

DRINK DRIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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- ✓ Secretariat in Brussels
- ✓ 58 member organisations from across Europe:

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- ✓ More than **200 experts** contributing to ETSC's work
- ✓ The European Commission, Member Organisations, Member States and corporate sponsors are funding our work



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Ranking EU countries' performances

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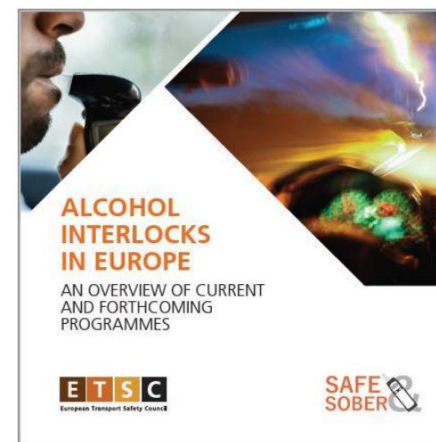
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DRUG DRIVING

16 years of raising awareness on Alcohol Interlocks through:

- 32 national events since 2008 (21 countries in Europe covered)
- 2 EU events in the European Parliament
- Regular participation in the Alcohol Interlock Symposium
- 1 report on Alcohol Interlock programmes in the EU
- 1 EU map on updated info on AI offender programmes in the EU



20,418

people died in road traffic
in the EU in 2023

2,260

people died in alcohol-related crashes
in 2021*

**in 23 EU countries*

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25%

of all road deaths in the EU are
alcohol-related



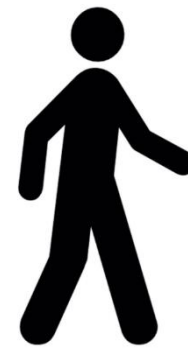
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At least **4,000** deaths could have been prevented by eliminating drink driving



DRINK-DRIVING DATA COLLECTION

Every driver, rider and walker involved in a fatal and serious collision should be tested systematically



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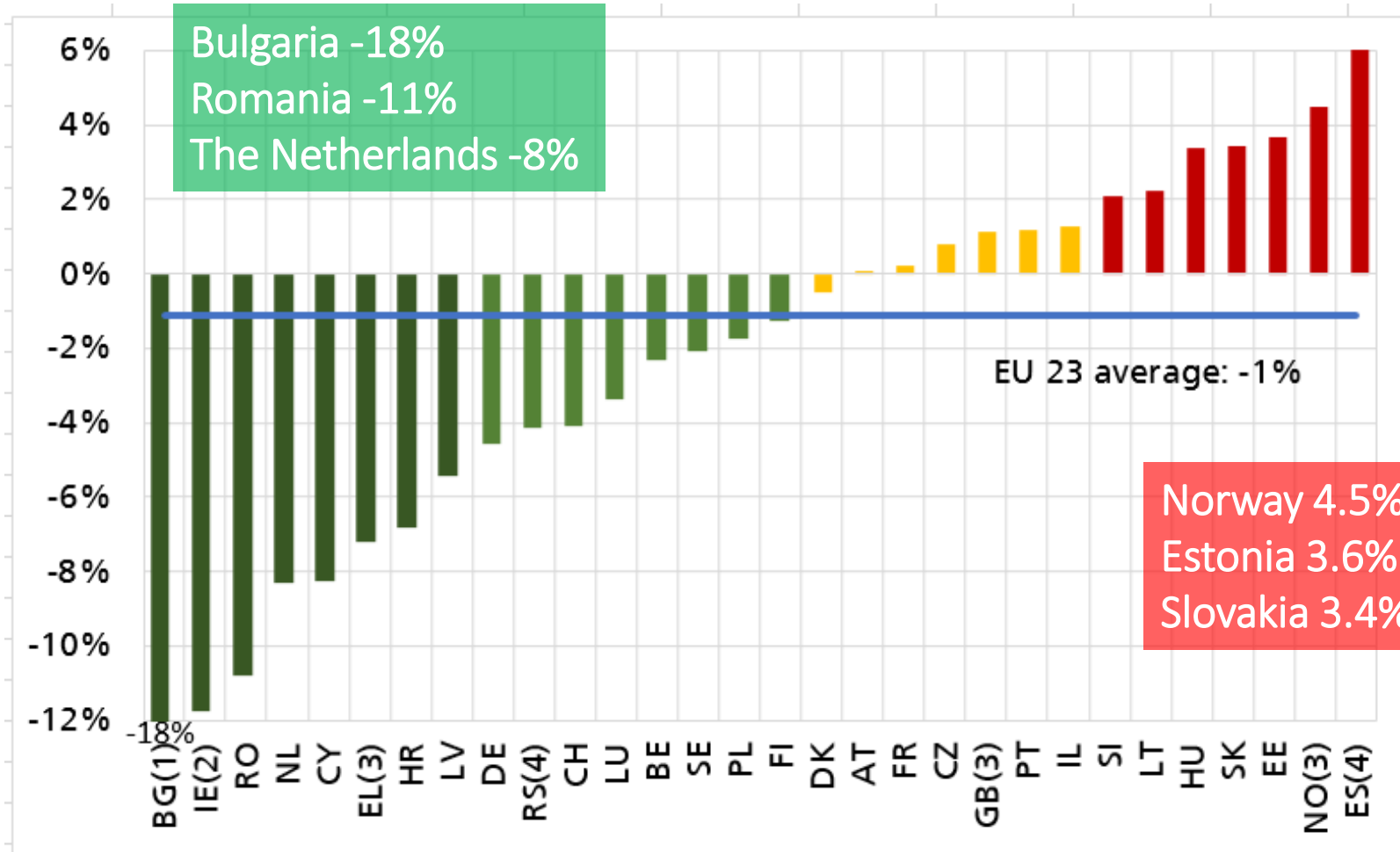


