



Bridging the Gap

ALCOHOL POLICY NETWORK IN THE CONTEXT OF A LARGER EUROPE

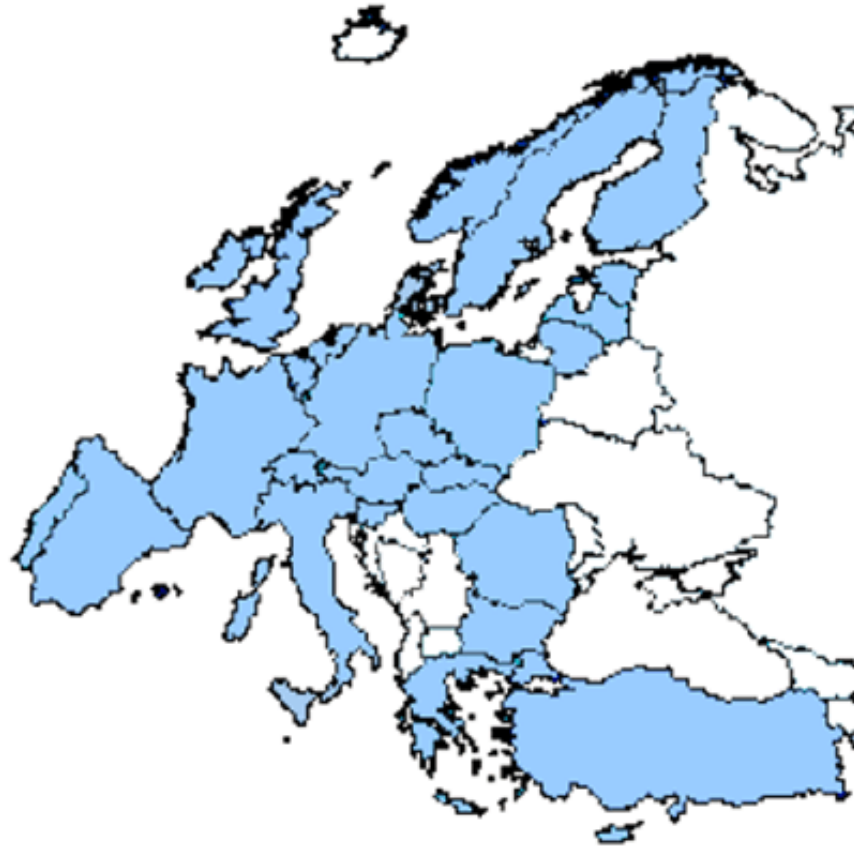
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Austria

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for sale of	NO	NO	NO
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	N.A.		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise: ¹	16	16	18
	Off-premise: ²	16	16	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	20		
	Tax as % of retail price	15	0	23.9
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television ³	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	BAN
	National radio	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	BAN
	Print media	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	PARTIAL
	Billboards	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	PARTIAL
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	N.A.		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	NO		
	Educational buildings	PARTIALLY		
	Government offices	NO		
	Public transport	NO		
	Parks, streets, etc.	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	VOLUNTARY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
	Workplaces	VOLUNTARY		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	RARELY		

¹ The on-premise age limits vary between different states for spirits, being either 16 or 18 years.

² Off-premise age limits vary as follows, no age limit or 16 for beer, no age limit or 16 for wine, and no age limit or 18 for spirits.

³ National television and radio have some legal and some voluntary restrictions, but they relate to the content of the ad.

Belgium

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	NO ¹	NO ¹	NO ²
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	16	16	18
	Off-premise:	-	-	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	21		
	Tax as % of retail price			
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	National radio	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Print media	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Billboards	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	RARELY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	PARTIAL		
	Educational buildings	PARTIAL		
	Government offices	PARTIAL		
	Public transport	PARTIAL		
	Parks, streets, etc.	PARTIAL		
	Sporting events	PARTIAL		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	PARTIAL		
Workplaces	PARTIAL			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OCCASIONALLY		

¹ Ferment alcohol: an 'opening tax' is obliged for selling wine and beer. In some cases, after 15 years, there is an obligation to pay a five-yearly tax.

