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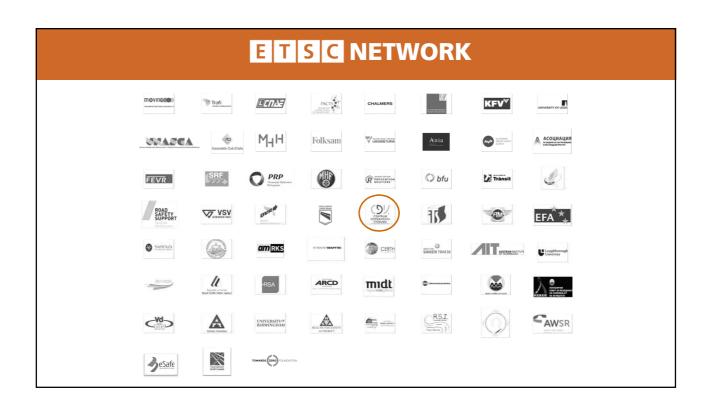
Safe & Sober Talk: Influence of Alcohol on Road Safety Prague, 28 May 2018

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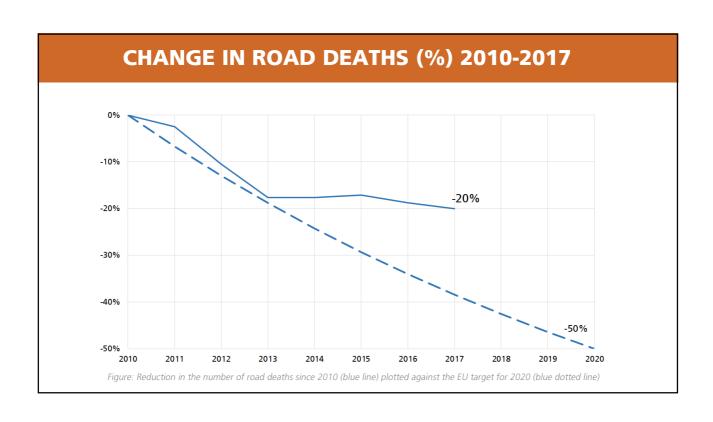


- ✓ A science based approach to road safety
- ✓ Secretariat in Brussels
- √ 60 member organisations from across Europe
- ✓ More than 200 experts contributing to ETSC's work
- ✓ The European Commission, Member Organisations, Member States and corporate sponsors are funding our work

