

Reducing the harmful use of alcohol: how policies compare across EU member states

	Written national policy (adopted /revised)	National action plan	Excise tax			National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages			National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages		
			On beer	On wine	On spirits	Beer	Wine	Spirits	Beer	Wine	Spirits
Austria	Yes (2016/—)	No	Yes	No	Yes	Subnational			Subnational		
Belgium	No	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	16	16	18	16	16	18
Bulgaria	Yes (1973/2016)	No	Yes	No	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Croatia	Yes (2010/—)	No	Yes	No	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Cyprus	Yes (2004/2013)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	17	17	17	17	17	17
Czechia	Yes (2002/2014)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Denmark	Subnational	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	16	16	18	18	18	18
Estonia	Yes (2014/—)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Finland	Yes (2003/2015)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	20	18	18	18
France	Yes (2008/2013)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Germany	Yes (2003/2012)	No	Yes	No	Yes	16	16	18	16	16	18
Greece	No	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Hungary	No	—	Yes	No	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Ireland	Yes (1996/2013)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Italy	Yes (2001/2007)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Latvia	Yes (2005/2012)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Lithuania	Yes (1998/2014)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Luxembourg	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	16	16	16	16	16	16
Malta	No	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	17	17	17	17	17	17
Netherlands	Yes (2007/2016)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Norway	Yes (1998/2012)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	20	18	18	20
Poland	Yes (1996/2016)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Portugal	Yes (2000/2013)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Romania	No	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Slovakia	Yes (1993/2016)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Slovenia	Yes (2000/2016)	No	Yes	No	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Spain	Yes (1999/2009)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18
Sweden	Yes (2001/2016)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	20	20	18	18	18
UK	Subnational	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	18	18	18	18	18

	Restrictions for on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (any)		Restrictions for on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages			National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration when driving a vehicle (%)			Legally binding regulations (any) on		Legally binding regulations (any) on		Legally required health warning labels (any) on		National government support for community action (any)	National monitoring system(s) (any)
	Hours, days	Places, density	Specific events	Intoxicated persons	Petrol stations	General	Young	Professional	alcohol advertising	product placement	alcohol sponsorship	sales promotion	alcohol adverts	containers		
Austria	Yes, Yes	Yes, No	No	Yes	No	0.05	0.01	0.01	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Belgium	No, No	No, No	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.05	0.05	0.02	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bulgaria	No, Yes	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	No	0.05	0.05	0.05	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Croatia	No, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	No	0.05	0.00	0.00	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Cyprus	Yes, Yes	Yes, Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.05	0.02	0.02	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Czechia	No, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	No	Zero tolerance			Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Denmark	No, No	No, No	No	Yes	No	0.05	0.05	0.05	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Estonia	Yes, No	Yes, No	No	Yes	No	0.02	0.02	0.02	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Finland	Yes, Yes	Yes, Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.05	0.05	0.05	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
France	Yes, No	Yes, Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.05	0.02	0.02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Germany	No, No	No, No	No	Yes	No	0.05	0.00	0.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Greece	No, No	No, No	Yes	No	No	0.05	0.02	0.02	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hungary	No, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	No	Zero tolerance			Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Ireland	Yes, Yes	Yes, Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.05	0.02	0.02	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Italy	Yes, No	Yes, No	No	Yes	Yes	0.05	0.00	0.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Latvia	Yes, No	Yes, No	Yes	No	No	0.05	0.02	0.02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Lithuania	Yes, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.04	0.00	0.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Luxembourg	Yes, No	No, Yes	No	Yes	No	0.05	0.02	0.02	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Malta	Yes, No	No, No	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.08	0.08	0.08	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Netherlands	No, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.05	0.02	0.05	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Norway	Yes, Yes	Yes, No	No	Yes	Yes	0.02	0.02	0.02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Poland	No, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	No	0.02	0.02	0.02	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Portugal	Yes, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.05	0.02	0.02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Romania	No, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	No	Zero tolerance			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Slovakia	No, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Zero tolerance			Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Slovenia	Yes, No	Yes, No	Yes	Yes	No	0.05	0.00	0.00	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Spain	Yes, No	Yes, No	Yes	No	No	0.05	0.03	0.03	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Sweden	Yes, Yes	Yes, Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.02	0.02	0.02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
UK	Sub-national		Sub-national			Subnational			No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes