

Safe and Sober Seminar
Friday 19 January 2024
George Moore Auditorium, O' Brien Centre for Science,
University College Dublin

Registration will take place from 9:15am to 10:00am*

10:00am Introduction
Master of Ceremonies (MC) - Mr. Michael Rowland, Director,
Road Safety Authority

10:05am Welcome Address
Ms. Liz O' Donnell, Chairperson, Road Safety Authority

Session 1 – The National Perspective

**10:15 Drink Driving - the Road Safety challenge
persists: understanding and tackling the Alcohol Intoxicant
Enigma.**
Professor Denis A. Cusack, Medical Bureau of Road Safety

10:45 Mandatory Intoxicant Testing Checkpoints
Inspector Ross O' Doherty, An Garda Síochána

11:00 Public Attitudes to Drink Driving
Ms. Velma Burns, Research Manager, Road Safety Authority

**11:15 Blending Screening and Treatment for Alcohol Use
Disorders in an Alcohol Ignition Interlock Programme**
Professor Desmond O' Neill, Consultant Physician in Geriatric
and Stroke Medicine, Tallaght Hospital and Trinity College
Dublin

11:35 Question and Answer Session

11:45 Break

Session 2 – Experiences from the EU and Abroad: Success and Challenges

- 12:00** **Drink Driving in the European Union – Latest Data and EU Legislation**
Mr. Antonio Avenoso, European Transport Safety Council
- 12:15** **Examples from Alcohol Interlock programmes in Europe**
Ms. Francesca Podda, European Transport Safety Council
- 12:30** **The value of alcohol interlocks: ETSC’s latest video campaign**
- 12:35** **Alcohol Interlock rehabilitation programme in Belgium**
Ms. Anneliese Heeren, Belgian Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport
- 12:55** **Alcohol Interlocks in taxi companies: a Swedish experience**
Mr. Andreas Olofsson, CEO, Vilhelmina Taxi Sweden
- 13:10** **Alcohol Interlocks - how do they work in practice?**
Mr. Sergey Krasaev, Alcohol Countermeasure Systems (ACS)
- 13.20** **Question and Answer Session**
- 13:35** **Closing Address**
Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Jack Chambers T.D.
- 13:40** **Alcohol Interlock - Practical Demonstration**
Mr. Noel Matthews, Matthews Coaches
- 14:00** **Lunch**