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ESRA3 Results on Drink-Driving from 22 European countries

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International network – online panel survey
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Comparable data on road safety performance & traffic safety culture



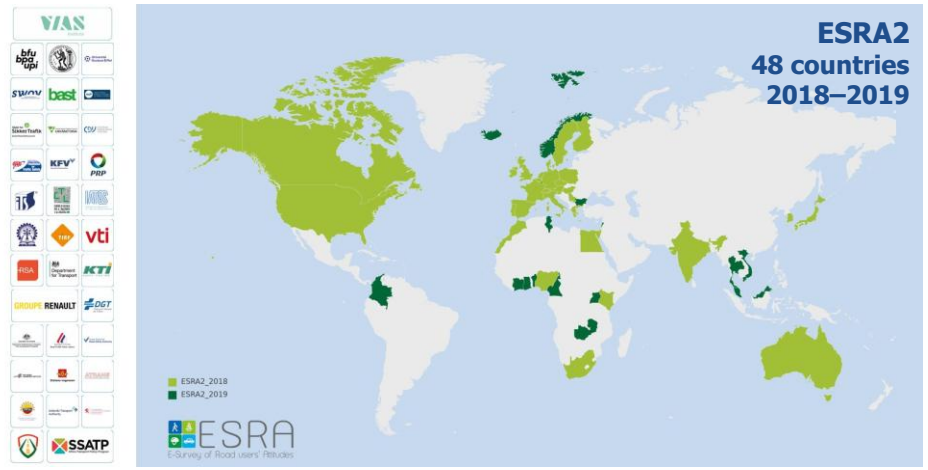
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42 Partners engaged in the project