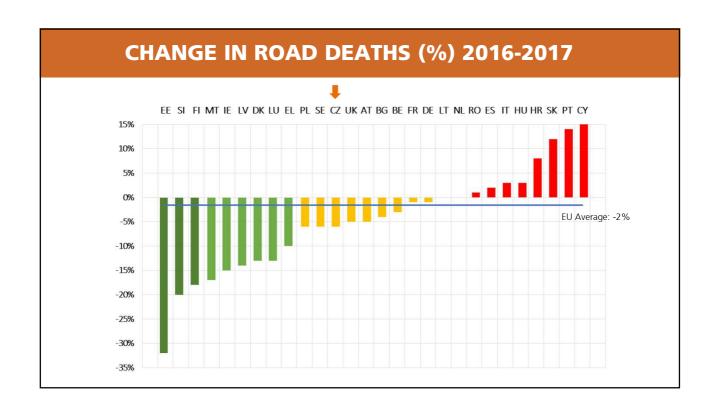


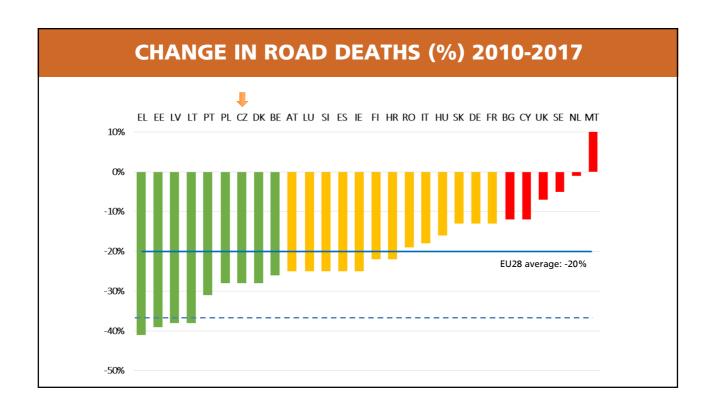


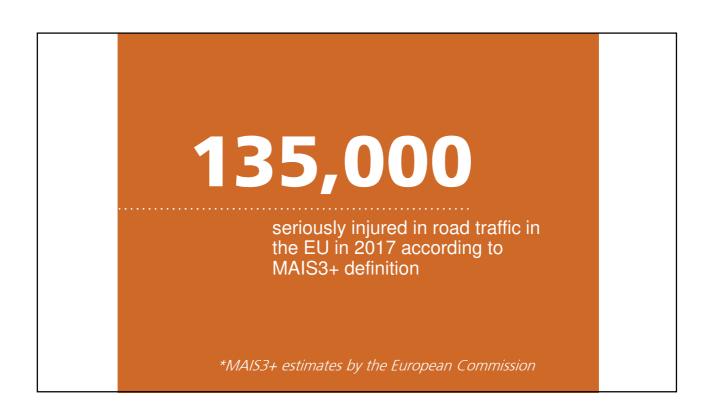












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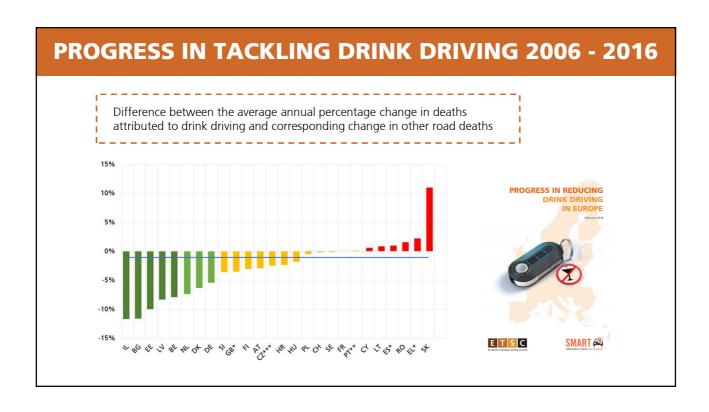
While the dangers linked to drink driving are fairly well understood, the phenomenon is still widespread in the EU:

- Up to 1.5 2% of KM driven in the EU are driven with an illegal Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC);
- 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)

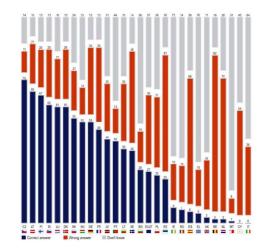
	Standard BAC	BAC Commercial drivers	BAC
			Novice Drivers
Austria	0.5	0.1	0.1
Belgium	0.5	0.2	0.5
Bulgaria	0.5	0.5	0.5
Cyprus	0.22	0.22	0.22
Czech	0.0	0.0	0.0
Denmark	0.5	0.5	0.5
Estonia	0.2	0.2	0.2
Finland	0.22	0.22	0.22
France	0.5	0.5 (0.2 bus	0.5
		drivers)	
Germany	0.5	0.0	0.0
Greece	0.5	0.2	0.2
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 Scotland)	0.8	0.8	0.8

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



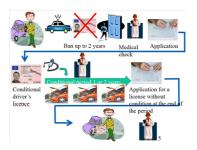
SAFE AND SOBER

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



High blood alcohol levels

Repeat infringers

Alcoholic addicts

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

Rehabilitation with monitoring is key!



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.







RECOMMENDATIONS

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



ETSC

European Union

- Zero tolerance for commercial and novice drivers
- Adoption of standardized 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

THANK YOU!



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