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EXAMPLES OF ALCOHOL INTERLOCK PROGRAMMES IN THE EU

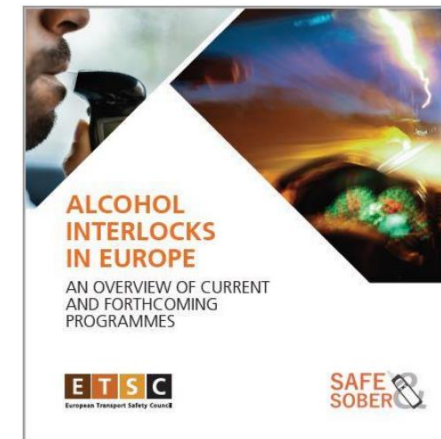
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16 years of raising awareness on Alcohol Interlocks through:

- 31 national events since 2008 (21 countries in Europe covered)
- 2 EU events in the European Parliament
- Regular participation in the Alcohol Interlock Symposium
- 1 report on Alcohol Interlock programmes in the EU
- 1 EU map on updated info on AI offender programmes in the EU



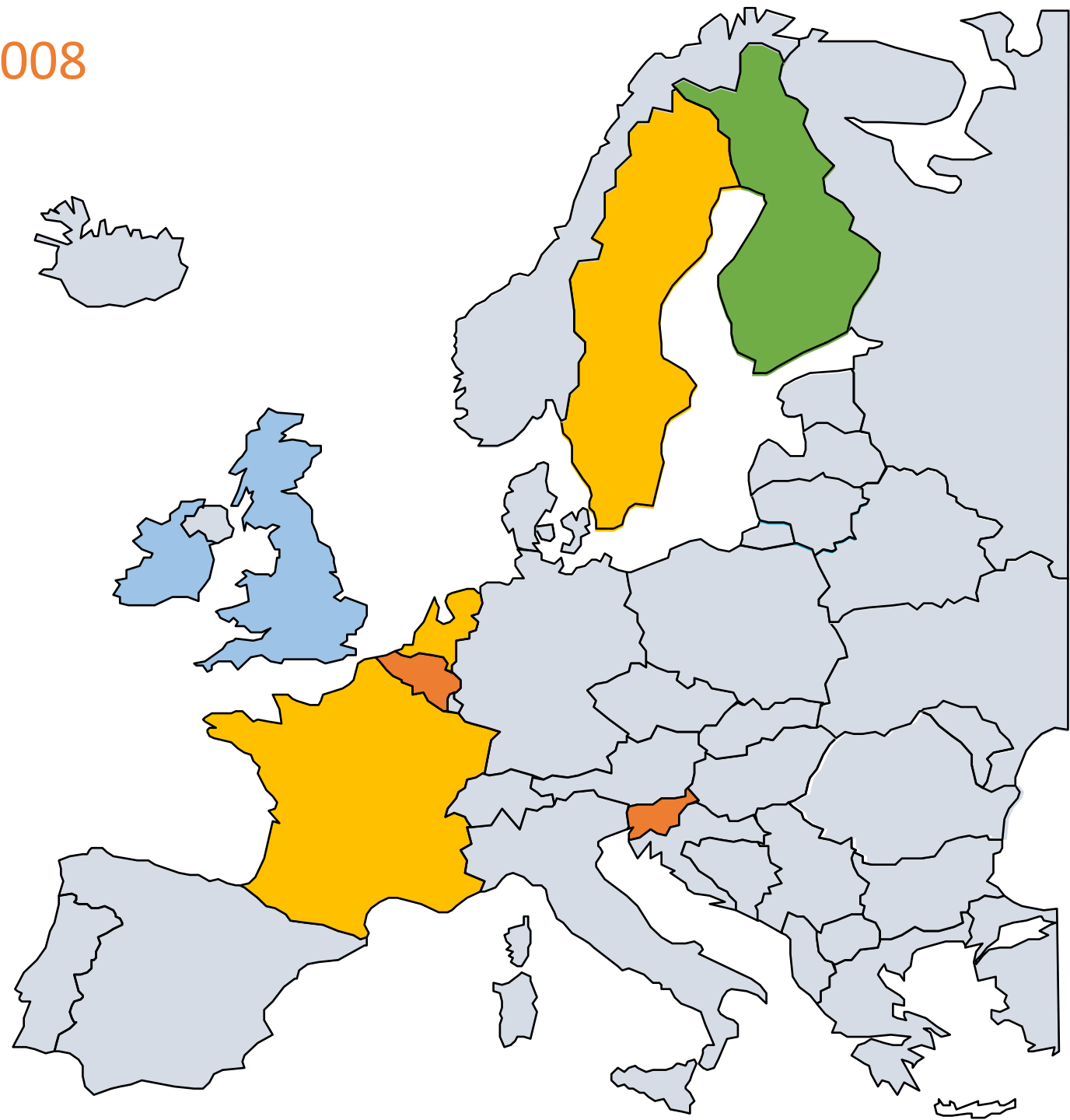


Promoting Alcohol Interlocks

- In rehabilitation programmes
 - High level and recidivist offenders
 - Alcohol addicted as long as this is combined with medical supervision
- As a quality assurance mechanism in commercial transport
 - In school buses
 - Emergency
 - Day care transportation
 - Others: public procurements (safety culture..)

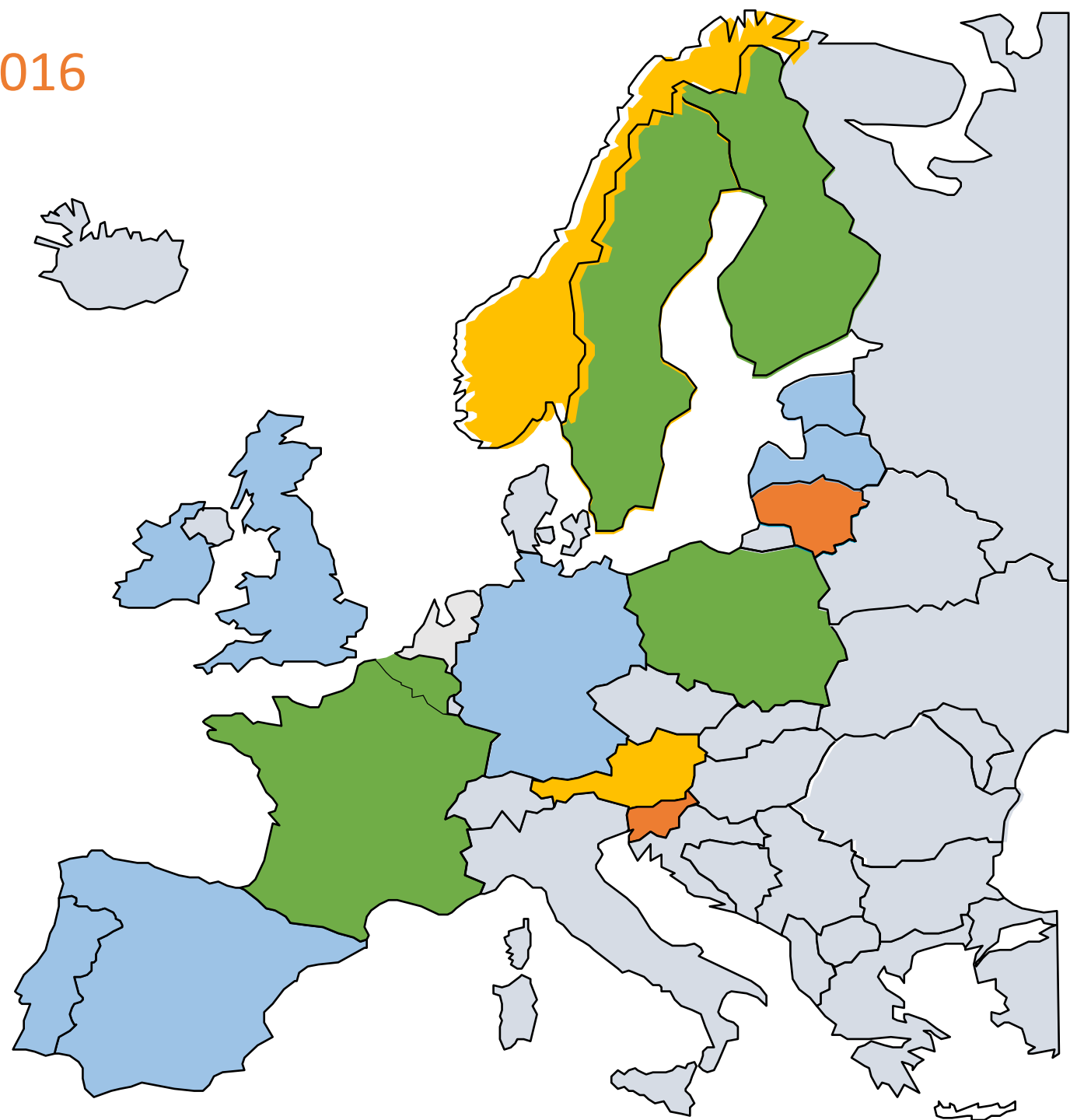
ALCOHOL INTERLOCK BAROMETER 2008

- Voluntary basis
- Pilot project
- Legislation in discussion
- Legislation in force



