

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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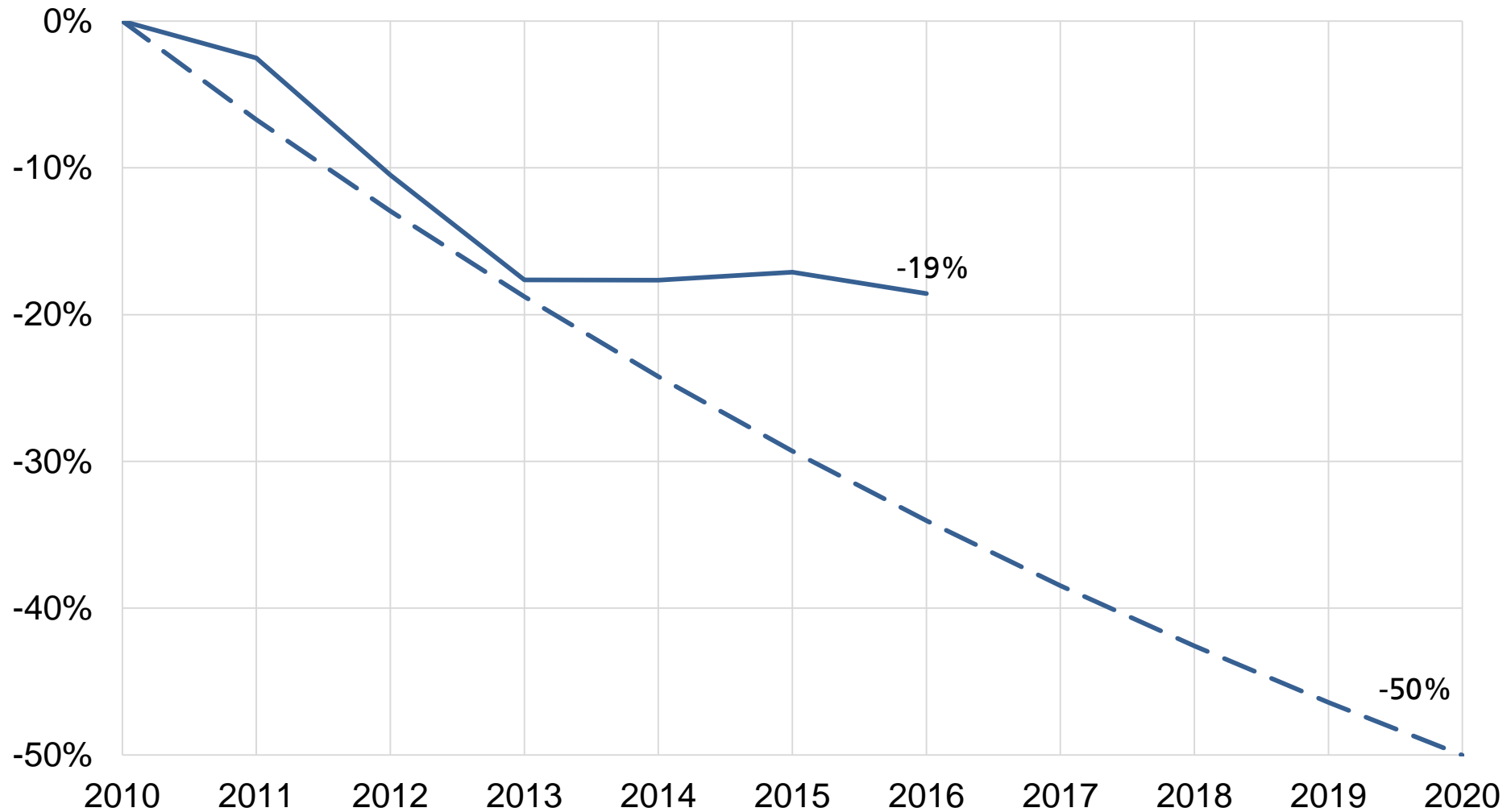
**2014-2016
bad years
for road
safety**

