



## The Netherlands Country Report – Alcohol Policy Profile

<b>Infrastructure</b>	
Written national policy on alcohol	Yes, written national policy
Coordinating centre for implementation of national policy on alcohol	Yes, Ministry of Health involving other relevant ministries
Regular comprehensive report on alcohol situation	Yes
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 / low / low / 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	High / high / low / low importance
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
<b>Laws and regulations</b>	
1. Nation-wide awareness raising activities	Yes, in the following areas: young people's drinking, drink-driving, alcohol and pregnancy, and others
Health warning labels legally required on alcohol advertisements / bottles and containers of alcoholic beverages	No, but voluntary labelling / No
School-based education	Yes, educational programmes as part of school curriculum
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	Yes
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	Yes
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 %)	0,05 / 0,02 / 0,05
Check points and breath testing	Random breath testing at roadside checkpoints and by special mobile patrol units, selective breath testing
Mandatory driver education / treatment programme for repeated/habitual offenders	Yes
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 and on-premise sales of beer, wine, and spirits and for off-premise sales of spirits
Minimum legal drinking age	No
Legal age limits for on- and off-premise sales for beer / wine / spirits	16 / 16 / 18 years
Hours, days of sales and density of outlets are restricted for on-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	No
Places of sales are restricted for on- and off-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	Yes
Hours and days of sales are restricted for off-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	No / No / Yes



Density of outlets are restricted for off-premise sales of beer / wine / spirits	No
Alcohol-free public environments	Voluntary /self-regulation for educational buildings, government office, parks, streets etc., sporting events, and workplaces No restrictions for health care establishments, public transport, leisure events, 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 - voluntary/self-regulations printed newspapers/magazines, billboards, points of sale, cinema, internet  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: - voluntary agreement / self-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
Price measures other than taxation	No
8. Drinking environments	
Regular server training courses	Yes, organised on a voluntary basis by businesses and trade organisations, by trade/technical/vocational schools, 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: prison & fines



10. Monitoring and evaluation	
Regular comprehensive report on alcohol situation	Yes

Reference: WHO European Survey on Alcohol and Health, 2011