- Different definitions
- Road users not tested systematically
- Legal constraints
- Police data does not give a full picture



PROGRESS IN TACKLING DRINK DRIVING 2011 – 2021

Difference between the average annual percentage change in deaths attributed to drink driving and corresponding change in other road deaths



Bulgaria -18%
Romania -11%
The Netherlands -8%

Norway 4.5%
Estonia 3.6%
Slovakia 3.4%

EU 23 average: -1%

ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS & REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES

10% of all drink-driving offenders are involved in 2 / 3 of all alcohol-involved crashes



Alcohol interlocks are:

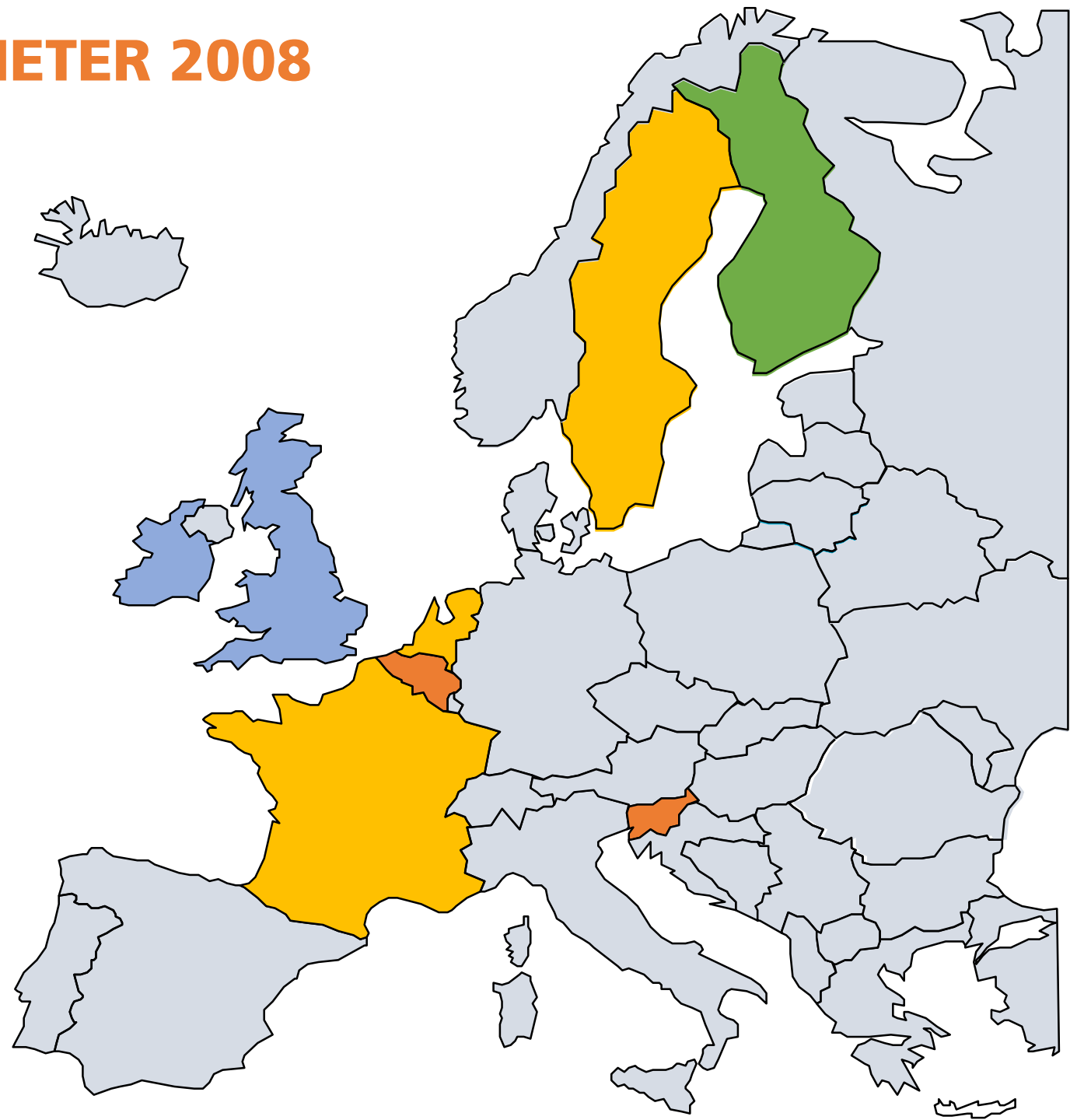
- An effective measure for hard-core drink-driving offenders
- An effective prevention tool

LEGISLATION NEEDED

To maximise the effect on road safety, alcohol interlock programmes for drink drivers offenders should be compulsory and placed under administrative law.

