# DRINK-DRIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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## **Road Safety Performance Index (PIN)**

Ranking EU countries' performances

**Monitoring EU transport** safety policy











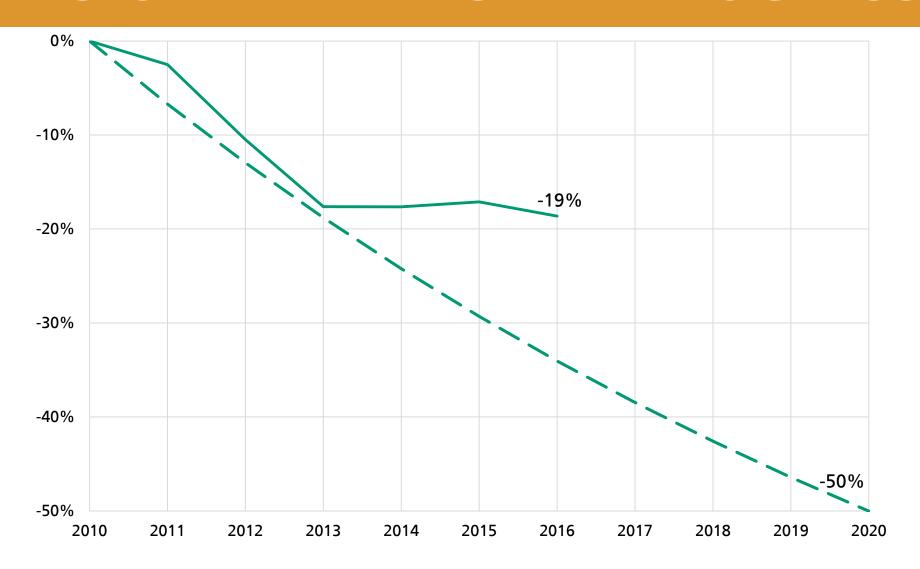




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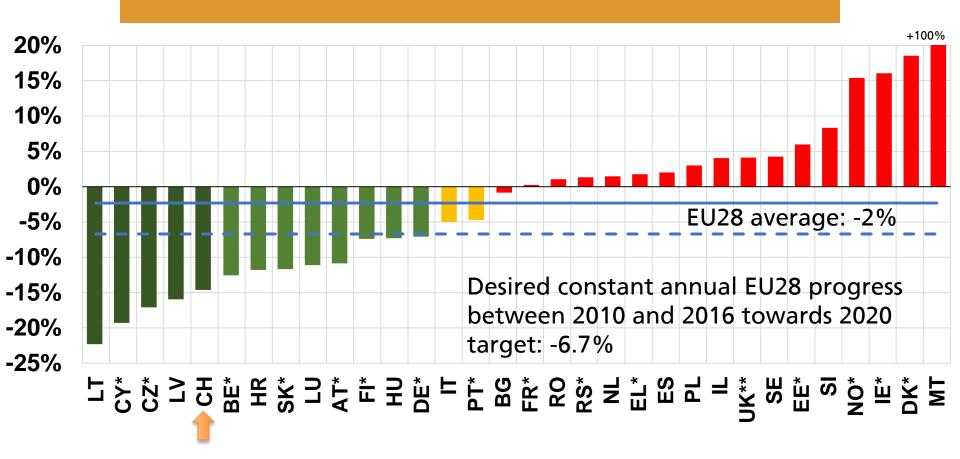
# A WIDENING GAP BETWEEN THE ACTUAL AND DESIRED PROGRESS



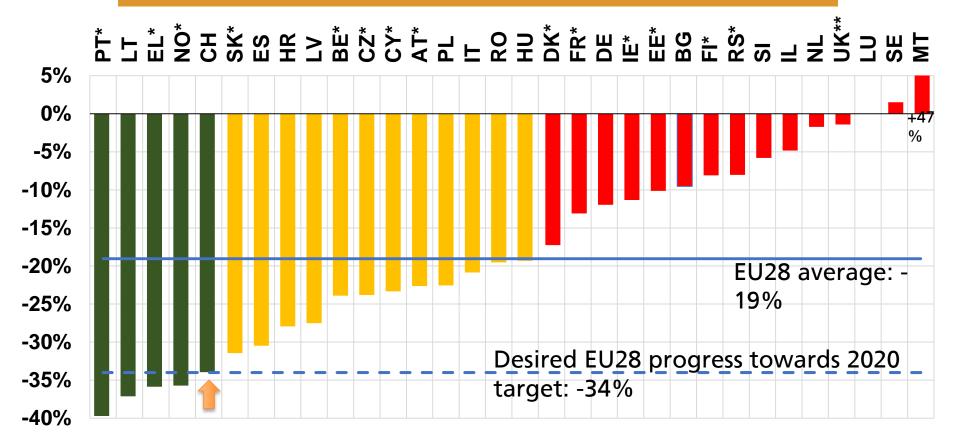
# 25,684

people died in road traffic in the EU in 2016

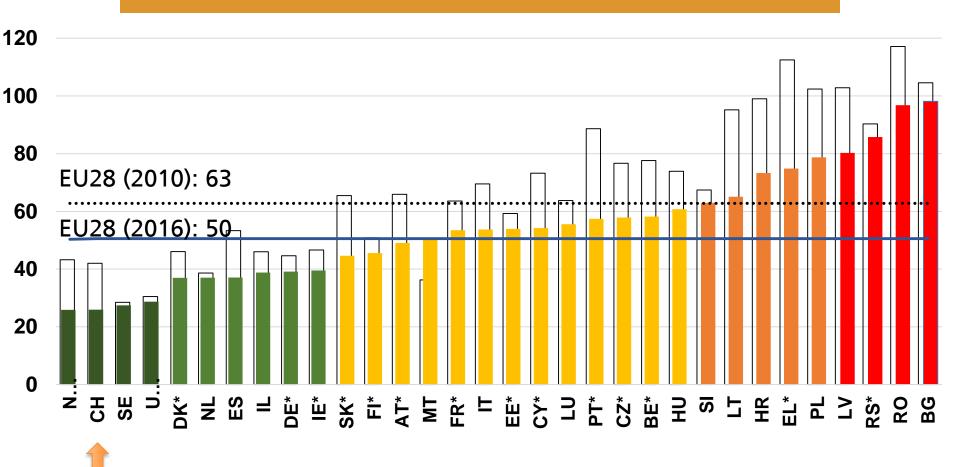
## CHANGE IN ROAD DEATHS (%) 2015-2016



## CHANGE IN ROAD DEATHS (%) 2010-2016



## ROAD DEATHS PER MLN. INHABITANTS IN 2016 and 2010



# 135,000

seriously injured in road traffic in the EU in 2016 according to MAIS3+ definition

\*MAIS3+ estimates by the European Commission

#### **Drink-Driving from myth to science**



#### **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







## BAC limits across the EU

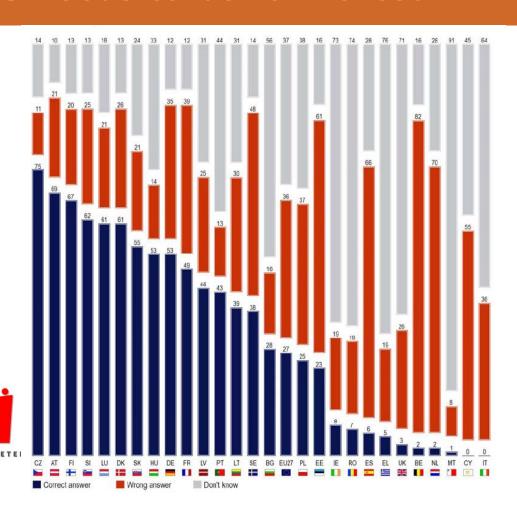
- An increasing number of countries are lowering their BAC limits to be in line with EU recommendation 2001 on maximum BAC legal limit
- 18 EU countries apply lower BAC for novice drivers (0.0 – 0.2)
- 18 EU countries apply lower BAC for professional drivers (0.0 to 0.2 BAC)
- Switzerland 0.5/0.1/0.1

	Standard BAC	BAC	BAC
		Commercial drivers	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	0.5
		drivers)	
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	0.8	0.8	0.8
Scotland)			

#### 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



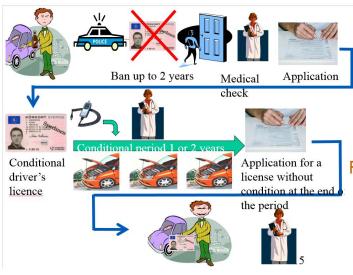
#### Safe and Sober - promoting Alcohol interlocks

- In rehabilitation programmes
  - High level and recidivist offenders
  - Alcohol addicted
- As a quality assurance mechanism in commercial transport
  - In school buses
  - Emergency
  - Day care transportation
  - Others: public procurements (safety culture..)



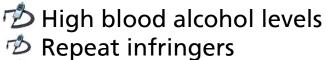


### Type of use: rehabilitation



As part of rehabilitation programs imposed as a condition for driver's license recovery

Rehabilitation with monitoring is key!



Alcoholic addicts





#### Type of use: commercial

In commercial vehicles as an extension of the vehicle safety systems and demonstrate the company's commitment to both driver and public safety.











#### Take a decisive step to prevent drinkdriving in your company





#### **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



Drink Driving: Towards Zero Tolerance

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#### 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

ETSC (2013) Drink-Driving, Towards Zero Tolerance

#### PRIORITIES FOR THE GENERAL SAFETY REGULATION

- Drink Driving
  - Alcohol interlocks on professional vehicles and a standard interface for all vehicles
- Speed
  - Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA)
- Seat Belt Use
  - Seat belt reminders for all passenger seats
- Automated Emergency Braking (AEB)



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### Interlocks in the EU

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# ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS AND DRINK DRIVING REHABILITATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

**Best practice and guidelines for Member States** 

