Enforcement of Drink Driving in Europe

Pathways for Health

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Presentation Plan

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Introduction to TISPOL

• Traffic Police Network in Europe
• Goals
  – Exchange of best practices
  – Training of Police Officers in the field of road safety
  – Exchange of Information
  – Coordination of Road Safety actions
Introduction to TISPOL

• Fields
  – Initially Heavy Goods Vehicles and Busses
  – Also Speed, Drink Driving and Seatbelt

• (Traffic) Police Forces of
  – Most EU members
  – Romania
  – Norway, Switzerland,
  – Moldova

• www.tispol.org
Enforcement and Road Safety

• Three Key elements
  – Environment, Vehicle and Driver

• Three fields
  – Education, Engineering, Enforcement

• Enforcement is a powerful tool, but can not stand on its own!
  – Fast results, but not lasting
Aim of Enforcement

- To Prevent Drink Driving is more important than to detect intoxicated drivers!
- Increase the subjective risk of detection to change attitude and behavior
- High (objective) check rates are a good start but not enough
Control methods

- Roadside testing
- Evidential breath analysis
- (Blood test)
- Observations of police officers
  Clinical tests
Good enforcement

• Random Breath test (Rec)
  – combination with evidential breath analysis (Rec)
  – ‘blanket’ testing
  – test at any occasion

• Communication… ‘keep it in the spotlight’
  – Mass media
  – (Semi) Visibility
Good enforcement

- **Orientated** (place and time) **Enforcement** (Rec)
  - principle of Information Led Policing
  - good data collection
  - occasionally ‘wider enforcement’
- **Dedicated campaigns**
  - highlight the issue in specific timeframes
  - don’t forget the periods in between
Good enforcement

- Combination of enforcement with
  - prevention
  - education

- Adequate sanction system
  - possibility to take measures on the spot
  - possibility to react against repeat offenders
Desired evolution

- European Harmonization
  - BAC
  - Methods
- Mutual recognition of penalties
  - Drivers license or penalty points
- Exchange of information
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- **Drink Driving Checks 2004**
  (ETSC 2006)
  - Minimum : 1 %
  - Maximum : 35 %

- **Proportion of drivers checked last 3 years**
  (Sartre 2004)
  - Minimum : 4%
  - Maximum : 64 %
  - Average : 29%
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- Encourage the enforcement of Drink Driving
  - Working group on alcohol and drugs
  - Two dedicated campaign weeks per year on enforcement of Drink Driving

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• Results
  – Campaign December 2005
    • 22 countries
    • 716,438 checks in one week
    • 9,368 positive (1.3 %)
  – Campaign June 2006
    • 16 countries
    • 394,988 checks in one week
    • 9,252 positive (2.3 %)