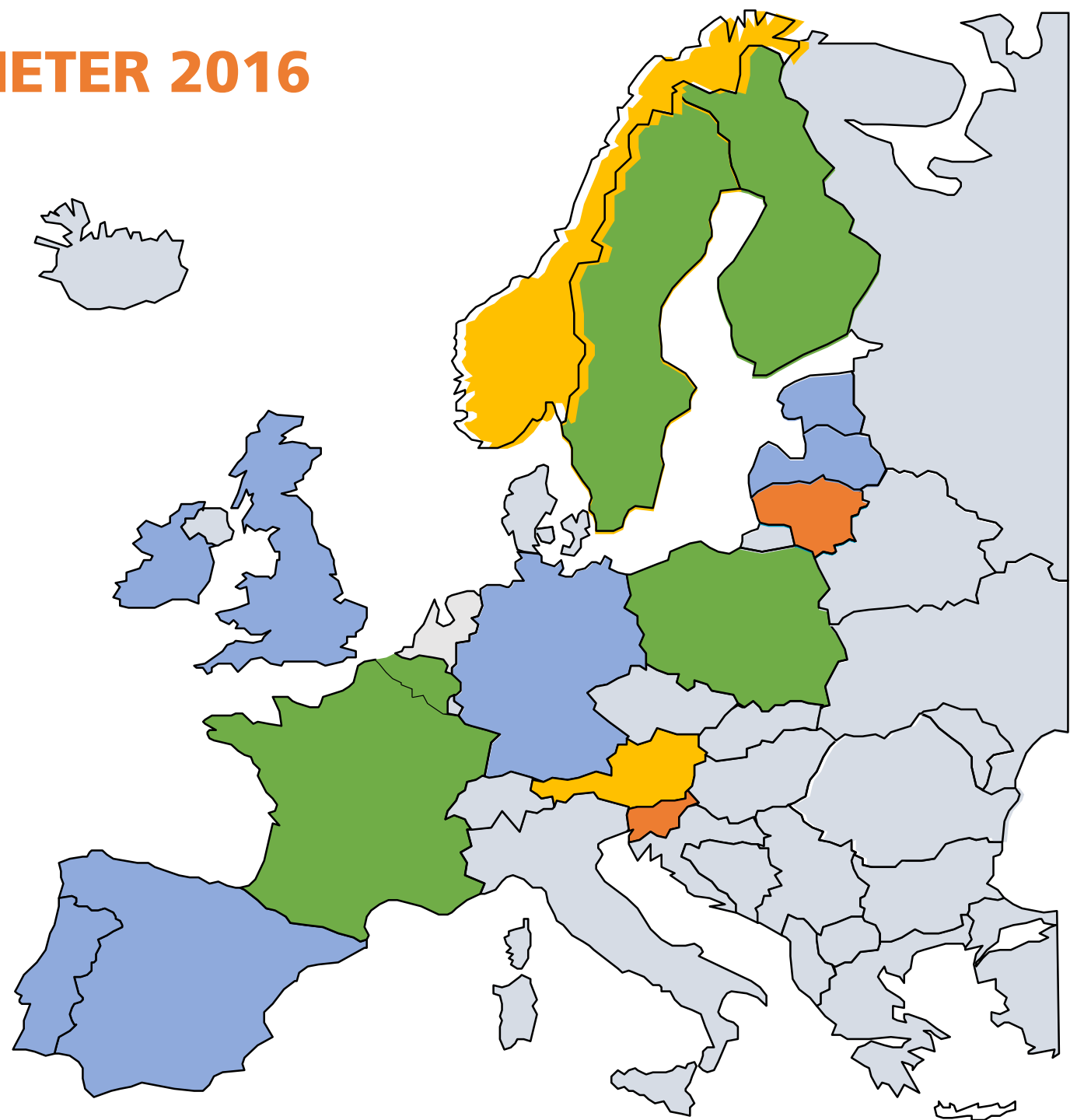
ALCOHOL INTERLOCK BAROMETER 2008

- Voluntary basis
- Pilot project
- Legislation in discussion
- Legislation in force



