

# Marketing of alcohol lobbies in the « festive » city

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## The European Alcohol Policy Alliance was formed in 1990 with 9 member organisations

Today:

- 59 members
- 24 countries
- Secretariat in Brussels

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## Alcohol in all policies













European Commission









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**Raising awareness** among decision makers of the harms caused by alcohol (social, health and economic burden) ensuring that these are taken into consideration in all relevant EU policy discussions

Promoting the development and implementation of **evidencebased policies** aimed at effectively preventing and reducing this burden





Facts on alcohol in Europe

Alcohol is a component cause of more than 200 health conditions.

Alcohol is a major risk factor for premature mortality.

The majority of the burden of alcohol-attributable mortality is from liver cirrhosis, cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and injury.

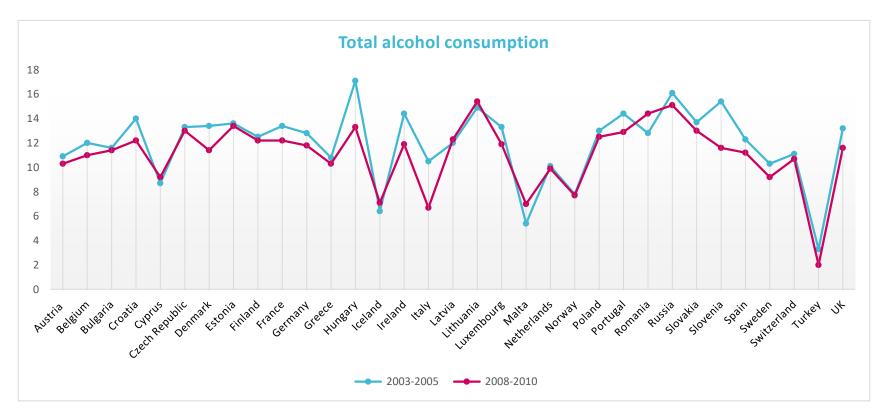
In the European Region, alcohol has a causal impact in approximately 15% of all causes of death.

The highest proportion of deaths attributable to alcohol is among men aged 20–39 years.



## Facts on alcohol in Europe

The WHO European Region has the highest level of alcohol consumption in the world, in part driven by high consumption in the central and eastern parts of the Region. Consequently, the alcohol-attributable disease burden is also high.





## Top 5 European Drinkers

Total pure alcohol consumpiton per capita, 15+ years old in liters

> Lithuania 18,2 Czech Republic 13,7 Romania 13,7 Bulgaria 13,6 Croatia 13,6

World Health Statistics 2017: Monitoring health for the SDGs



Facts on alcohol in Europe

Approximately 70% of the adults in the WHO European Region drink alcohol.

On average, Europeans consume 10.7 litres of pure alcohol per year.

Men consume more alcohol than women; in 2014 the aver-age consumption per drinker was 19.4 litres for men and 12.9 litres for women.

Most alcohol is consumed in heavy drinking occasions (60 g of pure alcohol or more on one occasion) which worsen all risks. Among drinkers, 31.8% of men and 12.6% of women report heavy episodic drinking in the past 30 days.



**Alcohol Policy Strategies in Europe** 

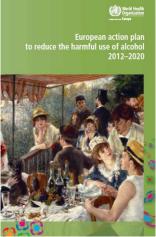
1. EU level: An EU strategy to support Member States in Reducing Alcohol Related Harm (2016-2012) and Action Plan on Youth Drinking and on Heavy Episodic Drinking (2016, 2018)

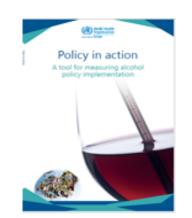
2. WHO level: Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol (2010), European Action Plan to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol (2012-2020)

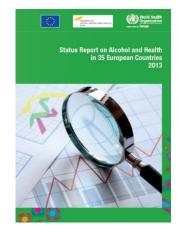


Clobal strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol

World Health Organization









Cost-effective policy areas

Three policy areas (the 'best-buys') have proven cost-effective. These population-based measures include:

increasing price via taxation

restricting access to retailed alcohol (availability)

imposing a ban on alcohol advertising (marketing)



### Availability

The implementation of even small reductions in the availability of alcohol can bring health gain and reduce violence and harm to people other than the drinker.

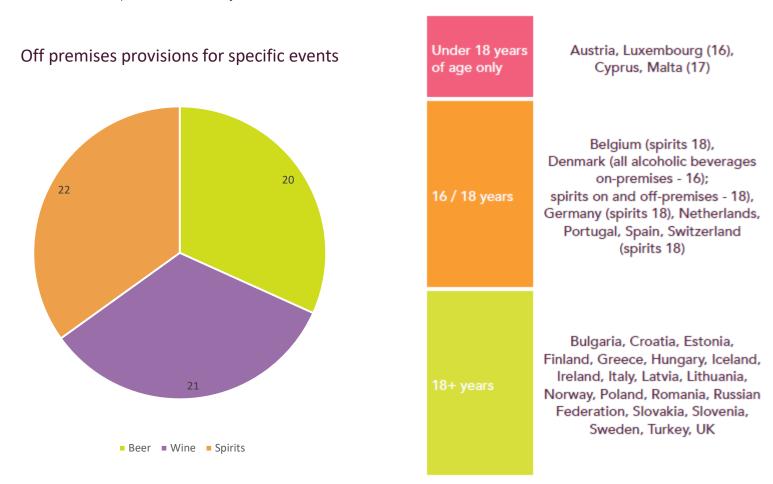
Multisectoral approach: national authorities, licensing officers, the police, criminal justice systems and the health care sector.

### Measures:

- limiting the sale of alcohol to intoxicated and underage customers
- number of outlets
- size and density of outlets
- the days and hours of sale
- drinking in public spaces

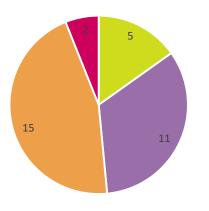
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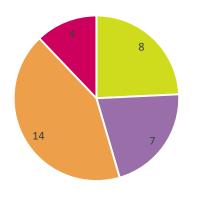




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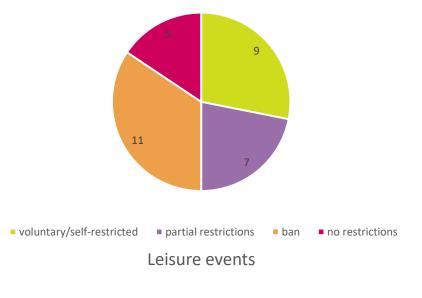


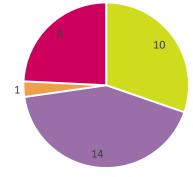
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### Availability

### Government offices



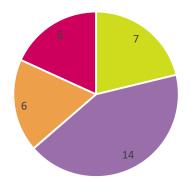


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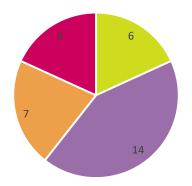
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### Availability

Public transport



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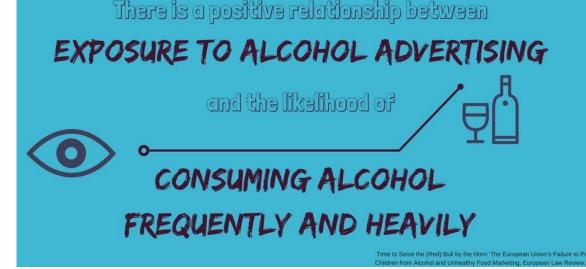






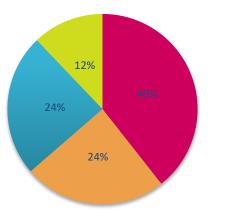


- regulating the content and volume of marketing
- regulating sponsorship activities that promote alcoholic beverages
- restricting or banning promotions in connection with activities targeting young people
- regulating new forms of alcohol marketing techniques, for instance social media



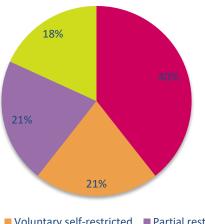
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#### Beer



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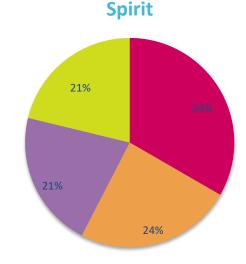
Wine