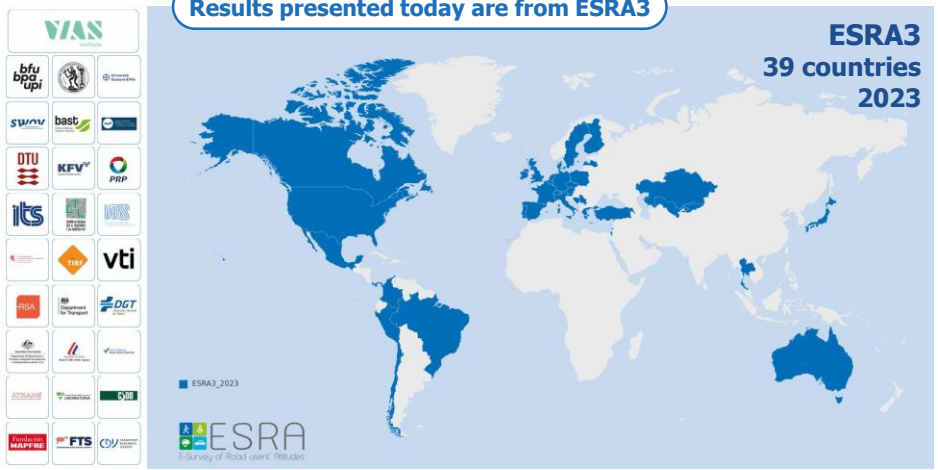
70 Participating countries

6 Continents covered

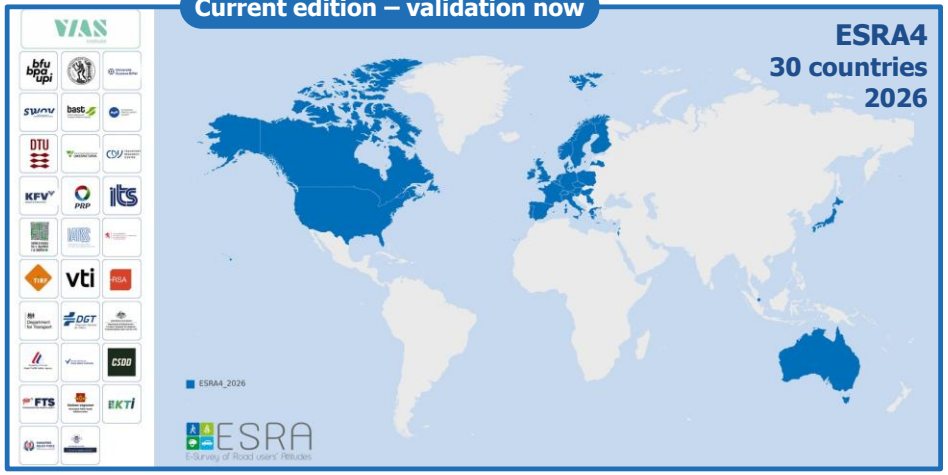




Results presented today are from ESRA3



Current edition – validation now




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1 in 9 European car drivers admit drink-driving

Drove over the legal alcohol limit at least once in the past 30 days – **Europe22: 11.6%** | countries range from 4.2% to 24.1%

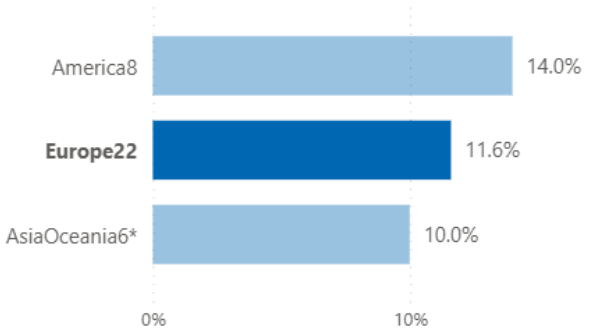
Use of transport modes	Perceived safety	Self-declared behaviour	Acceptability	Enforcement	Support for policy measures	Infrastructure
Car as a driver	Car passenger	Pedestrian	Moped rider/motorcyclist	Cyclist	E-scooter rider	

Over the last 30 days, how often did you as a CAR DRIVER ...?

Drive when you may have been over the legal limit for drinking and driving

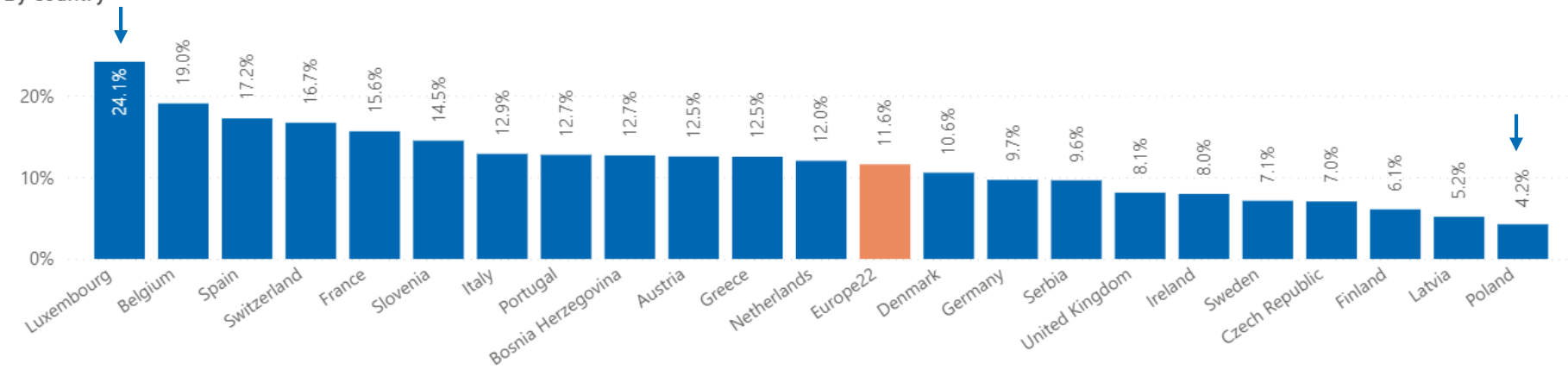
% at least once in the past 30 days (scores 2 to 5 on a 5-point scale from 1 "never" to 5 "[almost] always")
Reference population: car drivers, at least a few days a month
Based on internet access panel survey