25,500

people died in road traffic in
the EU in 2016

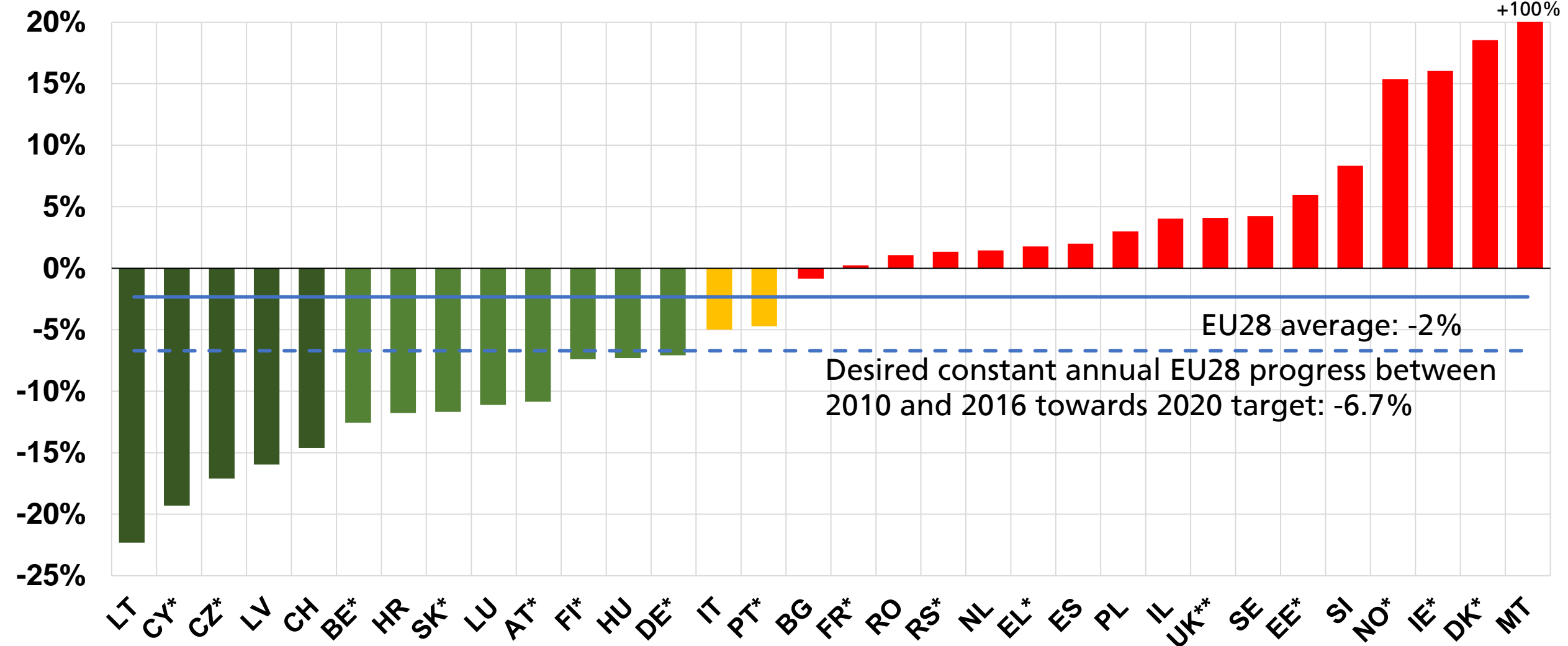
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