² Spirits: annual taxation

Bulgaria		Beverage categories		
		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	NO	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	PARTIAL		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise: ¹	18	18	18
	Off-premise: ²	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	20		
	Tax as % of retail price	5.8	9.4	27.7
	Excise stamps exist	NO	YES	YES
Restrictions on advertising	National television ³	YES	YES	YES
	National radio	YES	YES	YES
	Print media	YES	YES	YES
	Billboards	YES	YES	YES
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	YES		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	BAN		
	Public transport	BAN		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	BAN		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	PARTIAL		
	Workplaces	BAN		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	- ¹		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	YES		

¹ A definition of alcohol exists for spirits, but not in the form of vol. %

Czech Republic (the)

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	NO	NO	NO
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	N.A.		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	19		
	Tax as % of retail price	7	0	26.1
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	NO	NO	NO
	National radio	NO	NO	NO
	Print media	NO	NO	NO
	Billboards ¹	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	RARELY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	PARTIALLY		
	Educational buildings	PARTIALLY		
	Government offices	NO		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
	Workplaces	VOLUNTARY		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.75		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.0		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	SOMETIMES		

¹ A 300m distance from schools is required.

Denmark

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	16	16	16
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	25		
	Tax as % of retail price	34.2	17.6	41.5
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	NO	NO	NO
	National radio	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Print media	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Billboards	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	PARTIALLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Youth events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	VOLUNTARY		
	Educational buildings	VOLUNTARY		
	Government offices	VOLUNTARY		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	PARTIALLY		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
Workplaces	VOLUNTARY			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	2.8		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	NO		

Estonia

		Beverage categories		
		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale ¹	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	PARTIALLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	18		
	Tax as % of retail price	13.6	13	52
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	National radio	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Print media	NO	NO	PARTIAL
	Billboards	NO	NO	NO
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	PARTIALLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	NO		
	Public transport	BAN		
	Parks, streets, etc. ³	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	NO		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
Workplaces	NO			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %) ²	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.2		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

¹ Different town and country authorities have different rules on hours of sale. For example, Kiviõli town government have decided that alcohol should not be sold from 22.00 to 08.00, except in bars and restaurants.

² The 0.5 vol.% is for beer, for other beverages the limit is 1.2vol. %

³ Consuming alcohol in parks and streets is banned in general, but local authorities have the discretion to allow it in certain areas

Finland

Beverage categories

Beer | Wine | Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of ¹	NO	YES	YES
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	-	-
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	NO	YES	YES
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	YES	YES
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	20
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	22		
	Tax as % of retail price ²	28	27	52
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	National radio	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	Print media	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	Billboards	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	FULLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	Youth events	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains ³	Health care establishments	VOLUNTARY		
	Educational buildings	VOLUNTARY		
	Government offices	NO		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	PARTIALLY		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	PARTIALLY		
Workplaces	VOLUNTARY			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	2.8		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

¹ State monopoly on retail sale of alcoholic beverages stronger than 4.7 vol.%.

² If including the excise tax and VAT, the tax percentages are 46%, 45% and 70% respectively.

³ It is possible to get a licence for on-premise sale of alcohol for all these domains.