By region



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By country



Source: Vias institute. (2024). ESRA3 dashboard. https://www.esranet.eu/en/dashboard/

2 in 3 Europeans support zero tolerance for alcohol

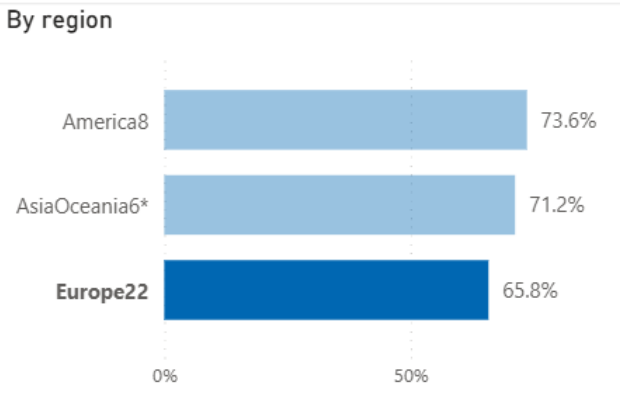
Support for a 0.0 alcohol limit for all drivers of motorized vehicles – **Europe22: 65.8%** | countries range from 42.8% to 74.7%

Use of transport modes | Perceived safety | Self-declared behaviour | Acceptability | Enforcement | **Support for policy measures** | Infrastructure

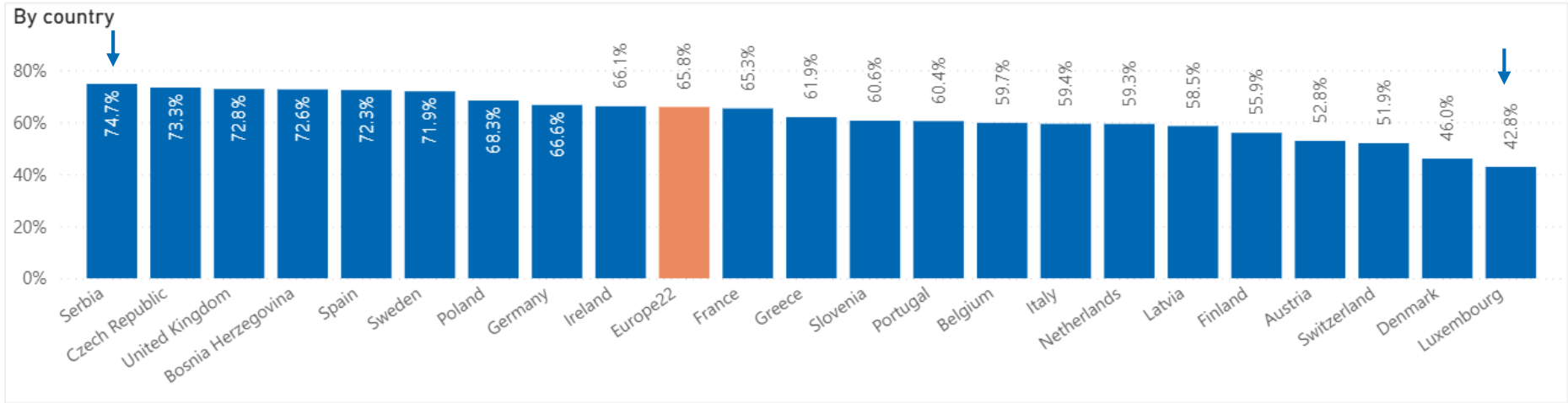
Do you oppose or support a legal obligation ...?