### Sponsorship of sport events



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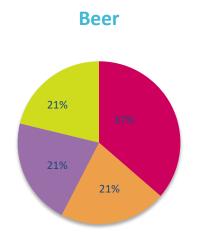


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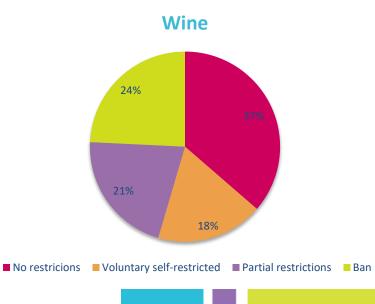
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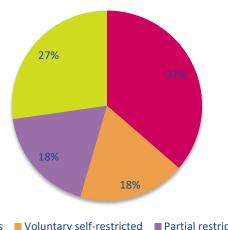


http://www.nowamuzyka.pl/2011/07/07/heineken-open-er-festival-2011-relacja/





Spirit



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### Environments we create



### Student events – Fresher's Weeks





Pictures taken from website: http://www.cosnowego.idiks.org/znamy-caly-program-lubelskich-dni-kultury-studenckiej/

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### Linking alcohol to healthy activities



Thirsty? Why not try a unique 9 mile run/walk with the added bonus of 4 wine stations?

https://holmfirthevents.co.uk/event/wineathlon-2015/

Source: http://www.sport.be/greatbreweriesmarathon/2018/en/

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### National policy responses

### Finland 2015

Additional restrictions concerning the advertising of beverages containing 1.2–
 22% alcohol by volume (total advertising ban for stronger beverages remains).

• The ban on TV advertising of alcohol was extended and concerns now the period 07:00 to 22:00.

• Alcohol advertising on radio was banned except for the period 07:00-22:00.

• Ban on alcohol advertising in outdoor and indoor public places; the ban applies to billboards, bus stops, public transport and commercial transportation vehicles, railway and bus stations and public areas in shopping malls.

• Ban on use of games, lotteries and contests to advertise alcoholic beverages. Restrictions were introduced concerning alcohol advertising disseminated through electronic communication networks, for example social media platforms; prohibition to use consumer-generated textual or audiovisual material to advertising.



### National policy responses

### Poland 2018

• Allowing local authorities to ban the sale of alcohol between 10pm and 6am. The bill does not differentiate between vendors, and as such also includes petrol stations. The only exception made is 'beer gardens' especially popular in Poland in the spring and summer period.

• Allowing local authorities to determine the number of alcohol outlets (permissions to sale alcohol). This will limit the physical availability of alcohol for instance around schools and places frequented by children. New licensing provisions for local authorities will also include alcoholic beverages below 4.5% (beers) which was not previously the case.

• The law is also set to introduce a ban on alcohol consumption in public spaces, unless otherwise permitted by local authorities.



### Estonia 2018

- All alcoholic drinks must be separated from other products in stores
- In shops bigger than 450m2 alcohol must not be seen by a customer except in the special area
- Municipalities can regulate on- sale hours (off- sale hours are already regulated by the state)
- Mystery shopping to discover sales to minors and illegal alcohol sale
- Fines will be increased
- The mandatory size for health warnings in printed media (20%)
- Multibuys and happy hours will be banned



### Estonia 2018 - Advertising

- Advertisement of alcoholic beverages can contain only the name of the drink, the type of the drink, the name of the producer, the brand, the state and the region of origin, the content of ethanol, the image of the sale package of the beverage and the description of the characteristics of the beverage (colour, taste, aroma)
- The TV add cannot contain any image of a living creature or animation objects, indicate positive impact of alcohol, tell stories, describe positive atmosphere etc
- All outdoor advertising banned
- Alcohol advert watershed moved from 9pm to 10pm
- Alcohol advertisement in social media banned except on the site/account of alcohol producer or retailer
- The alcohol producer or retailer cannot produce the content aimed to be shared by users or use the consumer produced content in/ as advertisement
- All kinds of consumer games are prohibited



Estonian lobbying example

### Why threaten the Estonia Government when they are trying to ensure you have healthy consumers?

Eurocare issued an open letter to Carlsberg and Olvi regarding their interference in Estonian's government latest alcohol policy reforms.