France

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	YES	YES	YES
	Level of enforcement	-		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	16	16	18
	Off-premise:	16	16	16
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	19.6		
	Tax as % of retail price	8.8	3.1	33.2
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	BAN	BAN	BAN
	National radio	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Print media	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Billboards	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Health warning on advertisements	YES		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	YES		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Youth events	BAN	BAN	BAN
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	PARTIALLY		
	Educational buildings	PARTIALLY		
	Government offices	PARTIALLY		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	VOLUNTARY		
Workplaces	PARTIALLY			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	1.2		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

Germany

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for sale of	NO	NO	NO
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	N.A.		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	16	16	18
	Off-premise:	16	16	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	16		
	Tax as % of retail price ¹	6.6	0	13.78
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	National radio	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Print media	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Billboards	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	N.A.		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Youth events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	VOLUNTARY		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
Workplaces	PARTIALLY			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	1.2		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	NO		

¹ Since 1 July 2004, there has also been a special tax on spirits-based alcopops of EUR 0.83 per 275ml bottle

Greece

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	N.A.		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	17	17	17
	Off-premise:	NO	NO	NO
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	19		
	Tax as % of retail price	.	0	.
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	NO	NO	NO
	National radio	NO	NO	NO
	Print media	NO	NO	NO
	Billboards	NO	NO	NO
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	N.A.		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	NO		
	Educational buildings	NO		
	Government offices	NO		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
Workplaces	NO			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	YES		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

Hungary

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	RARELY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	25		
	Tax as % of retail price	20	~ 40	~ 27
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	VOLUNT	BAN	VOLUNT
	National radio	VOLUNT	PARTIAL	BAN
	Print media	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Billboards	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	PARTIALLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Youth events	NO	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	PARTIALLY		
	Public transport	BAN		
	Parks, streets, etc.	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	NO		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
Workplaces	BAN			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	5.0		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.0		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	SOMETIMES		

Ireland

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	PARTIALLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	21		
	Tax as % of retail price ⁹⁵	20.4	22.5	41.3
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising ⁹⁶	National television	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	National radio	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Print media	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Billboards	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	N.A.		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	VOLUNTARY		
	Educational buildings	VOLUNTARY		
	Government offices	VOLUNTARY		
	Public transport ⁹⁷	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc. ⁹⁸	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events ⁹⁹	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.) ¹⁰⁰	PARTIALLY		
Workplaces	VOLUNTARY			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.8		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	NO		

⁹⁵ In off-premise sale and without the VAT (including the VAT raises the percentages to 37.8%, 39.9% and 58.7% respectively).

⁹⁶ There is a voluntary agreement that spirits are not advertised on TV, radio and cinema. Only other restriction is that alcohol ads should not be shown around children's programmes.

⁹⁷ Alcohol can be consumed and sold on trains but not buses.

⁹⁸ Up to local authorities.

⁹⁹ Licence can be obtained to sell and consume alcohol.

¹⁰⁰ Licence can be obtained to sell and consume alcohol.

Italy

Beverage categories

Beer | Wine | Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	N.A.		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	16	16	16
	Off-premise:	16	16	16
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	20		
	Tax as % of retail price ¹⁰¹	11	0	20
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	PARTIAL	VOLUNT	PARTIAL
	National radio	PARTIAL	VOLUNT	PARTIAL
	Print media	PARTIAL	VOLUNT	PARTIAL
	Billboards	PARTIAL	VOLUNT	PARTIAL
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	PARTIALLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Youth events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	VOLUNTARY		
	Educational buildings	VOLUNTARY		
	Government offices	VOLUNTARY		
	Public transport ¹⁰²	VOLUNTARY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	VOLUNTARY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	VOLUNTARY		
	Workplaces	VOLUNTARY		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.1		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	SOMETIMES		

¹⁰¹ When including VAT the tax rates are 31% on beer, 0% on wine, and 40% on spirits.

¹⁰² Alcohol consumption forbidden on buses, but not on trains.

