

7th European Alcohol Policy Conference

The need to reduce the negative consequences of alcohol

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To protect, prevent and reduces negative consequences of alcohol



Committee of the Regions

- Committee of the Regions intensifies its efforts in the field of public health
- The need for a new strategy; how to build upon the work of the previous EU Alcohol strategy
- Committee of the Regions supports the EU Parliament and the Council of Ministers and asks for a strong leadership on alcohol-related issues
- Diverse views on alcohol and how to prevent harm
- National subsidiarity – cross border issues
- The need to strengthen the individual and to support institutions, organizations and the welfare sector to do more and better

 **Balanced opinion**



Rapporteur for the opinion:

*The need for and way towards
an EU strategy on alcohol-related issues*

Timeline:

- **28 November 2016**
Discussion and adoption of the opinion at the NAT-commission meeting
- **8/9 February 2017**
- Adoption in the Committee of the Regions Plenary Session

Tourism, agriculture and rural development, forestry, food production, public health, consumer protection, maritime policy and civil protection (NAT)

Main lines of the draft opinion I

- The Commission should support and complement national policies and strategies and not hinder Member States to develop their preventive work
- Take different national contexts into consideration
- Use the experiences and expertise of the regional and local level – exchange good practice
- Support the need for platforms' for cooperation
- Turn science into action
- Contribute to address health inequities

Main lines of the draft opinion II

Aspects that are highlighted:

- Put the child's best interest and perspective first
- Limit exposure to minors for marketing and advertising of alcohol
- Reduce accessibility and prevent sale of cheap alcohol
- Promote alcohol labelling including calories
- Futures efforts within the EU action on chronic diseases is not enough
- Reduce drunk-driving for increased traffic safety