Mr Cees 't Hart, CEO Carlsberg

Mr Lasse Aho, CEO Olvi plc

Open letter: Why threaten the Estonia Government when they are trying to ensure you have healthy consumers?

I am writing to you on behalf of the European Alcohol Policy Alliance (Eurocare), which is an alliance of 60 public health organisations (mainly non-governmental arganisations) from 25 European countries dedicated to the prevention and reduction of alcohol related harm.

We have been informed that Carlsberg and Olvi are threatening the Estonian Government to withdraw from Estonia if they move forward in their alcohol policy plans, which aim at improving health of its population ( http://anleht.delfi.ee/news/uudised/carlsbergi-ja-olvi-jubid-hoiatavad-juri-ratast-olleaktsiisi-tostmine-sunnib-meidoma-investeeringuid-umber-hindama?id=76503989).

This is contradictory to the information and the image given over the years by Carlsberg as a company caring about alcohol-related harm in the European Alcohol and Health Forum. Moreover it appears not to be in the spirit of your global social responsibility initiatives, as can be found here; http://gsri.worldwidebrewingalliance.org /search

Eurocare would like to ask Carlsberg and Ohi to reconsider their policy and instead congratulate Estonia Government for prioritising the health of its citizens. The proposed alcohol policy plans are based on recognised international agreements. Reducing youth drinking and alcohol-related road accidents are in line with UN's sustainable development goals. Both WHO's Global strategy to reduce harmful use of alcohol and WHO's European action plan to reduce the harmful use of alcohol 2012–2020 recommends Member States "to reduce exposure to alcohol marketing, and in particular to protect children and youth from alcohol marketing of all kinds". Carlsbergi ja Olvi juhid hoiatavad Jüri Ratast: õlleaktsiisi tõstmine sunnib meid oma investeeringuid ümber hindama (130)

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### Lithuania

- No alcohol sales in petrol stations since January 1, 2016
- Use and advertising of discount campaigns for alcoholic drinks prohibited in the shops, since November 1, 2016
- Increase in excise tax for all alcohol products since March 1, 2017
- The legal age to purchase or consume alcohol is increased from 18 years to 20 years old from January 1, 2018
- Alcohol retailers will have a right to ask for legitimation from buyers if there is uncertainty if the person is younger than25 years old from January 1, 2018
- Restricting off-premise sale of alcoholic beverages (exceptions: airports, ferries, train bars/shops) from 10 am until 8 pm Monday to Saturday, and 10am to 3 pm on Sunday since January 1, 2018
- Total ban on alcohol advertising including few exemptions (such as a logo of producers in sales areas or on memorabilia) since January 1, 2018

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### Music culture under threat from new alcohol ban stands in the netrol stations placing personal responsibility for

 
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### Lithuanian lobbying example

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15 verslas finansai bendrovės energetika transportas žemėsūkis kvadratinis metras – karjera medijos

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"Carlsberg" vadovai: jei būsime priversti išeiti iš Lietuvos – nedvejosime



Personal discount cards to MPs offered by a chain of petrol stations

#### TEGUL MEILĖ LIETUVOS DEGA MŪSU ŠIRDYSE! Gerbiamas Seimo nary, Esame lietuviško kapitalo degalinių tinklo įmonė, sėkmingai dirbanti Lietuvoje jau dvidešimt metų. Norime Jus pasveikinti su artėjančia seimo rudens sesija, bei palinkėti produktyvumo, ištvermės ir sekmės darbuose, kurie laukia. Šia proga, kad efektyviau ir sklandžiau įgyvendintumėte savo tikslus, greičiau ir už mažesnes sąnaudas pasiektumėte rinkėjus, Jums dovanojame UAB "EMSI" vardinę nuolaidų kortelę, bei dovanų kuponus kavos puodeliui Su UAB "EMSI" vardine nuolaidų kortele (aktyvuota - jau veikia) atsiskaitant grynaisiais pinigais arba banko kortele Jums bus suteikta: Nuo 11 ct iki 6 ct nuolaida visų rūšių degalams Nuo 50 % iki 30 % nuolaida plovyklos paslaugoms, kavai, užkandžiams Jeigu nutartumėte už įsipiltus degalus mokėti ne iš karto, o vėliau, siūlome įsigyti UAB "EMSI" kreditinę kortelę. Naudojantis šia kortele, už ataskaitinio mėnesio pylimus sąskaitą faktūrą atsiųsime sekančio mėnesio 5d., kurią reikės apmokėti per 30d. Kreditinei kortelei gauti, prašome užpildyti pridėtą sutartį ir atsiusti el. paštu arba paštu.