Forbidding all drivers of motorized vehicles to drive with a blood alcohol concentration above 0.0 (zero tolerance)

% support (scores 4 to 5 on a 5-point scale from 1 "oppose" to 5 "support")
Reference population: all road users
Based on internet access panel survey



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Fewer than 1 in 5 European car drivers were checked for alcohol

Breathalyser test by the police at least once in the past 12 months – **Europe22: 18.8%** | countries range from 5.8% to 41.6%

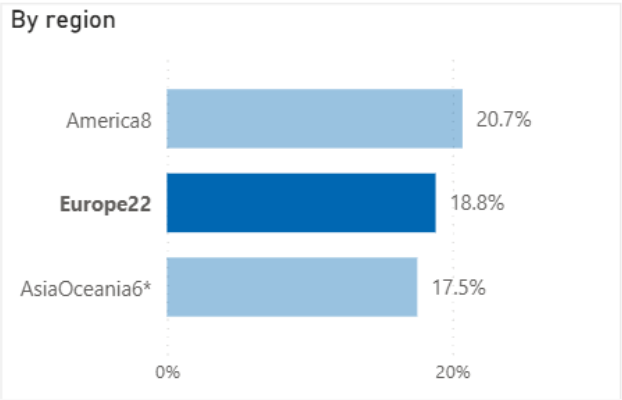
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Enforcement perception | Experienced enforcement

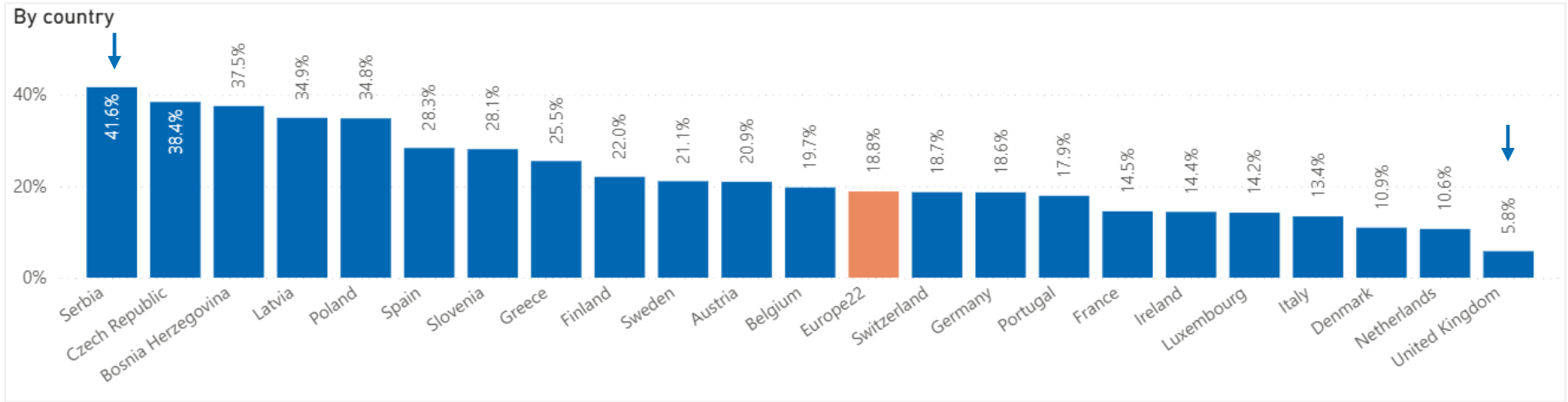
In the past 12 months, how many times have you been checked by the police for ...?

Using alcohol while driving a car (i.e., being subjected to a Breathalyser test)

% at least once (last 12 months)
Reference population: car drivers, at least a few days a year
Based on internet access panel survey



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Three results – one clear message