Latvia

		Beverage categories		
		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	18		
	Tax as % of retail price	4.4	16.9	44.2
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	NO	NO	BAN
	National radio	NO	NO	BAN
	Print media	NO	NO	NO
	Billboards	NO	NO	NO
	Health warning on advertisements	YES		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	FULLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Youth events	BAN	BAN	BAN
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	BAN		
	Public transport	BAN		
	Parks, streets, etc.	BAN		
	Sporting events	BAN		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	BAN		
Workplaces	BAN			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	1.2		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

Lithuania

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	YES
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	18		
	Tax as % of retail price	-	-	-
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	NO	NO	PARTIAL
	National radio	NO	NO	PARTIAL
	Print media	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Billboards	NO	NO	BAN
	Health warning on advertisements	YES		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	FULLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	PARTIALLY		
	Educational buildings	PARTIALLY		
	Government offices	PARTIALLY		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	PARTIALLY		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	PARTIALLY		
Workplaces	BAN			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	1.0		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.4		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

Luxembourg

Beverage categories

Beer | Wine | Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	YES
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement ¹⁰³	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	N.A.		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	16	16	16
	Off-premise:	NO	NO	NO
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	15		
	Tax as % of retail price	.	0	.
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	National radio	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Print media	NO	NO	NO
	Billboards	NO	NO	NO
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	N.A.		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	VOLUNTARY		
	Educational buildings	VOLUNTARY		
	Government offices	NO		
	Public transport	NO		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	VOLUNTARY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	VOLUNTARY		
	Workplaces	VOLUNTARY		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	1.0		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.8		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	SOMETIMES		

¹⁰³ There are no special restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages, they can be sold according to the opening hours of the off-premise sale establishment.

Malta

		Beverage categories		
		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	N.A.		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	16	16	16
	Off-premise:	NO	NO	NO
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	18		
	Tax as % of retail price	19.1	0	39.1
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	National radio	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Print media	NO	NO	NO
	Billboards	NO	NO	NO
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	FULLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	VOLUNTARY		
	Educational buildings	VOLUNTARY		
	Government offices	VOLUNTARY		
	Public transport	VOLUNTARY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	NO		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
	Workplaces	VOLUNTARY		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	2.0		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.8		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT) ¹	NO		

¹ Testing can only be carried out if police officers have reasonable suspicion.

Netherlands (the)

Beverage categories

Beer | Wine | Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for sale of	NO	NO	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	16	16	18
	Off-premise:	16	16	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	19		
	Tax as % of retail price	20	9.4	45.8
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	National radio	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Print media	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Billboards	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions ¹⁰⁵	RARELY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Youth events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	NO		
	Educational buildings	PARTIALLY		
	Government offices	VOLUNTARY		
	Public transport	NO		
	Parks, streets, etc. ¹⁰⁶	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
	Workplaces	VOLUNTARY		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

¹⁰⁵ Passive enforcement.

¹⁰⁶ Up to local authorities.

Norway

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	YES
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	YES	YES
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	YES	YES
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	20
	Off-premise:	18	18	20
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	24		
	Tax as % of retail price ¹⁰⁷	.	.	.
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising ¹⁰⁸	National television	BAN	BAN	BAN
	National radio	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Print media	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Billboards	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Health warning on advertisements	-		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	FULLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Youth events	BAN	BAN	BAN
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	PARTIALLY		
	Educational buildings	PARTIALLY		
	Government offices	PARTIALLY		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc. ¹⁰⁹	PARTIALLY		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	PARTIALLY		
Workplaces	PARTIALLY			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	2.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.2		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

¹⁰⁷ Tax rates 15.55/litre on beer, 3.47 per vol%/litre on wine and 5.98 vol%/litre on spirits.

¹⁰⁸ Advertising in business to business magazines is allowed. Advertising for products with less alcohol than 2.51 vol% is allowed and is used to circumvent the advertising ban.

¹⁰⁹ Drinking in public places is prohibited, but you can get a local licence to serve alcohol e.g. in a park.

Poland

Beverage categories

Beer | Wine | Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	YES	YES
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	22		
	Tax as % of retail price ¹¹⁰	22	14	57
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	PARTIAL	BAN	BAN
	National radio	PARTIAL	BAN	BAN
	Print media	PARTIAL	BAN	BAN
	Billboards	PARTIAL	BAN	BAN
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	FULLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	Youth events	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	BAN		
	Public transport	BAN		
	Parks, streets, etc.	BAN		
	Sporting events	BAN		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	VOLUNTARY		
Workplaces	BAN			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.2		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

¹¹⁰ In Poland 80% of the price of spirits is tax when including the VAT.

