Pathways for Health Project on Drink Driving, Binge Drinking, Health Warnings and Labelling for Alcoholic Beverages
General Overview

Binge drinking  Drink driving  Health warnings and labelling

PHP

Support

Review Data Base Recommendations

European Commission

Effective policy

European Member States

Reduction of the harm done by alcohol

Bridging the Gap Meeting  May 2006  Barcelona/Spain  WF
Output

For each of the three topic areas the project has the following specific objectives:

➢ To prepare and publish a 15-20 page review of the evidence for effectiveness and public health importance

➢ To create a data base and inventory of examples of innovative and best practice and experience (including relevant laws and regulations)

➢ To prepare and publish a 3-5 page summary of practical recommendations (Europe and Member State level)
Tools

- Multi-sectoral, multinational stakeholder network – 30 countries in Europe
- Expert meetings (Berlin, Paris)
- Session in Helsinki during the BtG Project
- Systematic reviews of published scientific literature
- Identification of examples of good practice by the Alcohol Policy Network (BtG)
Dissemination

- the reports will be available as paper copies and also as electronic versions, downloadable in PDF format
- European Commission, European Parliament, member organisations of the Commission’s Health Policy Forum
- all involved European partners
- findings will be entered on the Internet site database
- Press conferences
Meetings

First: expert meeting

Berlin, from 7\textsuperscript{th} until 8\textsuperscript{th} February 2006 ✓

Second: expert meeting

Paris, from 21\textsuperscript{st} until 22\textsuperscript{nd} June 2006

Third: session during the BtG Conference

Helsinki, November 2006
What does the project mean for the MS?

For example France:

- notify the importance of the european level
- participate to a common work
- improve our own strategy
- collect arguments to balance the ones of french lobbies
- exchange experiences and ideas on the best practices
- collect new ideas
- validate our choices (ex: EAF labelling)
Outcome first meeting

- Broad definitions of the key words of each topic are necessary
- Determination of certain criteria which project or measure should be accommodate in the review
- European and scientific literature should be included
- Industry publications should be included
- More attention about the influence of such documents on public opinion and policy making process
Funding Partners

- European Commission
- Finnish Ministry of Health
- French Ministry of Health
- German Ministry of Health
- Portuguese Ministry of Health
Project Partners

**European Organisations:**

- European Youth Forum (EYF)
- European Transport Safety Council (ETSC)
- European Traffic Police Network (TISPOL)
- Eurocare

**National Organisations:**

- Network of the Bridging the Gap (BtG)
- CRIOC (Belgium Consumer Organisation)
Conclusions

- one year project
- modest costs
- existing Alcohol Policy Network
- supports Alcohol policy in Europe in the topic areas
- improves the collaboration between the partners
- synergetic effects should be expected
Thank you for your attention!
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