



## Malta Country Report – Alcohol Policy Profile

<b>Infrastructure</b>	
Written national policy on alcohol	No written national or sub-national policies
Coordinating centre for implementation of national policy on alcohol	No
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	Low / medium / low / low 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 / no involvement / low importance / 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	No involvement
<b>Laws and regulations</b>	
1. Nation-wide awareness raising activities	Yes, in the following areas: young people's drinking, drink-driving
Health warning labels legally required on alcohol advertisements / bottles and containers of alcoholic beverages	No
School-based education	No
2. Primary Health care response	
Brief intervention introduced as method of health promotion and disease prevention	No
Clinical guidelines for brief intervention approved or endorsed by at least one health care professional body	No



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	No
National guidelines for implementing effective community-based interventions	No
Interventions/projects actively involving young people and civil society	Yes
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 %)	0,08
Check points and breath testing	Selective breath testing
Mandatory driver education / treatment programme for repeated/habitual offenders	No
Alcohol locks	No
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 production, on- and off-premise sales of beer, wine, and spirits
Minimum legal drinking age	Yes at national level, 17 years
Legal age limits for on- and off-premise sales for beer / wine / spirits	17 years
Hours, days, places of sales and density of outlets are restricted for on- and off-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	No
Alcohol-free public environments	Total ban for health care establishments, and public transport Partial statutory restriction for educational buildings, government office, parks, streets etc., sporting events, leisure events, workplaces and religious places



6. Addressing marketing of alcohol beverages	
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising	Yes, at the national level: - partial statutory restrictions on national and private TV, national and local radio for beer / wine / spirits
Legally binding regulations on alcohol product placement	Yes, at the national level: - partial statutory restrictions 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 - partial statutory restrictions on sales promotions from producer - voluntary agreement / self-restrictions on industry sponsorships of youth events; - no restrictions on sales promotions 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 situation	No

Reference: WHO European Survey on Alcohol and Health, 2011