1 in 9

European car drivers admit drink-driving

11.6% in the past 30 days

2 in 3

Europeans support zero tolerance for alcohol

65.8% support a 0.0 limit

< 1 in 5

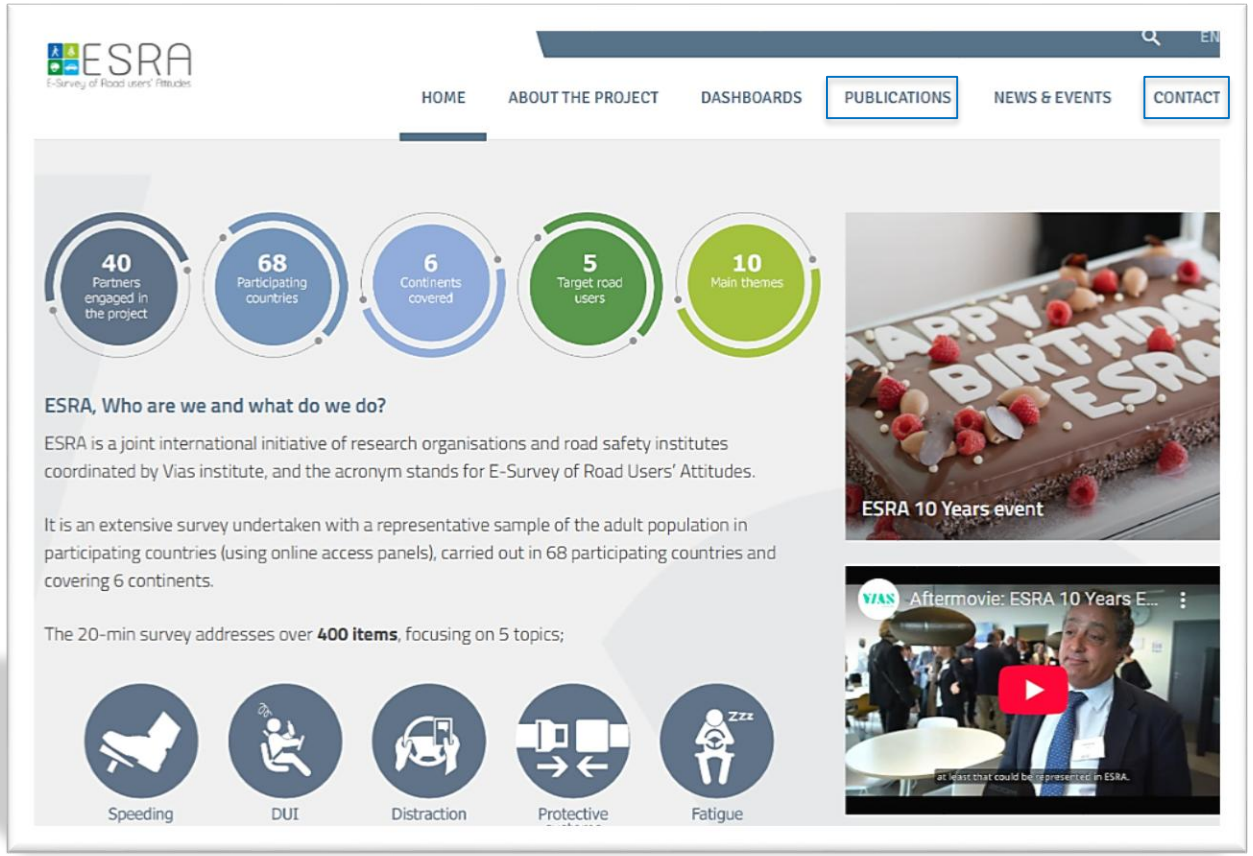
European car drivers were checked for alcohol

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→ A clear mandate for policy makers to act

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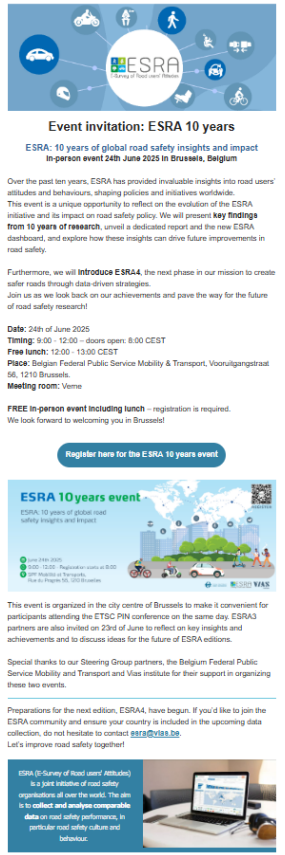
ESRA3 results – available now

- 39 country fact sheets
- ESRA dashboard
- 13 thematic reports & final report

ESRA4 – coming soon

- 30 countries, data collected in 2026
- First results from **early 2027**
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Thank you very much for your attention!

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