

DON QUIXOTE AND HIS FAITHFUL COMPANION SANCHO PANZA? OR DON QUIXOTE WITHOUT HIS FAITHFUL COMPANION SANCHO PANZA?





A KID'S MESSY ROOM? OR A PORTRAIT OF CHE GUEVARA?

Alcohol Price and Consumer Behaviour

Main results



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- The Brewers of Europe have charged IPSOS with conducting a survey assessing:
 - the effect of price increases of alcoholic beverages on consumers' purchasing and drinking patterns; and
 - European citizens' perceptions of the most effective measures to help reduce alcohol-related harm.
- The poll was carried out online during February and March 2009 in Denmark, Portugal, Czech Republic, and Germany.
- The sample size consisted of 1,000 interviews per country, chosen according to gender, age and region.
- The four countries surveyed were chosen as fairly representative of the different cultures, behaviours and attitudes of their respective regions Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Europe.



Key findings of the survey include:

- The vast majority of Europeans are responsible consumers of alcoholic beverages and only a small percentage regularly binge drinks or consumes over the recommended guidelines.
- For 94% of Europeans, price is not the key criterion when it comes to purchasing alcoholic beverages. For 46% taste is the main determinant, followed by the occasion for (or during) which the purchase is being made and the consumer's mood at that time.
- Young adults, who comprise the largest group of people who 'binge drink', would be the least likely to reduce their alcohol consumption because of a price increase – even of as much as 25%. Rather than reducing their alcohol consumption, they would instead tend to change their purchasing behaviour, e.g. turning to cheaper drinks, buying more in shops and less in bars, switching to other categories, etc.
- The minority of respondents who regularly (6.2% of all adults surveyed) or occasionally (6.6% of all adults surveyed) drink irresponsibly are less likely than other consumers to reduce their alcohol consumption in response to price increases. Hence, only 1.8% of all respondents fall into the category of being regular irresponsible drinkers who would drink less in general following a price increase.*
- Over 90% of the people who consume alcoholic drinks said that it is not the drinks themselves but the abuse of alcohol that is the problem. They argue that every consumer should be trusted to decide how much he or she drinks.

*This survey does not provide data on by how much these regular excessive drinkers would reduce their consumption.



- Over 90% of Europeans also responded that instead of price increases the focus should rather be on better education and information about the effects of alcohol consumption and proper law enforcement in cases of alcohol abuse.
- The main message that can be drawn from this survey is that raising prices completely misses the target audience and would not solve the problem of alcoholic misuse, i.e. regularly drinking over recommended guidelines or binge drinking. Instead, price increases are most likely to impact the consumption levels of those who drink in moderation and responsibly.

Explanations:

- Even though only 4 countries and 4000 EU adult citizens were surveyed, the survey does represent a useful contribution to the study of consumer drinking and purchasing behaviours across the EU.
- The results can be helpful and should be used to inform the debate among policy makers, industry stakeholders and media in relation to alcohol pricing and consumer behaviour.



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- IPSOS is an independent company, founded in 1975 and now present in 64 countries, whose sole focus is survey-based market research.
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Presentation of the survey

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The Brewers of Europe asked Ipsos Belgium to carry out an opinion poll amongst the citizens of four European countries, in order to assess:

- the overall state of consumption habits
- the impact of a significant price increase on behaviour
- people's perception of the most efficient measures to help reduce alcohol abuse



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2.1. Target population

Adult (18 years and older) population of Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany and Portugal.

2.2. Sample size

1000 interviews per country, representative of the natural population according to gender, age and region. Quotas were set to guarantee representativity on the three criteria.

2.3. Interview Technique

The interviews were carried out on-line, from February 27 to March 5, 2009.





2.5. Sample profile

	%	GLOBAL N=3995	CZ <i>N=997</i>	DK <i>N</i> =1000	GE <i>N</i> =1000	PT <i>N=998</i>
Gender	Male	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Female	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
	18 up to 25 year old	15%	16%	14%	15%	16%
Age	26 up to 34 year old	20%	23%	19%	16%	22%
	35 up to 54 year old	44%	40%	45%	49%	43%
	55 years old and more	21%	22%	23%	20%	19%
	Single	33%	26%	33%	34%	39%
Family Status	In partnership	21%	20%	27%	24%	14%
	Married	46%	54%	40%	41%	47%
Children	Yes	62%	71%	61%	57%	57%
	No	38%	29%	39%	43%	43%
Income	<1000 euros	19%	40%	5%	17%	16%
	1000-1500 euros	22%	37%	7%	18%	28%
	1500-3000 euros	26%	13%	23%	35%	32%
	3000-5000 euros	3%	1%	26%	13%	10%
	>5000 euros	8%	2%	24%	2%	3%
	DK/Refusal	12%	8%	15%	15%	11%