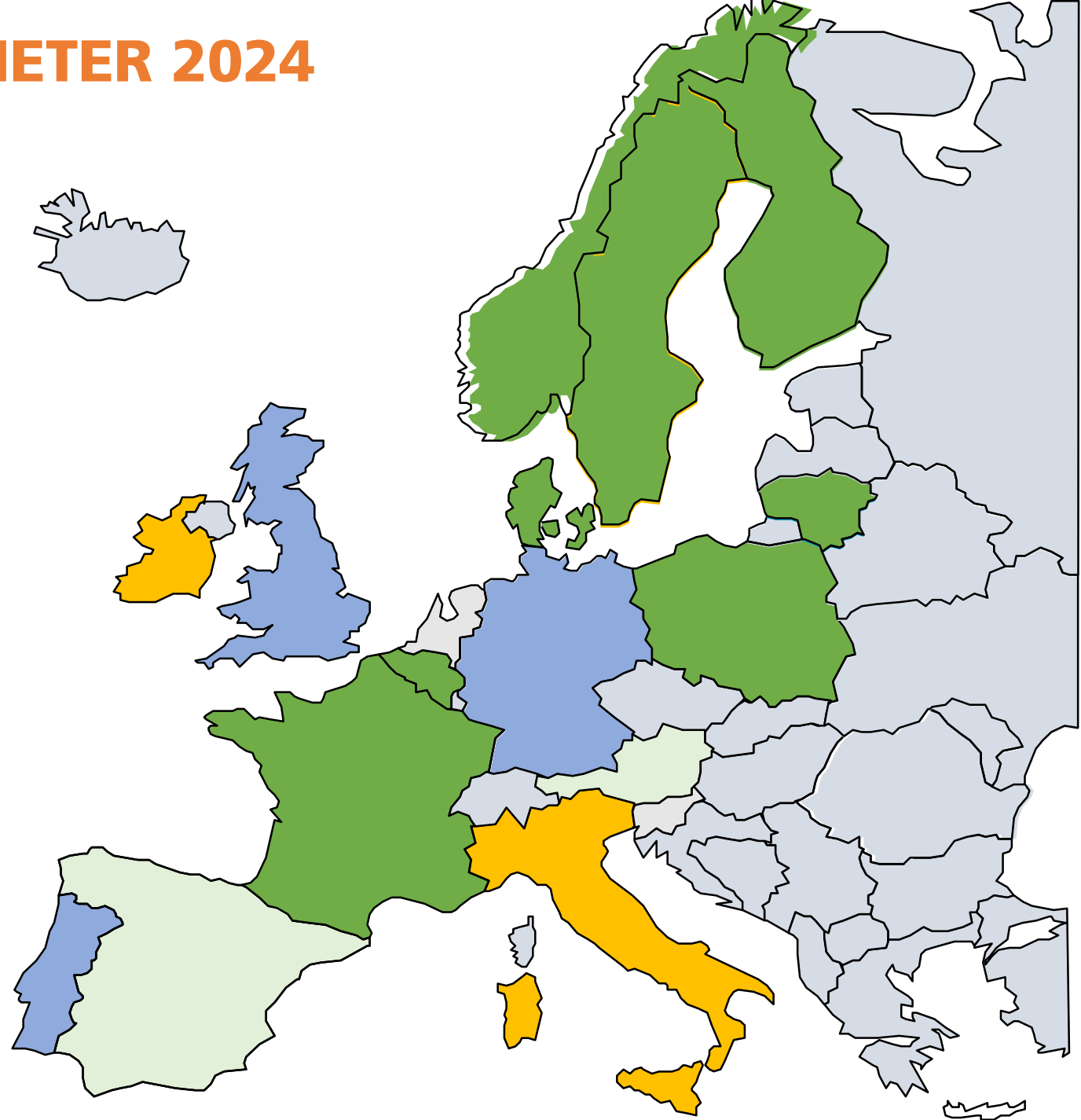
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STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