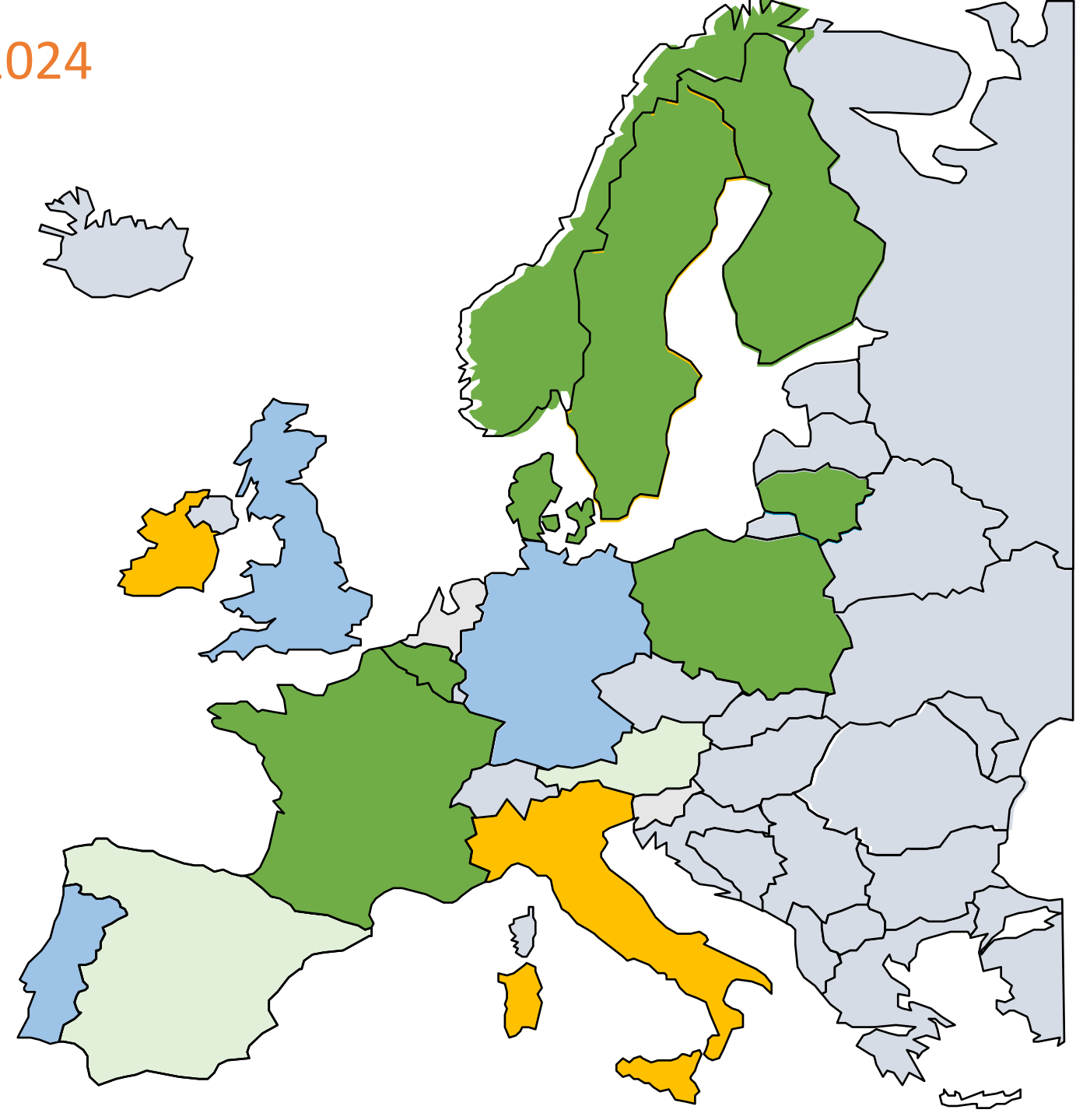
ALCOHOL INTERLOCK BAROMETER 2016

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ALCOHOL INTERLOCK BAROMETER 2024

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ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS & REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES

10% of all drink-driving offenders are involved in 2 / 3 of all alcohol-involved crashes



Alcohol interlocks are:

- An effective measure for hard-core drink-driving offenders
- An effective prevention tool

LEGISLATION NEEDED

To maximise the effect on road safety, alcohol interlock programmes for drink driving offenders should be compulsory and placed under administrative law.

ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS PROGRAMMES IN THE EU



In force since 2012.

Under administrative law

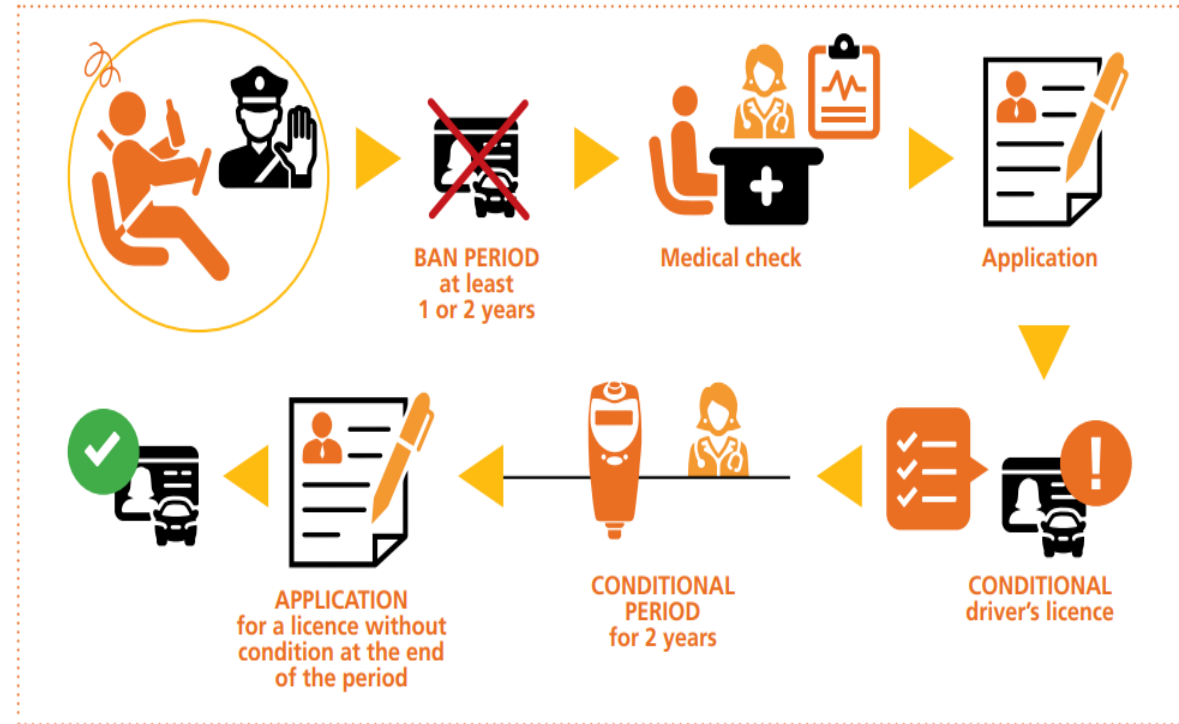
Voluntary, as alternative to driving ban

- 1 year programme for drivers convicted BAC level between 0.2 and 0.9 g/l;
- 2 year programme for recidivists, and offenders with a BAC level of at least 1.0 g/l.

Costs : 1 year : 2,000 – 2,700 euros
 2 years : 2,800 – 4,000 euros

Alcohol dependent people cannot apply **UNLESS** they can prove sobriety in the last 6 months

3,000 people driving with an alcohol interlock (2018 Evaluation)



ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS PROGRAMMES IN THE EU

AUSTRIA



Entry into force in 2017 until 2022.
Under administrative law and voluntary.

Offenders with BAC of >1.2 (first time);

or recidivists with a driving ban of at least four months

- At least half of the imposed withdrawal period has to be completed
- The withdrawal period left is doubled and completed with AI (but at least 6 months)
- No alcohol addiction

The driver has to meet a mentor every two months.

5-year trial ended. No legislation in force.