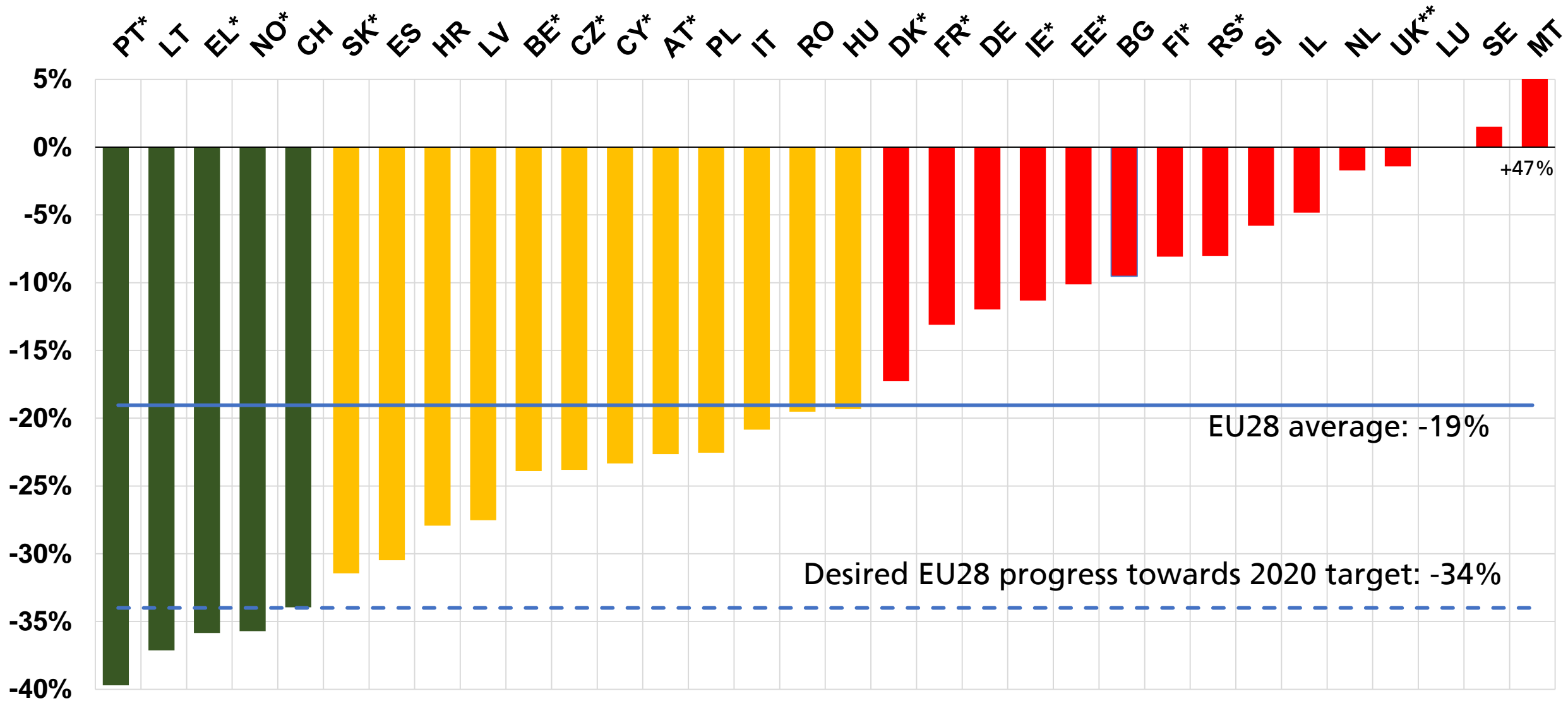
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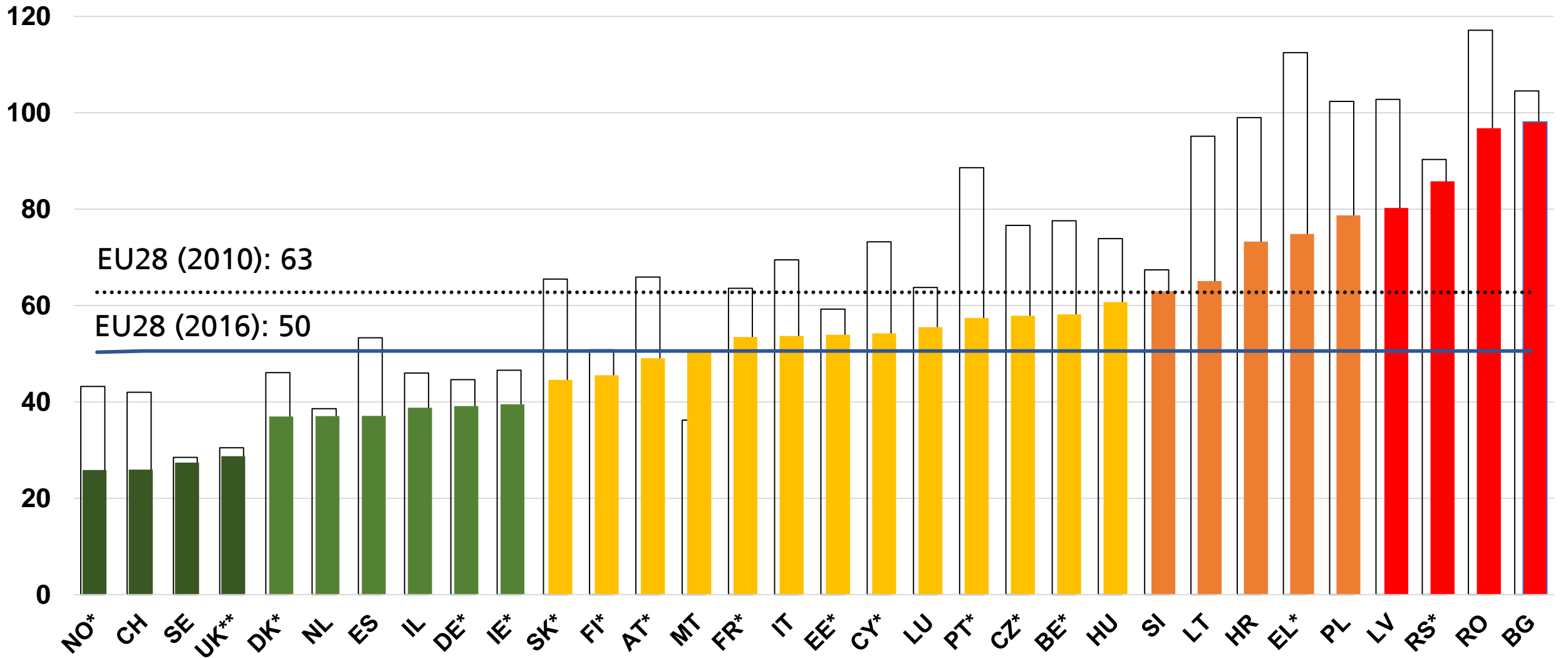


