

# EU ALCOHOL STRATEGY: MONITORING OF GOOD PRACTICES IN EU-27 AS OF 1 JANUARY 2007

## CYPRUS

### Theme 1: Actions to protect young people, children and the unborn child

Existing national 18 year age limit for selling and serving alcohol  B= Beer W= Wine S= Spirits	Other restrictions on serving or selling to young people <sup>i</sup> (other than age limits and proof of age cards)	National restrictions on commercial communication targeting young people <sup>ii</sup>	Activities involving Multi stakeholders community interventions <sup>iii</sup>	National media campaigns <sup>iv</sup> <sup>v</sup>	Counselling to support children in families with alcohol problems and measures to protect the unborn child <sup>vi</sup> <sup>vii</sup>	Nation wide educational programmes part of curriculum <sup>viii</sup>	National pricing policy as a part of alcohol policy <sup>ix</sup>	National BAC limits for young drivers	Statistics on young peoples drinking volumes and patterns <sup>x</sup>
No  1 January 2007 Cyprus have national 18 year age limit selling and serving alcoholic beverages  Planning to adopt new rules - active discussion in parliament (congress)  Common national age limit below 18 Yes	No	No	Yes  Website by gandirect (insurance company), preventive actions taking by police	Yes  Only indirect in prevention spots on drink-driving	No	Yes  General programmes of health education – Ministry of Education	Yes	No	Yes  ESPAD Anti Drug Council Epidemiological survey 2006

## Theme 2: Actions to reduce injuries and deaths from alcohol-related road traffic accidents

National Blood Alcohol Concentration limit (BAC) Below 0,5 g/l	Random Breath Testing (police has the <u>right</u> to test drivers without suspicion) <sup>xi</sup>	Special national BAC limits for inexperienced drivers, drivers of public transports or commercial vehicles.	Types of enforcement (other than RBT) and application of dissuasive sanctions, interventions for repeated drink drivers. <sup>xii</sup>	Statistics - National data on;  Drivers/ victims found with blood alcohol (all BAC limits) Number of killed/injured in alcohol-related road accidents  Number of drivers found above national BAC limits
Yes (0,22)	Yes	No	Depending of the court	Yes  <u>2006:</u> → 52 drivers/victims (41 of them - blood test which 12 of them were positive and 8 of them had less than 0,5) → 14 fatal in alcohol-related road accidents → 15 dead 21 seriously accidents → 28 seriously injured 33 accidents → 63 light injured → 68. 874 alcohol tests (4.249 drivers found above national BAC limits)

### Theme 3: Prevent alcohol-related harm among adults and reduce the negative impact on the workplace

National alcohol policy adopted by Government or Parliament – (targeting adults)	National restrictions on advertising /sponsorship - targeting adults	Brief/ early advise by doctors and nurses in primary health care, <sup>xiii</sup>	Treatment/ Rehabilitation of high risk drinkers	Training for health professionals (on a regular basis)	National price policy targeting adults	National licence system of retail sale (shops) and production <sup>xiv</sup>	National licence system on - premise (serving on pubs restaurants) <sup>xv/</sup>	Server training <sup>xvi</sup>	Prevention activities at work places/ providing help and specialised care for employees/	Community based intervention – multi-stakeholder cooperation (including local communities)
No	No	No	Yes  THEMEA (therapeutic community) services for legal substances	Yes  Only for Mental Health Services	No	No	Yes		No	No  It's planned

## Theme 4: Inform, educate and raise awareness

Consumer information on <u>points of sale</u> <sup>xvii</sup>	Health warning labels on <u>beverage containers</u> or <u>advertisements</u>	National awareness raising campaigns on alcohol and pregnancy <sup>xviii</sup>	National awareness raising campaigns on alcohol's impact on working performance <sup>xix</sup>	National awareness raising campaigns on alcohol's impact on health	National awareness raising campaigns on children in families with alcohol problems <sup>xx</sup>	Publicly funded alcohol research and monitoring programmes <sup>xxi</sup>
Both regulation or non-regulation	Both regulation or non-regulation					
No	Yes	Yes		Yes Programme "Well Being" – Ministry of Education		Yes 3 programmes – Ministry of Education

### Theme 1

- <sup>i</sup> Indicate if there is any ban to sell/serve alcoholic beverages close to schools or in vending machines (proof of age cards should be indicated under enforcement of age limits).
- <sup>ii</sup> Use ELSA project information to check this.
- <sup>iii</sup> Indicate only if this is major activities including local governments or local authorities or a broad number of stakeholders. The target group must be young people, children and pregnant women.
- <sup>iv</sup> Indicate only nation-wide or regional media campaigns targeting or involving young people, children (could also include parents) or pregnant women that are monitored or evaluated in some way.
- <sup>v</sup> Indicate in what way the campaign is evaluated / monitored.
- <sup>vi</sup> Indicate if there are special activities for children or special structural programmes used and in which settings the counselling take place.
- <sup>vii</sup> Here you should not mention Health warning labels on alcohol during pregnancy - health warnings are reported under theme 4 Information, education and awareness raising activities.
- <sup>viii</sup> Small scale actions in one or two classes are not included. Indicate only if there are any national, regional or local (municipality) educational programmes implemented.
- <sup>ix</sup> This could be taxation but also regulation on one cheaper non-alcoholic drink than any alcoholic drink.
- <sup>x</sup> Indicate only in what way you are collecting data on young people and children's consumption/drinking patterns and if you collect data on Foetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effects, data which data do you have at national level.

### Theme 2

- <sup>xi</sup> Indicate if you have any information on the number of RBT carried out (or any approximately data). Remember that you will be asked to report back in 2008 on the development, could be good to have a benchmark (baseline).
- <sup>xii</sup> Indicate if you have any brief interventions/treatments of repeated drunk-drivers, any penalties for drunk drivers, Alco lock projects etc. Also here it would be good to report quantities.

### Theme 3

- <sup>xiii</sup> Indicate the degree of implementation (national, regional, municipalities, private medical doctors etc).
- <sup>xiv</sup> Indicate if there is any licensing system, the main criteria for licences and if there are any sanctions (This information can be found in WHO Country Reports – Bridging the Gap web site).
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- <sup>xvi</sup> Indicate if this is arranged by economic operators and/or if it is part of requirement in a national licensing system.

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#### Theme 4

<sup>xvii</sup> Indicate if you have any regulation or self-regulation on consumer information on points of sales or on-premises.

<sup>xviii</sup> In addition to health warning labels, could be awareness raising campaigns, cooperation with medical professionals, schools, universities etc.

<sup>xix</sup> Indicate if you have any ongoing cooperation with trade unions, employers in order to develop work place alcohol policy/brief interventions for people at risk or national campaigns.

<sup>xx</sup> Under theme 1 you were asked to indicate if you have any counselling activities with children in families with drinking problems. Under this heading you are asked to indicate if you have any awareness raising campaigns to raise awareness among citizens or professionals.

<sup>xxi</sup> Indicate if there are programmes and approximately how many (if possible the amount of money spent).

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