2022 Evaluation: 561 participants (88% male)

8 months average participation

2700€ average costs

Main recommendation : make it compulsory and right after the offence

ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS PROGRAMMES IN THE EU



Entry into force in 2015 (but new programme in 2017 due to low participation rate).
Under administrative law.

- Voluntary programme: between 1.2 to 2.0g/l BAC. Can participate immediately after offence.
- Mandatory programme: for recidivists and with BAC >2.0. Can only participate when the suspension period is over (min. 3 years).

Approx. 450 drivers drive with an alcohol interlock programme (end 2020)

ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS PROGRAMMES IN THE EU



In force since 2015

Under criminal law

Alternative to driving ban (can apply after half driving ban period)

Offenders driving with a BAC above 0.5 g/l may ask the court for their driving ban to be replaced with an alcohol interlock (with a lifetime driving ban only after min.10 years).

Not part of a rehabilitation programme.

No monitoring of the effects of the programme.

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

A. Effective programmes showed **positive impacts** such as:

- a) securing the jobs of people who relied on being able to drive for work;
- b) making drivers aware of their responsibilities;
- c) helping offenders remain integrated in society (although participation is sometimes perceived as a constraint);



B. **Key elements** for a successful programme:

- a) Rehabilitation measures
- b) Affordable costs
- c) Start the programme immediately after offence



ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS IN COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT



TRANSPORTEZ TRANQUILLE

Le 1^{er} septembre 2015,
l'éthylotest anti-démarrage
 et la ceinture de sécurité
 sont OBLIGATOIRES dans tous les autocars.

N'attendez pas pour vous équiper en EAD
www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/ead2015

Le défaut d'équipement est une infraction

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Take a decisive step to prevent drink-driving in your company

Preventing drivers from turning on the motor if they are affected by alcohol, the Dräger alcohollock is an efficient security tool as well as a great way for companies to send a signal of social responsibility.

By Roger Newman | Photos: F. Blaise & Co. Agf

Although there is no law in Denmark that requires drivers to have a breathalyzer on their vehicles, the Dräger alcohollock has become particularly popular with Danish transport businesses. Among the many major companies using the Dräger alcohollock are the Danish flag carrier, D. Blaise & Co. has equipped the bus fleet with the alcohollock. For the brewery which has a reputation for producing beer, the alcohollock is a way to ensure that the drivers are sober and safe. The Dräger alcohollock works by measuring the alcohol level in the driver's breath. If the alcohol level is too high, the alcohollock will prevent the driver from starting the engine. This is a decisive step to prevent drink-driving in your company.

For more information, please visit www.drager.dk

DROGHEIDA LEADER

Matthews scoop BBC into

Cochs Hire Company's alcohol Interlock system featured on

■ Noel Matthews pictured demonstrating to BBC News how the Alcohol Interlock system works. LOCAL company of alcohol, and not about... MATTHEWS... HIRE was the subject... where its alcohol interlock system was featured. Matthews is the only... instead to have alcohol interlocks installed on every... and support vehicle... of alcohol, and not about... MATTHEWS... HIRE was the subject... where its alcohol interlock system was featured. Matthews is the only... instead to have alcohol interlocks installed on every... and support vehicle... of alcohol, and not about... MATTHEWS... HIRE was the subject... where its alcohol interlock system was featured. Matthews is the only... instead to have alcohol interlocks installed on every... and support vehicle...

Golden contract!

Cochs Hire Company lands Olympic transport deal

■ Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Leo Varadkar (pictured with Paddy and Noel Matthews) from Matthews Coach Hire following the news that the company has become an official transport provider for the Olympic Games.

FORBRUG & LIV

Bolig Sundhed Digitalt Forbrug Biler Livsstil

DIN TRANSPORT 13. OKT. 2014 KL. 22.16

Arriva: Busserne er begyndt at køre pænere

Antallet af 'hændelser' målt af sensorer i busserne er faldet med 67 procent.

In commercial vehicles as an extension of the vehicle safety systems and demonstrate the company's commitment to both driver and public safety.

ALCOHOL INTERLOCKS IN COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT



FRANCE:

Buses and coaches are fitted with alcohol interlocks. Coaches assigned to public transport for children have been equipped with alcohol interlocks since 2010 and all coaches since 2015.



FINLAND:

Since August 2011, mandatory in school and day care transportation (if transport organised by a municipality, school, state etc)

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HOW MANY
DRINKS
SHOULD YOU
HAVE BEFORE DRIVING?

Alcohol Interlocks map online
<https://etsc.eu/issues/drink-driving/alcohol-interlock-barometer/>

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