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ROAD DEATHS PER MLN. INHABITANTS IN 2016 and 2010



135,000*
seriously injured in
road traffic in the EU
in 2014

**MAIS3+ estimates by the European Commission*

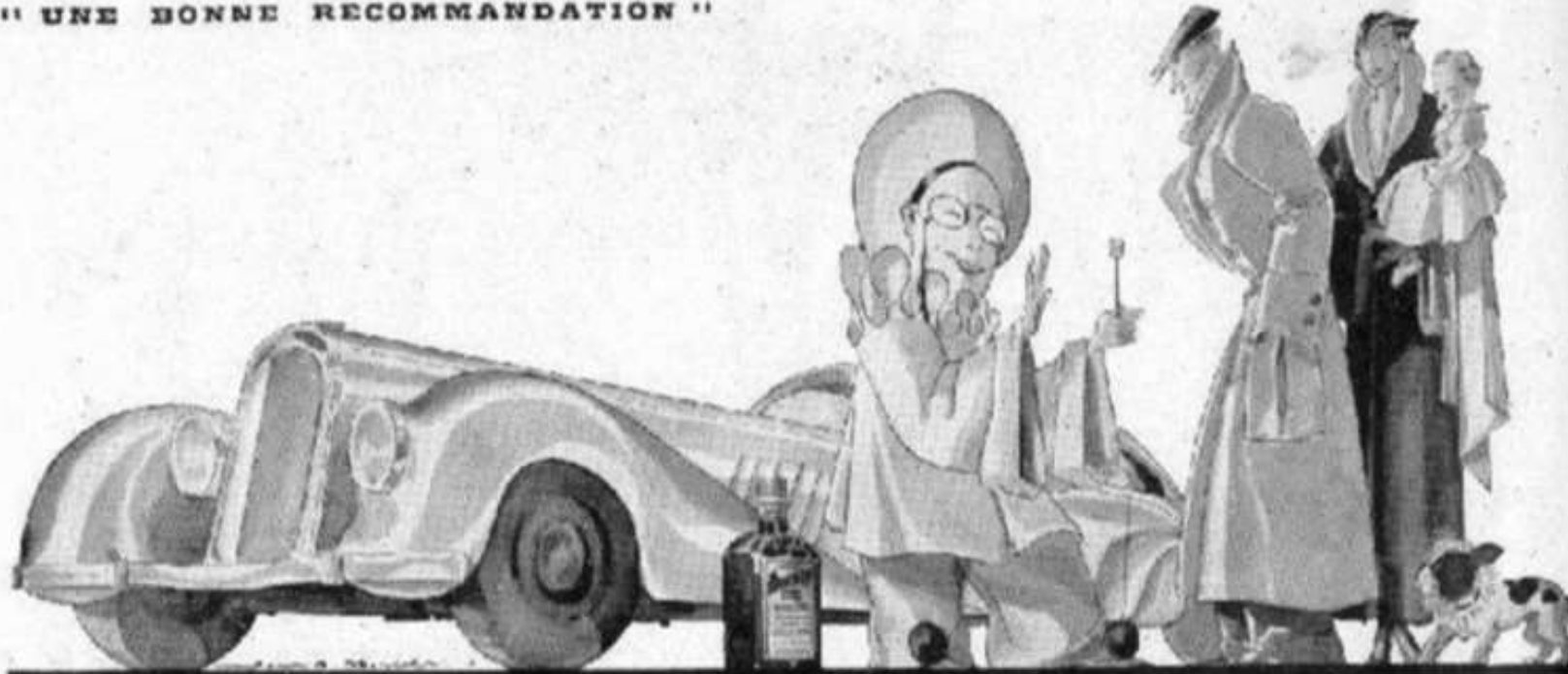
Drink-Driving from myth to science

XLVI ANNONCES

L'ILLUSTRATION

3 OCTOBRE 1936

" UNE BONNE RECOMMANDATION "



NE PRENEZ JAMAIS LA ROUTE AUSSITOT APRES
UN BON REPAS SANS UN PETIT VERRE DE LA MARQUE
MONDIALE

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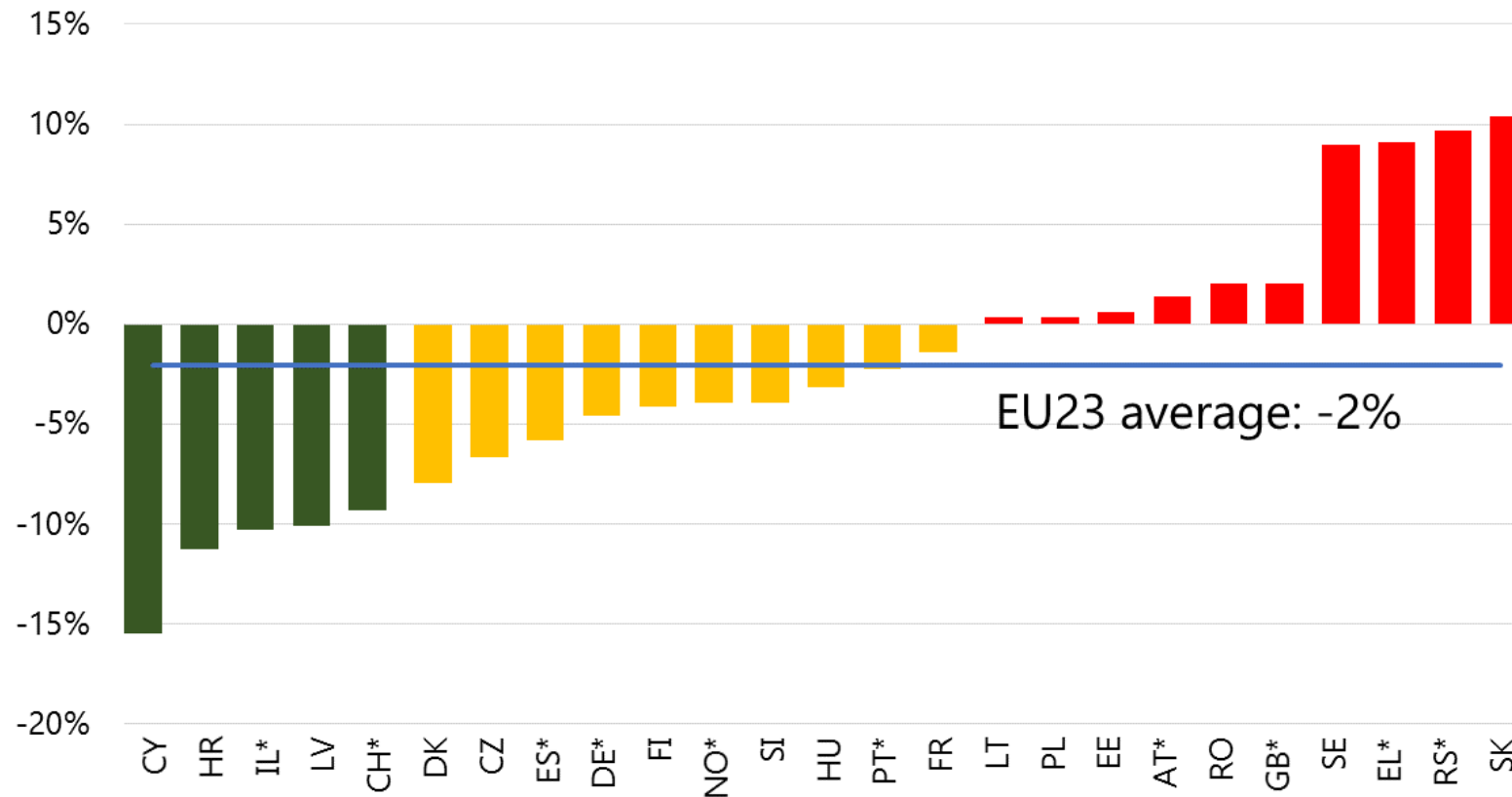
While the dangers linked to drink driving are fairly well understood, the phenomenon is still widespread in the EU:

- Up to 1.5 - 2% of Km driven in the EU are driven with an illegal Blood Alcohol Concentration
- 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



Progress in tackling drink driving 2001-2015

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



Drink Driving checks / 1000 inhabitants

	2015	2014	2013
Estonia	677	572	470
Poland	466	405	234
Finland	279	286	149
Austria	189	214	209
Slovenia	156	186	184
Greece	n/a	166	163
France	152	164	160
Hungary	135	124	121
Cyprus	135	138	146
Sweden	130	205	234
Romania	72	73	75
GB	n/a	11	12



Not available in
Belgium
Czech Rep.
Germany
Denmark
Croatia
Luxembourg
Latvia
Netherlands
Slovakia

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)

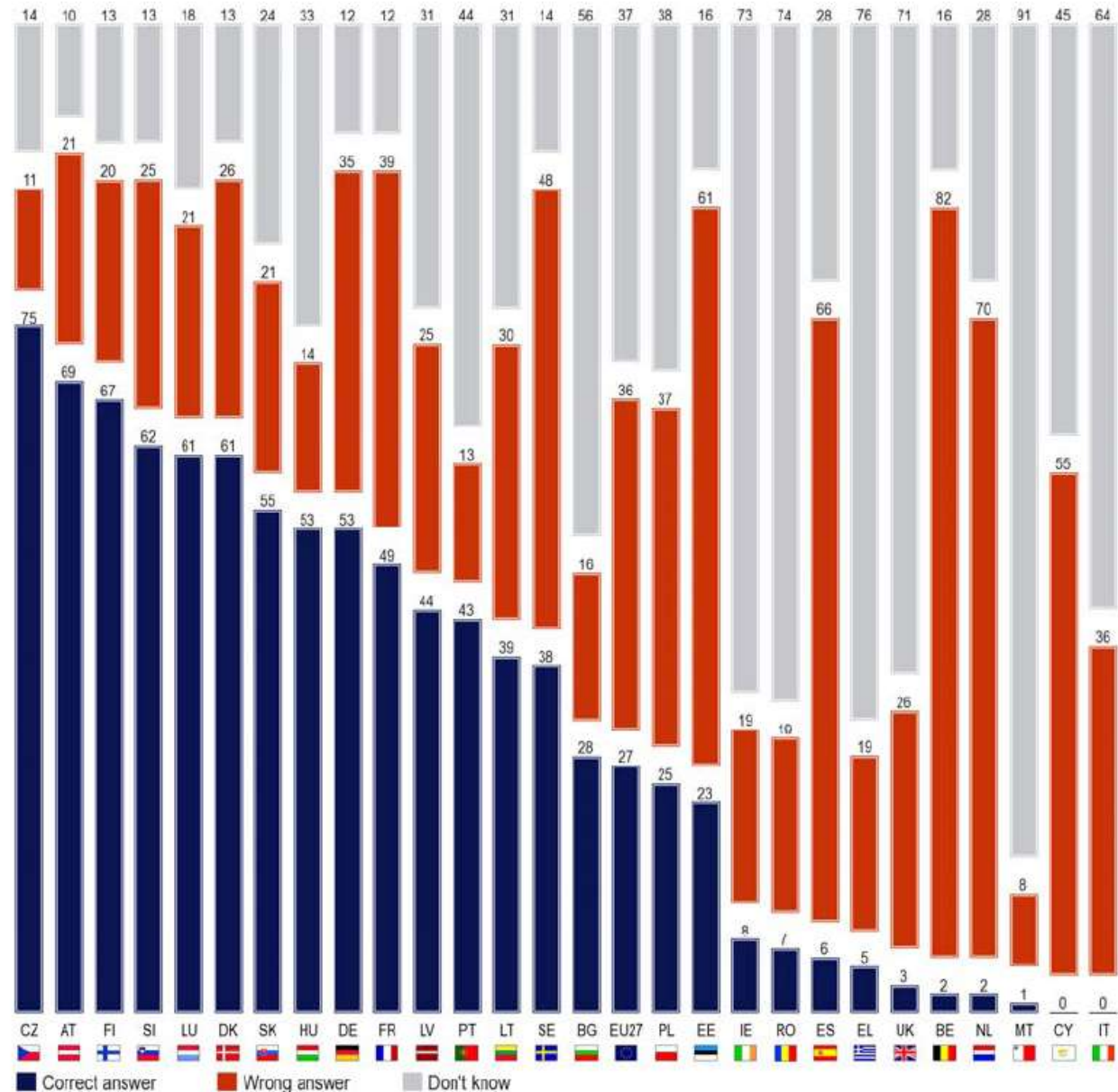
	Standard BAC	BAC Commercial drivers	BAC Novice Drivers
Austria	0.5	0.1	0.1
Belgium	0.5	0.2	0.5