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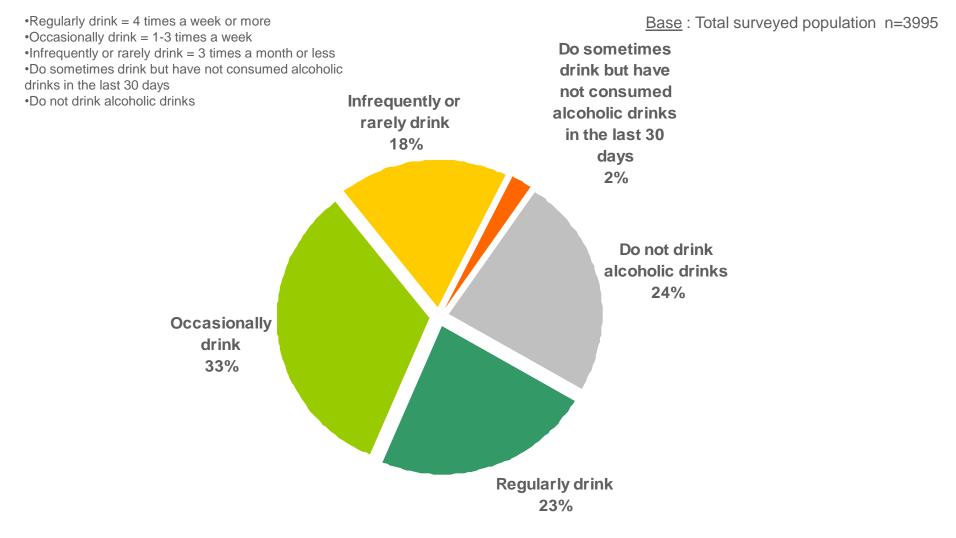




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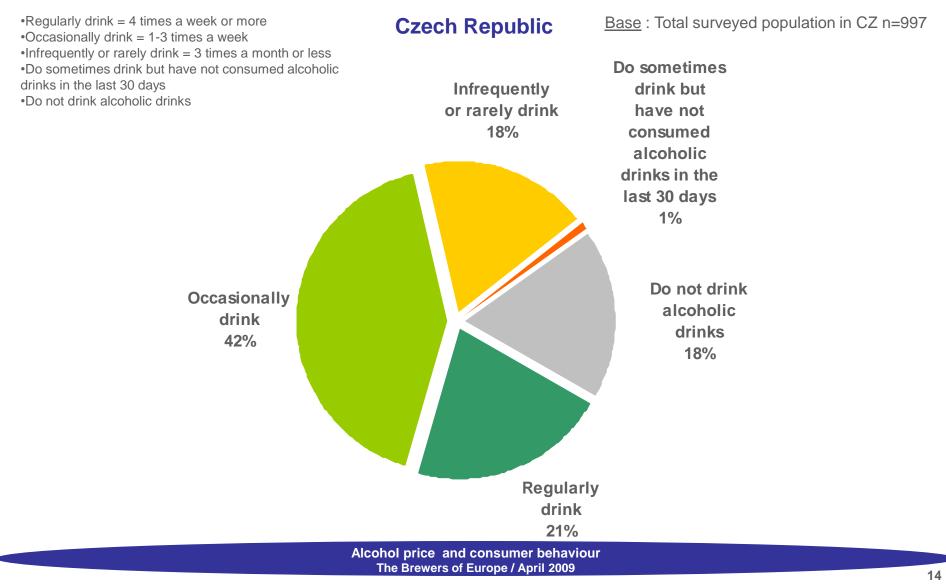


