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Feedback, analysis and future developments of the Belgian rehabilitation programme for offenders and recidivists

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Law July 2009 + Royal Decrees November 2010 on the installation of the device, the rehabilitation programme and technical requirements

From upon **1/10/2010**, judges *can* apply alcohol interlocks for 1-5y/ definitely to

- first offenders ≥ 0.8 BAC
- drunk drivers
- repeat offenders



Not for alcohol addicts: compulsory withdrawal for medical reasons



Mandatory program + installation alcolock

- Code 112
(> European code 69)

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1. Naam 2. Voornam 3. Geboortedatum en -plaats 4a. Datum van afgifte
4b. Administratieve geldigheid tot 4c. Afgeleverd door 5. Rijbewijsnummer
10. Geldig vanaf 11. Geldig tot 12. Beperkingen/vermeldingen

- < 0.2 BAC (<-> normal BAC limit 0.5)
- Mandatory rehabilitation programme
- Downloads of data



Sanction

- Driving without alcohol interlock

- Non respect of the rehabilitation programme (eg circumventing)

- Driving with BAC > 0.2

Prison 1m-5y + withdrawal 1-5y/ definitely



Alcohol interlocks - Timeline

Oct 2010:
legislation into
force

Nov 2011:
homologation of
device (Dräger
Interlock XT)

Aug 2012:
recognition
of service
center

Aug 2012

35 people in
rehab programme

March
2016



Situation March 2016

**In a period of 3,5y
only 35 people
follow(ed) the rehab programme**

Why not MORE?



Problems and challenges

High price > € 3400/ y

Device and
downloads

- € 2200/ y (lease – monthly payment by instalments is possible)
- € 2550/ y (purchase – to pay at once)

Rehab
programme

- € 1210/ y
- € 2178/ 5y

Fine + withdrawal

- **€ 1200**-12000 (recid: **€ 2400**-30000)
- Judge can subtract the costs of alcolock from the fine

⇔ normal (min.) fine is cheaper



Problems and challenges

- Alcolock not in case of **addiction**: not always clear
- **Choice** for judge + offender:
alcolock + fine (+withdrawal)
or only fine (+withdrawal) ?
- **Company cars (leasing)** : quick change of cars
+ risk of dismissal
- **Professional drivers** : risk of being dismissed
+ other drivers who use the same truck



Next steps for Belgium

(intention)

- **Compulsory for recidivists**

Except in case of alcohol addiction: withdrawal

Except if the judge motivates extensively why not - strong alternative e.g. withdrawal twice as long

- **Preventif: alcolocks in school transport or transport of persons (cf. France)**



5 recommendations to Greek authorities



1. Foresee enough **TIME** to implement (legislation, stakeholders, programme, homologation,...)

2. To not demotivate: don't make the programme too long (2-3 y max)

GOOD LUCK 😊



recommendations

3. A REHAB PROGRAMME is essential
4. Make alcohol interlocks ATTRACTIVE (vs. other sanctions), eg in a preventive way
5. Try to lower the COST (assurances)

GOOD LUCK 😊



Thank you
for your attention !

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