Bulgaria	0.5	0.5	0.5
Cyprus	0.22	0.22	0.22
Czech	0.0	0.0	0.0
Denmark	0.5	0.5	0.5
Estonia	0.2	0.2	0.2
Finland	0.22	0.22	0.22
France	0.5	0.5 (0.2 bus drivers)	0.5
Germany	0.5	0.0	0.0
Greece	0.5	0.2	0.2
Hungary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



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



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

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..)



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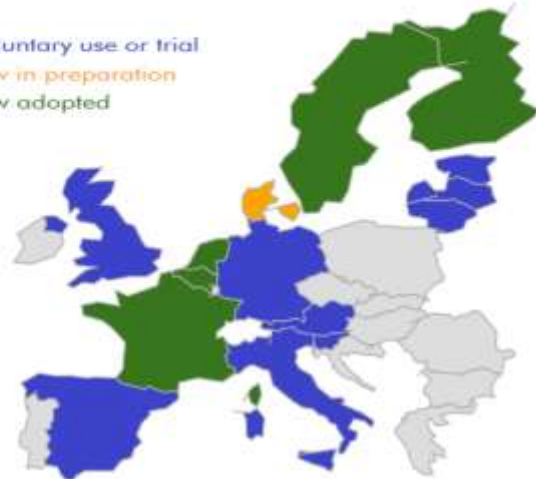
ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS AND DRINK DRIVING REHABILITATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Best practice and guidelines for Member States

Interlocks in the EU

December 2014

-  Voluntary use or trial
-  Law in preparation
-  Law adopted



Drink Driving: Towards Zero Tolerance