Portugal

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	N.A.		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	16	16	16
	Off-premise:	16	16	16
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	19	12	19
	Tax as % of retail price	28	.	21
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	National radio	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Print media	NO	NO	NO
	Billboards	NO	NO	NO
	Health warning on advertisements	YES		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	RARELY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	PARTIALLY		
	Public transport	NO		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	VOLUNTARY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
Workplaces	PARTIALLY			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	SOMETIMES		

Romania

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	NOT		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	19		
	Tax as % of retail price	.	.	.
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	NO	PARTIAL	NO
	National radio	NO	PARTIAL	NO
	Print media	NO	NO	NO
	Billboards	NO	NO	NO
	Health warning on advertisements	YES		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	SOME		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	BAN		
	Public transport	BAN		
	Parks, streets, etc.	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	BAN		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
	Workplaces	BAN		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %) ¹	0		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.0		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	RARELY		

¹ Any alcohol in the drink makes it legally an alcoholic drink.

Slovakia

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	YES
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	NO	YES
	Licence for sale of	NO	NO	NO
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	N.A.		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	23		
	Tax as % of retail price	7.5	25	35
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	NO	BAN	BAN
	National radio	NO	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Print media	NO	.	.
	Billboards	NO	.	.
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	RARELY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	BAN		
	Public transport	BAN		
	Parks, streets, etc.	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	VOLUNTARY		
	Workplaces	BAN		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	NO		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.0		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	SOMETIMES		

Slovenia

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for sale of	NO	NO	NO
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	HIGH		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	20		
	Tax as % of retail price	25.1	0	40.1
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	National radio	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	Print media	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	Billboards	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Health warning on advertisements	YES		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	PARTIALLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	YES	YES	YES
	Youth events	YES	YES	YES
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	BAN		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	BAN		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	PARTIALLY		
Workplaces	BAN			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	1.2		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	YES		

Spain		Beverage categories		
		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of ¹	NO	NO	NO
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale ²	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale ²	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale ²	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets ²	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	PARTIALLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise: ³	16	16	16
	Off-premise: ³	16	16	16
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	16		
	Tax as % of retail price	6.18	0	22.25
	Excise stamps exist?	YES		
Restrictions on advertising	National television ¹¹⁶	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	National radio	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Print media	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Billboards	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	PARTIALLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	VOLUNTARY		
	Educational buildings	VOLUNTARY		
	Government offices	VOLUNTARY		
	Public transport	VOLUNTARY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	BAN		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	VOLUNTARY		
	Workplaces	VOLUNTARY		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	1.2		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level ⁵	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

¹ No alcohol-specific licence is needed, but all vendors of food and drink need a licence

² Sales restrictions are applied at a local level in Spain; certain regions have all of these restrictions

³ The legal purchase age is 18 in all but 4 regions

⁴ Ban on advertising alcoholic beverages with content over 20 vol%.

⁵ For novice and professional drivers, the limit is 0.3

Sweden

Beverage categories

Beer | Wine | Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of ¹¹⁶	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	-	-	-
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	YES	YES	YES
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise: ¹¹⁷	20	20	20
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	25		
	Tax as % of retail price	25.9	33.8	67.1
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	BAN	BAN	BAN
	National radio	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Print media ¹¹⁸	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	BAN
	Billboards	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	FULLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	PARTIALLY		
	Educational buildings	NO		
	Government offices	NO		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	PARTIALLY		
	Workplaces	VOLUNTARY		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	2.25		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.2		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	OFTEN		

¹¹⁶ Beverages of below 3.5 vol% can be sold in grocery stores etc.

¹¹⁷ Off-premise age limit 18 for the beer sold in grocery stores (below 3.5 vol%).