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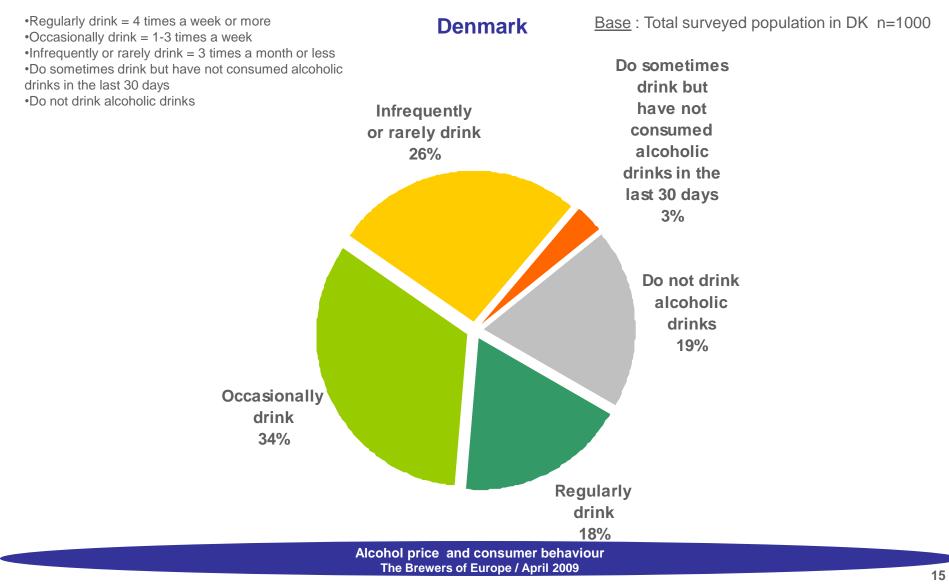


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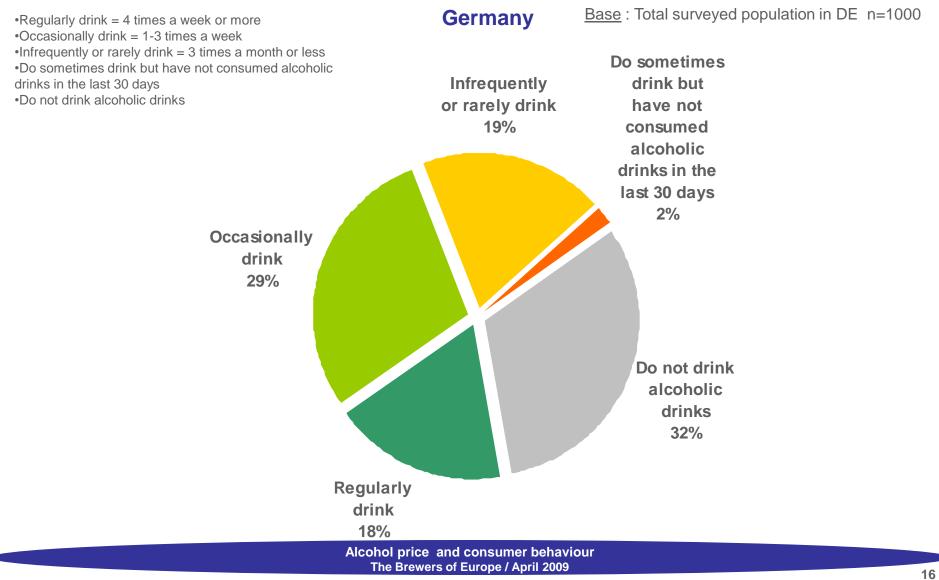


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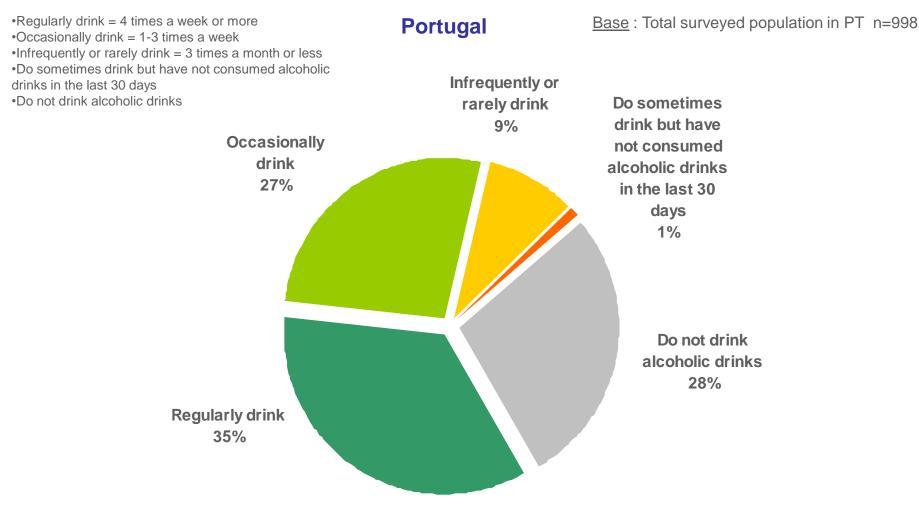


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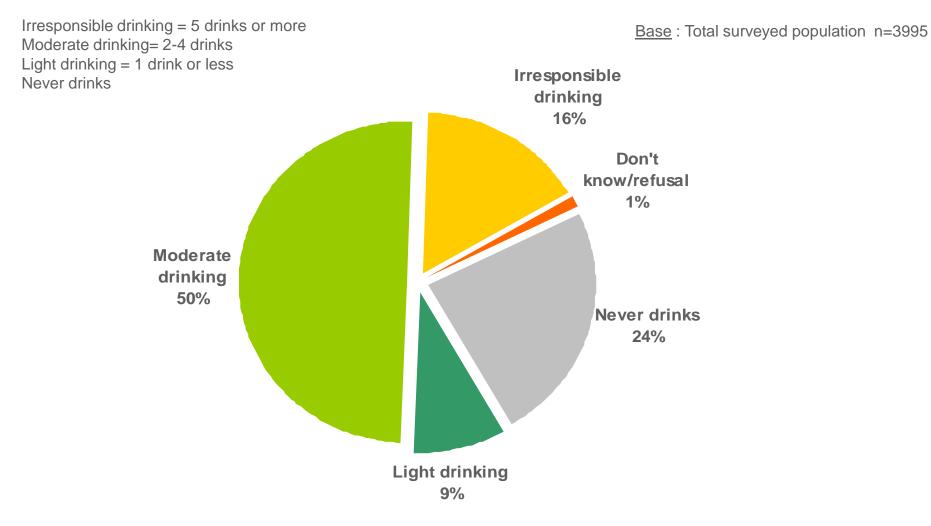


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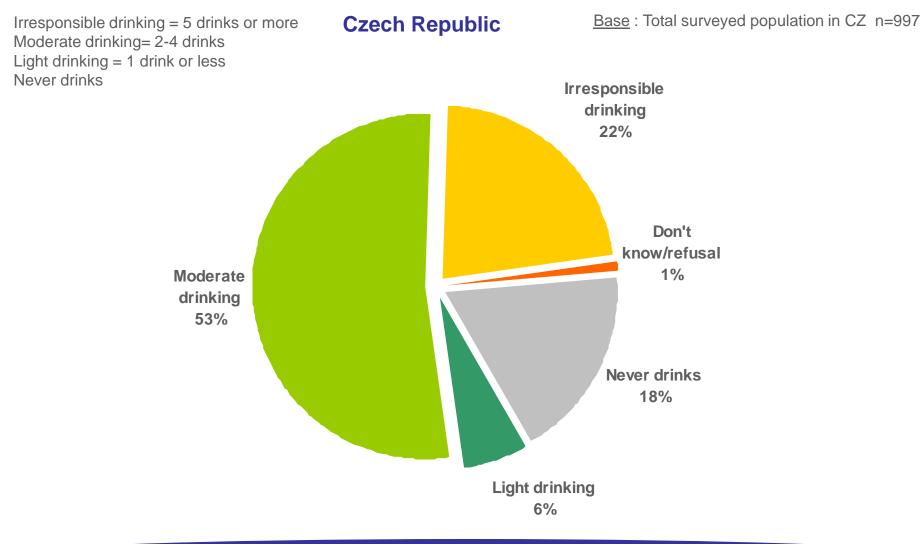


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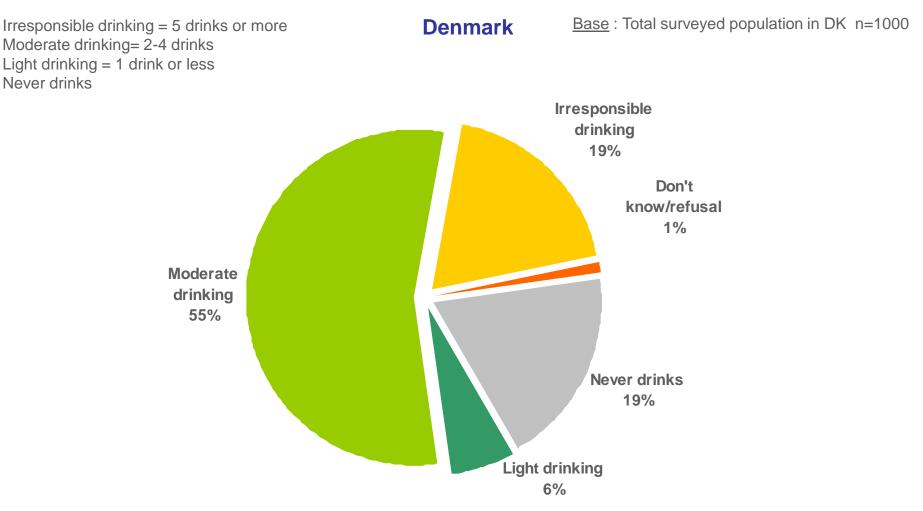


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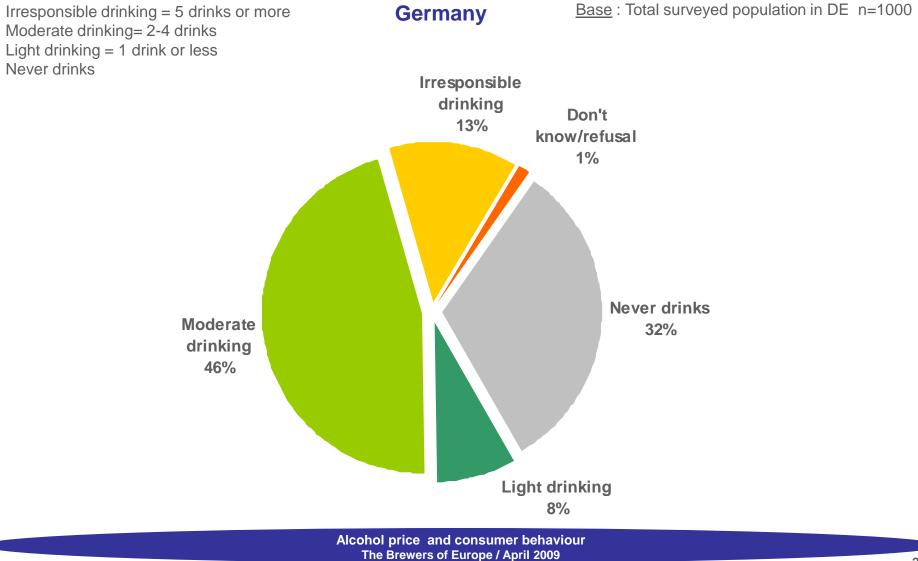


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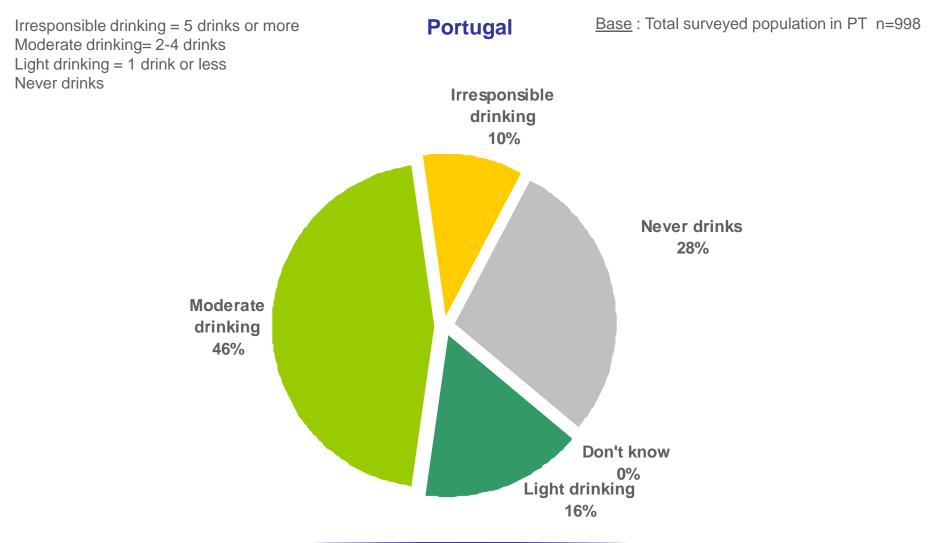


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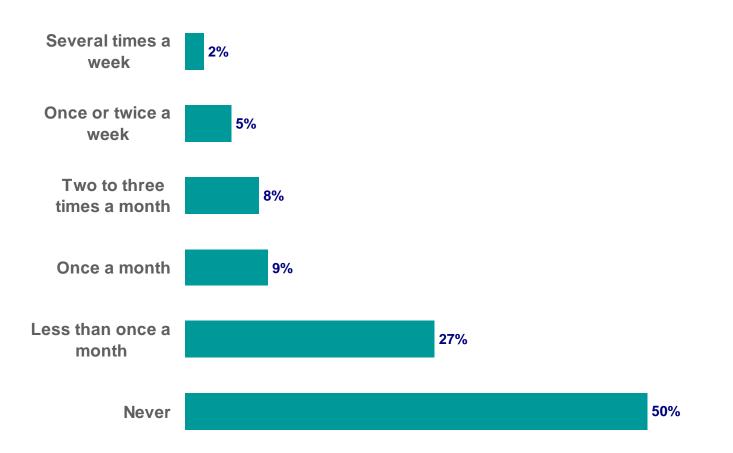
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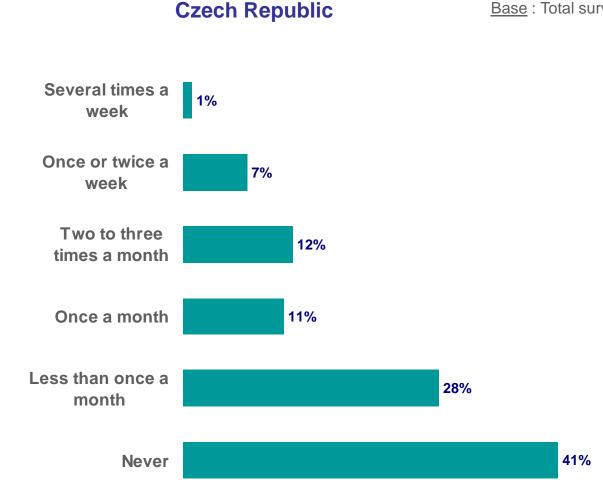
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Base : Total surveyed population n=3995





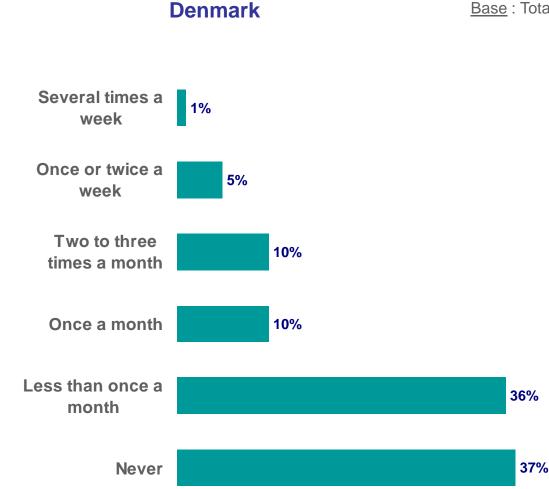
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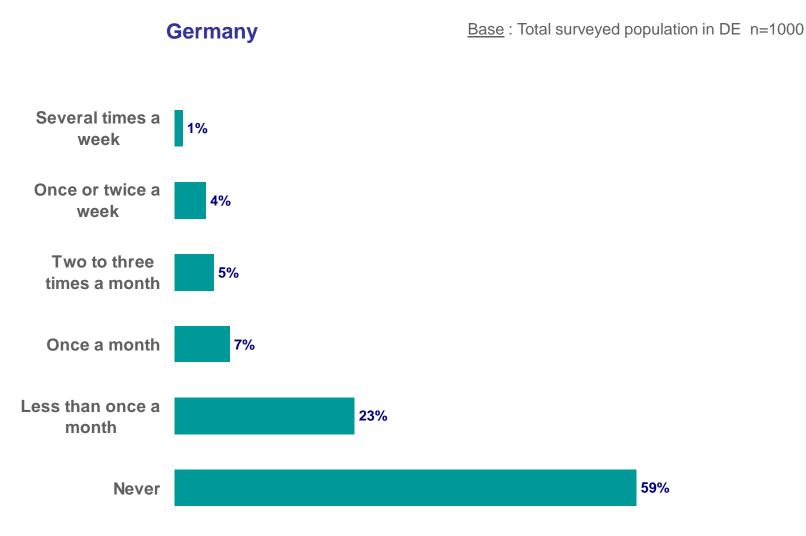


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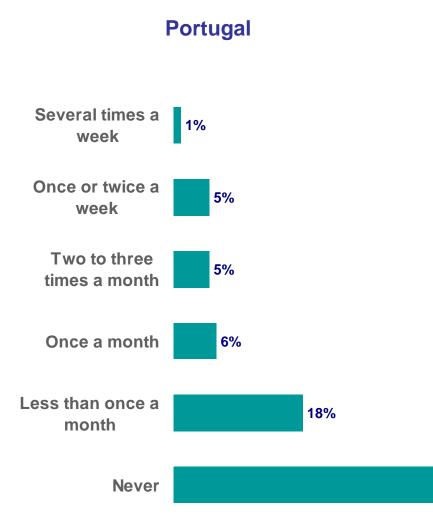