A. Effective programmes showed **positive impacts** such as:

- a) securing the jobs of people who relied on being able to drive for work;
- b) making drivers aware of their responsibilities;
- c) helping offenders remain integrated in society (although participation is sometimes perceived as a constraint);



B. **Two key elements** for a successful programme:

- a) Rehabilitation measures
- b) Affordable costs



ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS IN COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT



TRANSPORTEZ TRANQUILLE

Le 1^{er} septembre 2015,
l'éthylotest anti-démarrage
 et la ceinture de sécurité
 sont OBLIGATOIRES dans tous les autocars.

N'attendez pas pour vous équiper en EAD
www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/ead2015

Le défaut d'équipement est une infraction

Mattheus scoop BBC into
 Coach Hire Company's alcohol Interlock system featured on

■ Noel Mattheus presented demonstrating to BBC News how the Alcohol Interlock system works. The interlock system requires the driver to blow into a breathalyzer connected to the ignition system and if failed, the engine will not start. Noel Mattheus, Managing Director of Mattheus, said "I certainly drive every day and I know the importance of public safety. It's a great way to ensure that every driver is fit to drive. The system is a great way to ensure that every driver is fit to drive. The system is a great way to ensure that every driver is fit to drive."

Take a decisive step to prevent drink-driving in your company

Preventing drivers from turning on the motor if they are affected by alcohol, the 'Dräger alcoholock' is an efficient security tool as well as a great way for companies to send a signal of social responsibility.

By Roger Newman | Photos: P. Blaise & Co. Agf

For more information, please visit www.dräger.com

Golden contract!
 Coach Hire Company lands Olympic transport deal

■ Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Leo Varadkar (pictured with Paddy and Noel Mattheus) from Mattheus Coach Hire following the news that the company has become an official transport provider for the Olympic Games.

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DIN TRANSPORT 13. OKT. 2014 KL. 22.16

Arriva: Busserne er begyndt at køre pænere
 Antallet af 'hændelser' målt af sensorer i busserne er faldet med 67 procent.

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

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mandate the use of alcohol interlocks for professional drivers
- Ensure the timely adoption of the implementing legislation on alcohol interlock installation facilitation for motor vehicles
- As a first step towards wider use of alcohol interlocks, legislate their use for repeat offenders and professional drivers.
- Allow people with an alcohol dependency to be included in alcohol interlock rehabilitation programmes, as long as it is combined with medical supervision

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Interactive map on drink-driving policies online