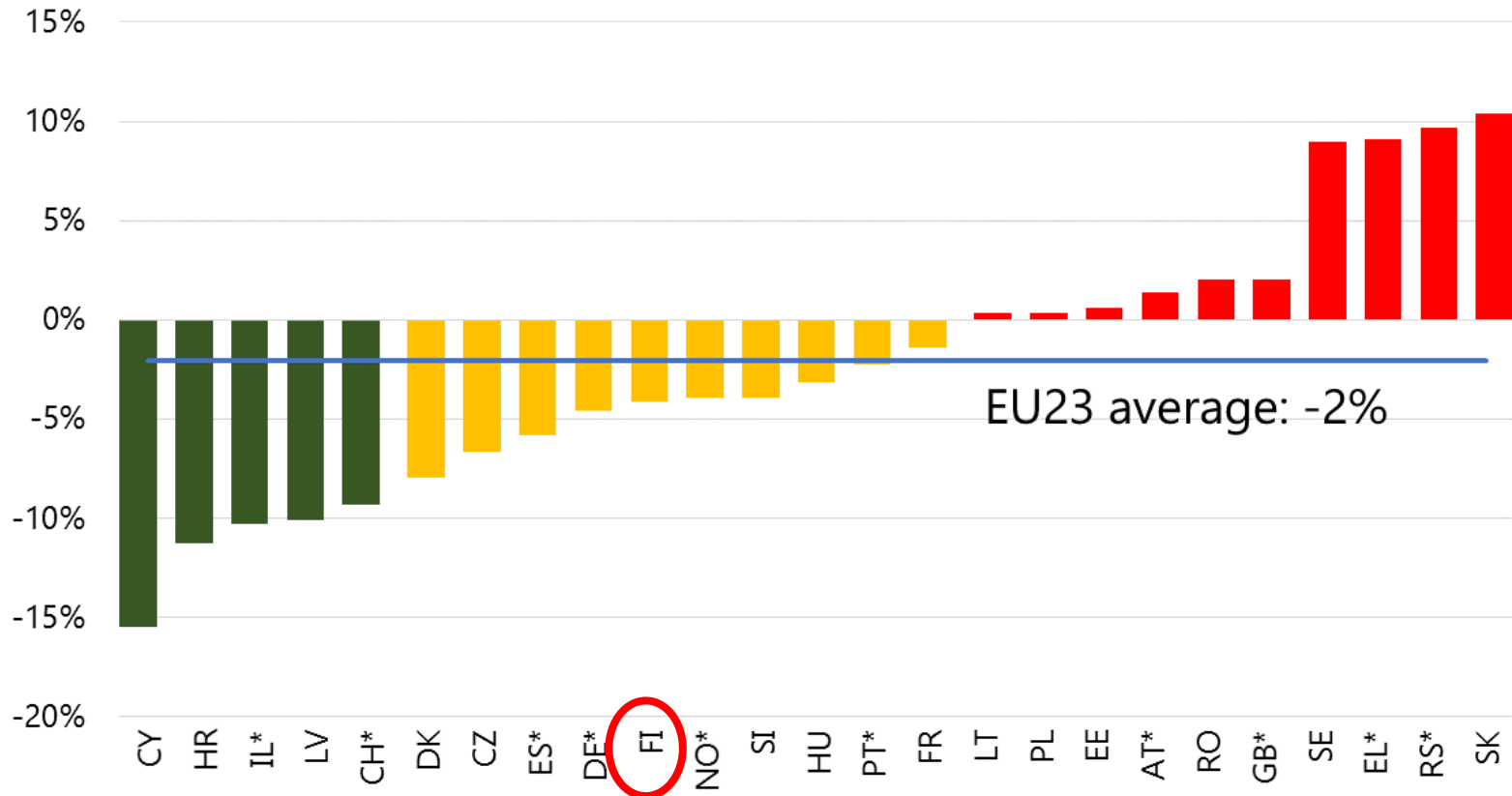
Drink Driving checks / 1000 inhabitants

	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

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

- 18 EU countries apply lower BAC for novice drivers (0.0 – 0.2)

- 18 EU countries apply lower BAC for professional drivers (0.0 to 0.2 BAC)