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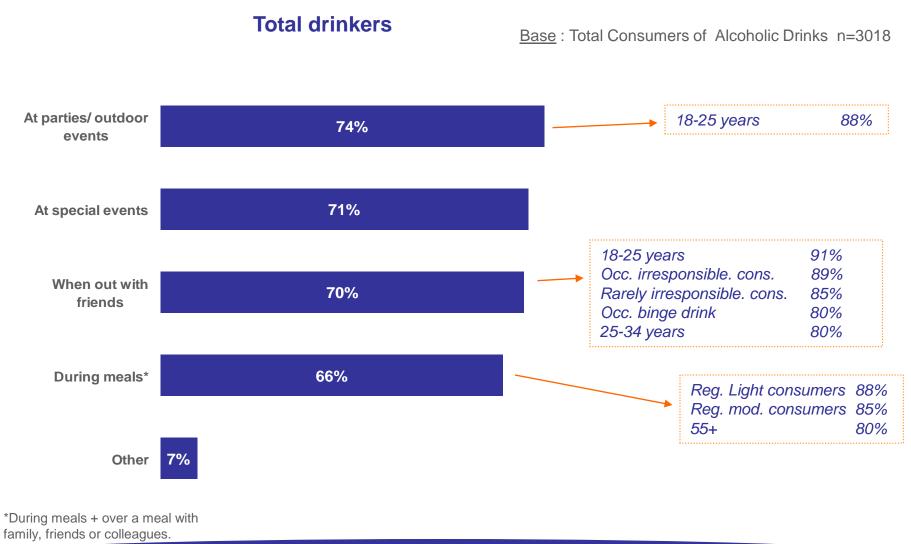
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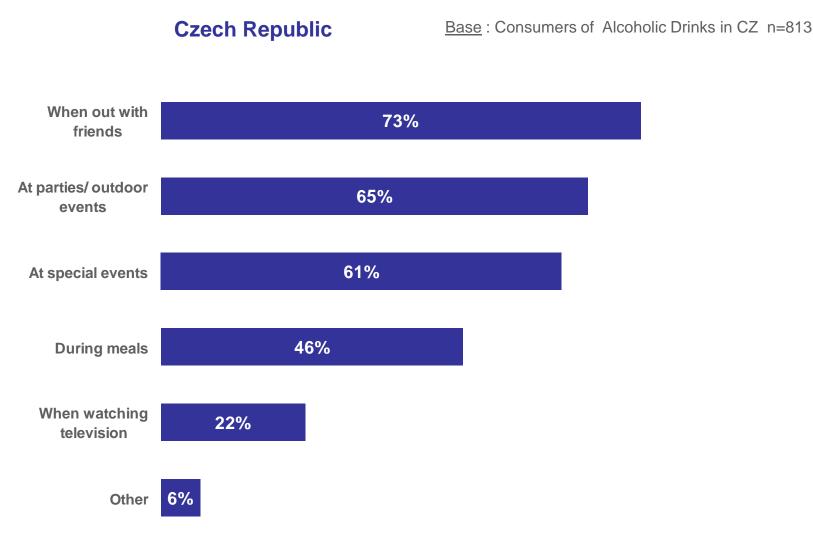


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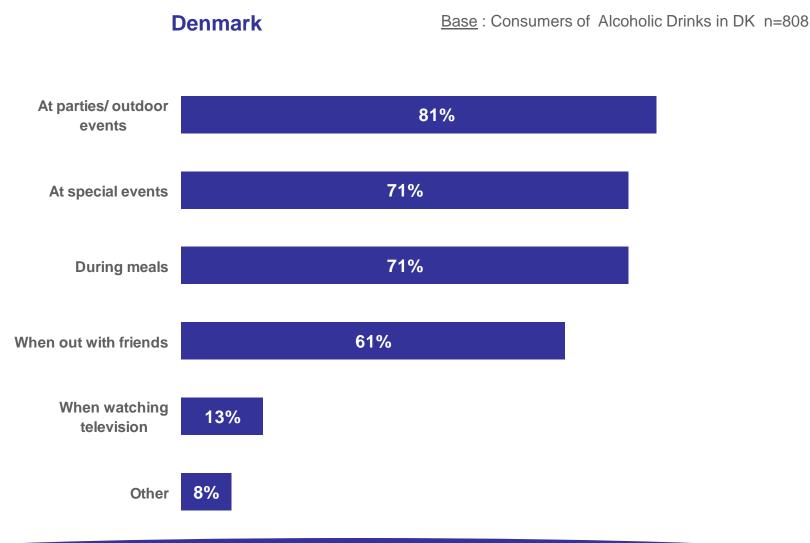