¹¹⁸ Ban on all advertising over 15 vol%

Switzerland		Beverage categories		
		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	YES
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	NO	NO	YES
	Licence for sale of	NO	NO	NO
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale ¹	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale ¹	YES	YES	YES
	Places of sale ²	NO	NO	NO
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	16	18	18
	Off-premise:	16	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	7.5		
	Tax as % of retail price ³	.	0	.
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	BAN	BAN	BAN
	National radio	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Print media	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Billboards	PARTIAL	PARTIAL	PARTIAL
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	FULLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	BAN
	Youth events	BAN	BAN	BAN
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	PARTIALLY		
	Educational buildings	PARTIALLY		
	Government offices	PARTIALLY		
	Public transport	NO		
	Parks, streets, etc.	NO		
	Sporting events	NO		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
	Workplaces	NO		
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.8		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	NO		

¹ Not only for alcohol but points of sale in general. Law on opening hours/days is the responsibility of the cantons and varies between them.

² Forbidden in highway restaurants and petrol stations in some cantons

³ Beer tax 17.7% of the wholesale price and tax on spirits chf 29 per litre 100 vol%. There is also a tax on alcopops of CHF 116 (3 times the spirits rate) per litre 100% vol

Turkey

Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	YES	YES	YES
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Days of sale ¹	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale ²	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	FULLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	18		
	Tax as % of retail price	39	39	73
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising	National television	BAN	BAN	BAN
	National radio	BAN	BAN	BAN
	Print media	NO	NO	NO
	Billboards	NO	NO	NO
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	FULLY		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	NO	NO	NO
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	BAN		
	Educational buildings	BAN		
	Government offices	BAN		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc.	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	VOLUNTARY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	NO		
Workplaces	BAN			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.5		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	SOMETIMES		

¹ Only restricted on election days.

² No licences are given to establishments within 200m of educational or religious b

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Beverage categories

Beer Wine Spirits

		Beer	Wine	Spirits
Control of retail sale and production	Monopoly on production of	NO	NO	NO
	Monopoly on sales of	NO	NO	NO
	Licence for production of	-	-	-
	Licence for sale of	YES	YES	YES
Off-premise sales restrictions and level of enforcement	Hours of sale ¹	YES	YES	YES
	Days of sale	NO	NO	NO
	Places of sale	YES	YES	YES
	Density of outlets	NO	NO	NO
	Level of enforcement	PARTIALLY		
Age limit for purchasing alcoholic beverages	On-premise:	18	18	18
	Off-premise:	18	18	18
Taxation of alcoholic beverages	Sales TAX/VAT exists?	YES		
	% sales TAX/VAT	17.5		
	Tax as % of retail price	-	-	-
	Excise stamps exist?	NO		
Restrictions on advertising ²	National television	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	National radio	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Print media	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Billboards	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
	Health warning on advertisements	NO		
	Enforcement of advertising and sponsorship restrictions	YES		
Restrictions on sponsorship of	Sports events	NO	NO	NO
	Youth events	VOLUNT	VOLUNT	VOLUNT
Restrictions on alcoholic beverage consumption in public domains	Health care establishments	VOLUNTARY		
	Educational buildings	VOLUNTARY		
	Government offices	VOLUNTARY		
	Public transport	PARTIALLY		
	Parks, streets, etc. ³	VOLUNTARY		
	Sporting events	PARTIALLY		
	Leisure events (concerts, etc.)	VOLUNTARY		
Workplaces	PARTIALLY			
Definition of alcohol, BAC level and RBT	Definition of alcohol (vol. %)	0.5		
	Maximum Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) level	0.8		
	Use of Random Breath Testing (RBT)	NO		

The data for United Kingdom refers to England and Wales.

¹ This will change in late 2005 as the Licensing Act 2003 comes into force

² While it is managed on a self-regulatory basis there is also a statutory basis to the codes governing broadcast advertising.

³ Legal powers given to local authorities