



<u>Bulgaria Country Report – Alcohol Policy Profile</u>

Infrastructure	
Written national policy on alcohol	Yes, written national policy
Coordinating centre for implementation of	Yes, Ministry of Health involving several other
national policy on alcohol	relevant ministries
Regular comprehensive report on alcohol	No
situation	
Role played by NGOs in prevention of	Low / high / high / medium importance
underage drinking / targeted support for	
harmful and hazardous drinkers / prevention	
of drink-driving / public policy development	
to reduce alcohol-related harm	
Role played by alcohol retailers and HORECA businesses in prevention of underage drinking / targeted support for harmful and hazardous drinkers / prevention of drink-driving / public policy development to reduce alcohol-related harm	Low / low / medium / medium importance
Role played by academia and research organisations in prevention of underage drinking / targeted support for harmful and hazardous drinkers / prevention of drinkdriving / public policy development to reduce alcohol-related harm	Low / medium / low / medium importance
Laws and regulations	
Nation-wide awareness raising activities	Yes, in the following areas: young people's drinking, drink-driving, alcohol's impact on health, social harms
Health warning labels legally required on	No
alcohol advertisements / bottles and	
containers of alcoholic beverages	
School-based education	Yes, educational programmes and legal obligation for alcohol prevention as part of school curriculum, and national guidelines for prevention and reduction of alcohol-related harm in school settings
2. Primary Health care response	
Brief intervention introduced as method of health promotion and disease prevention	Yes





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Alcohol-free public environments	Voluntary/self-regulation for sporting events, workplaces and religious places No restrictions for health care establishments, educational buildings, government office, public transport, parks, streets etc., and leisure events
6. Addressing marketing of alcohol beverages	
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising	Yes, at the national level: - partial statutory restrictions for wine and - voluntary/self-regulations for beer and spirits
	on national and private TV, national and local radio, printed newspapers/magazines, billboards, points of sale, cinema, internet
Legally binding regulations on alcohol product placement	Yes, at the national level: - partial statutory restrictions for wine and - voluntary/self-regulations for beer and spirits
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Regulations on alcohol sponsorship and sales promotion	Yes, at the national level: Partial statutory restrictions - on industry sponsorships of sports and youth events; - on sales promotions from producer and from retailers, from owners of pubs/bar
7. Pricing policies	
Excise duty tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes / No / Yes
Price measures other than taxation	No
8. Drinking environments	
Regular server training courses	No
9. Reducing the public health impact of illegally and informally produced alcohol	
Rules to prevent illegal production and sales of home- or informally produced alcoholic beverages	Yes, enforcement by criminal law, penalties: fines





10. Monitoring and evaluation	
Regular comprehensive report on alcohol	No
situation	

Reference: WHO European Survey on Alcohol and Health, 2011