	Standard BAC	BAC Commercial drivers	BAC Novice Drivers
Austria	0.5	0.1	0.1
Belgium	0.5	0.2	0.5
Bulgaria	0.5	0.5	0.5
Cyprus	0.22	0.22	0.22
Czech	0.0	0.0	0.0
Denmark	0.5	0.5	0.5
Estonia	0.2	0.2	0.2
Finland	0.22	0.22	0.22
France	0.5	0.5 (0.2 bus drivers)	0.5
Germany	0.5	0.0	0.0
Greece	0.5	0.2	0.2
Hungary	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ireland	0.5	0.2	0.2
Italy	0.5	0.0	0.0
Latvia	0.5	0.5	0.2
Lithuania	0.4	0.2	0.2
Luxembourg	0.5	0.2	0.2
Malta	0.8	0.8	0.8
Netherlands	0.5	0.5	0.2
Poland	0.2	0.2	0.2
Portugal	0.5	0.5	0.5
Romania	0.0	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	0.0	0.0	0.0
Slovenia	0.5	0.0	0.0
Spain	0.5	0.3	0.3
Sweden	0.2	0.2	0.2
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
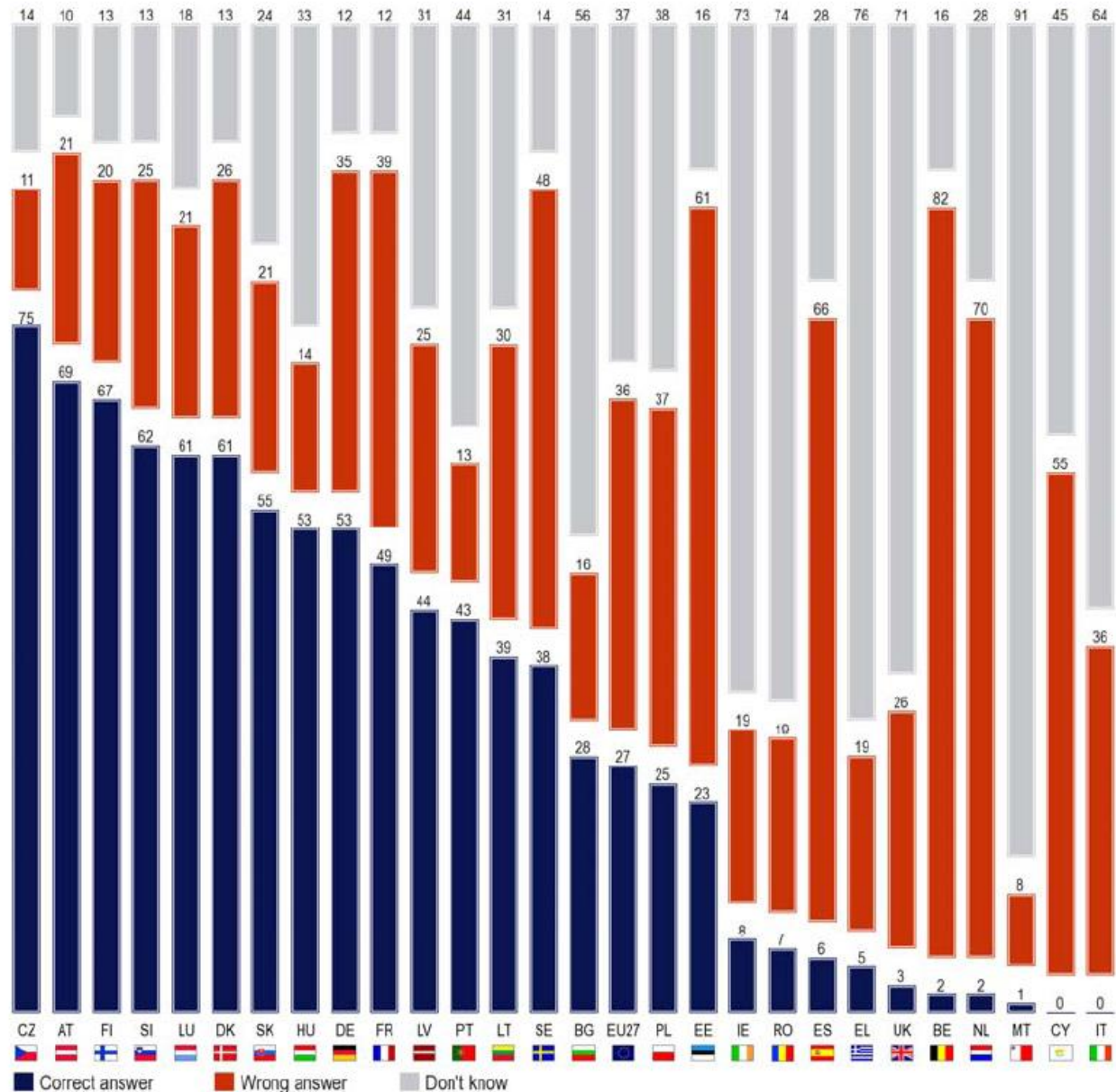
Eurobarometer, Oct. 2010

Recommendations to:

Member States :

- Zero tolerance
- Minimum targets for alcohol checks
- Systematic breath-testing in all Police checks
- Rehabilitation programmes for DUI offenders and higher penalties to address recidivism
- Campaigns raising awareness of drink-driving risk
- Alcohol interlocks to repeat offenders and professional drivers

EU:

- Zero tolerance for commercial and novice drivers
- Adoption of standardised definitions of alcohol-related collisions
- Uniform standards for alcohol interlocks in Europe
- Legislate for a consistently high level of reliability of alcohol interlock devices
- Legislate their use for professional drivers

Drink Driving: Towards Zero Tolerance

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ETSC (2013) Drink-Driving, Towards Zero Tolerance

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Interlocks
in the EU

December 2014

- Voluntary use or trial
- Law in preparation
- Law adopted

ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS AND DRINK DRIVING REHABILITATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Best practice and guidelines for Member States

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