France Country Report – Alcohol Policy Profile

Infrastructure	
Written national policy on alcohol	Yes, written national policy
Coordinating centre for implementation of national policy on alcohol	Yes, Ministry of Health
Regular comprehensive report on alcohol situation	No
Role played by NGOs in prevention of underage drinking / targeted support for harmful and hazardous drinkers / prevention of drink-driving / public policy development to reduce alcohol-related harm	High importance
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 importance / low importance / no involvement /no involvement
Role played by academia and research organisations in prevention of underage drinking / targeted support for harmful and hazardous drinkers / prevention of drink-driving / public policy development to reduce alcohol-related harm	High importance
Laws and regulations	
1. Nation-wide awareness raising activities	Yes, in the following areas: young people's drinking, drink-driving, alcohol's impact on health, social harms, alcohol and pregnancy
Health warning labels legally required on alcohol advertisements / bottles and containers of alcoholic beverages	Yes
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

Clinical guidelines for brief intervention approved or endorsed by at least one health care professional body	Yes
Regular training in screening and brief interventions introduced	No
Counselling to children in families with alcohol problems/ to pregnant women with alcohol use disorders or alcohol problems	Yes
3. Community action, including work places	
Community-based interventions/projects involving stakeholders	Yes, involving NGOs, economic operators, and local governmental bodies
National guidelines for implementing effective community-based interventions	No
Interventions/projects actively involving young people and civil society	No
Prevention or counselling programmes at workplace	Yes
National guidelines for prevention and counselling at workplace	No
4. Drink-driving policies and countermeasures	
Maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle for general population / young and novice drivers / professional and commercial drivers (in mg %)	0,05 / 0,05 / 0,02
Check points and breath testing	Random breath testing by special mobile patrol units, blood testing at accidents
Mandatory driver education / treatment programme for repeated/habitual offenders	Yes
Alcohol locks	Yes, in combination with rehabilitation as alternative for punishment for drink-driving, and obligatory use by public or commercial transport companies
5. Addressing the availability of alcohol	
Retail monopolies (National control for production and sale of alcohol)	No
License system (National control for production and sale of alcohol)	Yes, licencing for on- and off-premise sales for beer, wine, and spirits
Minimum legal drinking age	No
Legal age limits for on- and off-premise sales for beer / wine / spirits	18 years
Hours and days of sales are restricted for on-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	No
Places of sales and density of outlets is restricted for on-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	Yes

Hours, days and places of sales are restricted for off-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	No
Density of outlets is restricted for off-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	Yes
Alcohol-free public environments	Total ban for public transport Partial statutory restriction for educational buildings, and sporting events Voluntary /self-regulation for health care establishments, government office, workplaces and religious places No restrictions for parks, streets etc., and leisure events
6. Addressing marketing of alcohol beverages	
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising	Yes, at the national level: - total ban on national and private TV, cinema - partial statutory restrictions national and local radio, printed newspapers/magazines, internet for beer / wine / spirits
Legally binding regulations on alcohol product placement	Yes, at the national level: - total ban for beer / wine / spirits on national and private TV
Regulations on alcohol sponsorship and sales promotion	Yes, at the national level: - total ban on industry sponsorships of sports and youth events; on sales promotions from owners of pubs/bar - partial statutory restrictions on sales promotions from producer and from retailers
7. Pricing policies	
Excise duty tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes
Price measures other than taxation	Yes, additional levy on specific products, requirement to offer non-alcoholic beverages at lower price, other price measures to discourage underage-drinking or high-volume drinking
8. Drinking environments	
Regular server training courses	Yes, because required by national licencing systems
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 situation	No

Reference: WHO European Survey on Alcohol and Health, 2011