Sources: <u>http://musicexportfund.com/alcohol-ban-threats-culture-industry/</u> http://nordan.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NTAKK\_2017Nordan\_Tallinn\_last1.pdf





- 5 key provisions
- 1. minimum unit pricing;
- 2. labelling of alcohol products and notices in licensed premises;
- 3. regulation of advertising and sponsorship of alcohol products;
- 4. structural separation of alcohol products in mixed trading outlets; and
- 5. regulations of the sale and supply of alcohol products (promotions).

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### Irish lobbying example

### Alcohol sponsorship ban would hurt sports industry - Cttee

Updated / Tuesday, 2 Jul 2013 19:23



Committee has recommended that a code of practice for the consumption of alcohol with stadia be drawn up

### Alcohol Bill will cut €8.5m sponsorship of arts events, says drinks industry

Festival organisers are nervous about new legislation that will curb drinks companies' advertising

O Mon, Jun 26, 2017, 21:00

#### Ciarán D'Arcy



Sources: https://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/alcohol-bill-will-cut-8-5m-sponsorship-of-arts-events-says-drinks-industry-1.3134475 https://www.rte.ie/news/2013/0702/460120-alcohol-sponsorship/



### Good practice example - France



Source of the picture: <u>http://www.uefa.com/insideuefa/about</u> uefa/administration/marketing/news/newsid=1947396.html?redirectFromOrg=true Franck Lecas: <u>http://www.eurocare.org/media\_centre/previous\_eurocare\_events/7th\_european\_alcohol\_policy\_conference\_ljublj</u> ana 22 and 23 november 20162/conference\_presentations



### Bad practice example – FIFA policy

 Brazil 2014 - 'Budweiser Law' successfully pressured Brazil into passing a bill, allowing beer sales in soccer stadiums.

"Alcoholic drinks are part of the FIFA World Cup, so we're going to have them. Excuse me if I sound a bit arrogant but that's something we won't negotiate."

"The fact that we have the right to sell beer has to be a part of the law." Jerome Valcke (FIFA's secretary) in 2012

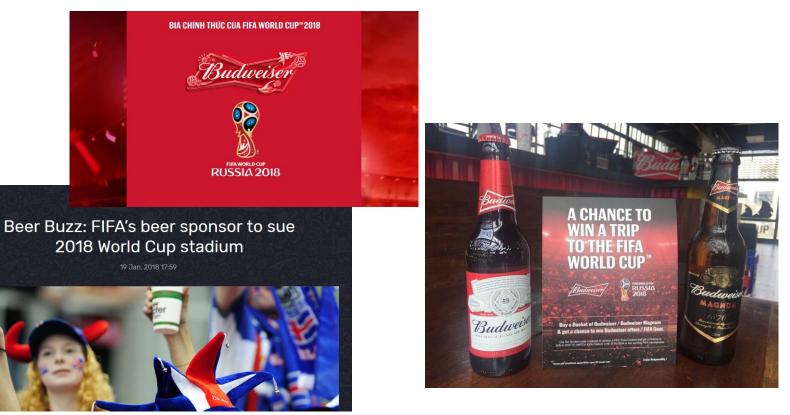


Picture source: http://www.k-message.com/winner-2014-world-cup-beer-advertising/

### FIFA Russia 2018



• The prohibition on any advertising for beer on radio, TV, printed media and online has been eased until the end of 2018 because of the upcoming Football World Cup.



Sources: <u>https://www.rt.com/sport/416440-beer-world-cup-russia/</u> https://twitter.com/search?q=%23LightUpTheWorldCup





1. Attacking evidence-based policies that threaten profits

- 2. Attacking the science and scientists
- 3. 'Doubt is our product,' as one tobacco executive wrote in 1969

4. Embed themselves in government and dominate any policy-response to harm caused by their product – 'responsible companies', 'part of the solution' gives seat at the table to stop any regulation early

5. 'continuous dialogue' with its critics





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