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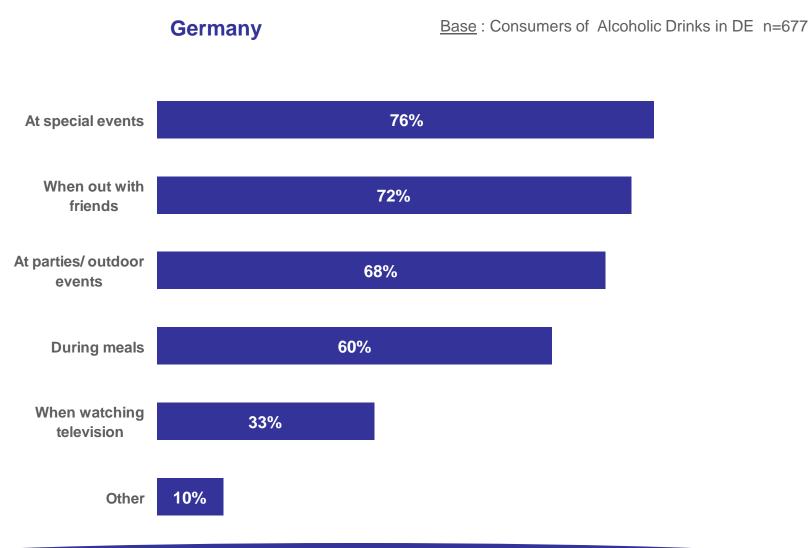


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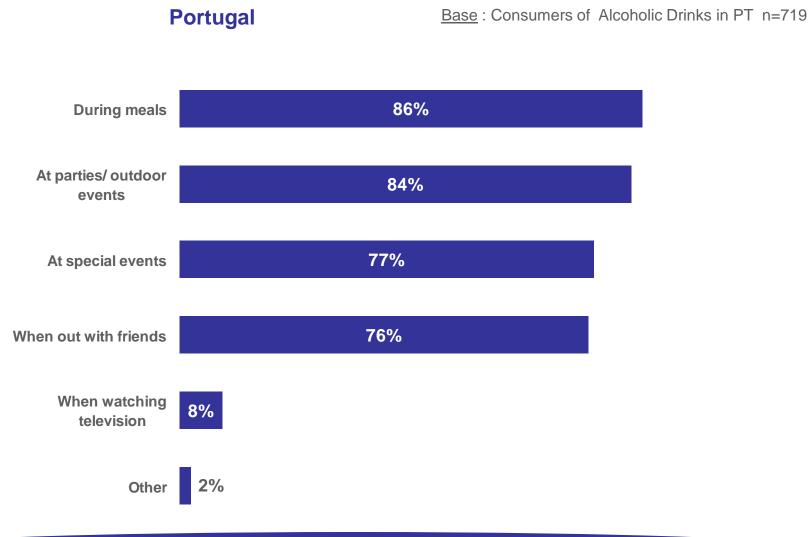


On which occasions do Germans who drink typically have a drink?





On which occasions do Portuguese who drink typically have a drink?





How to read the results

In order to allow useful analysis and a clear overview of the main findings, we have built the following indicators based on the questions directly asked in the questionnaire

- In the last 30 days, how often did people drink alcoholic beverages? (Based on Q2)

 - 4-5 times a week
 - 2-3 times a week
 - Once a week
 - 2-3 times a month
- « Infrequent or rarely consumers »

« Occasional consumers »

- Once
- Did not drink in the last 30 years
- Non-drinkers
- On a typical consuming occasion, how much do they drink? (Based on Q3)
 - Non-drinkers
 - Less than one drink
 - 1 drinks/glass
 - 2 drinks/glasses
 - 3 drinks/glasses
 - 4 drinks/glasses
 - 5 drinks/glasses
 - 6 drinks/glasses or more

- « Light drinking »
- « Moderate drinking »
- « Irresponsible drinking »



Frequency of alcohol consumption general

	Total surveyed population (n=3995)	CZ (n=997)	DK (n=1000)	DE (n=1000)	PT (n=998)
Do not drink	24%	18%	20%	32%	28%
No drink in last 30 days	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Infrequent consumers	18%	18%	26%	19%	9%
Occasional consumers	32%	42%	33%	28%	27%
Regular consumers	23%*	21%	19%	18%	35%

*Of the 23% of regular consumers: 71% are males, 36% are aged 55+ and 26% have a monthly income of 1,000€-1,500€.



Based on how often people drink and how many glasses they typically drink, we can observe the following drinking behaviour:

	Total surveyed population (n=3995)	Regular consumers	Occasional consumers	Infrequent consumers
Do not drink	24%			
No drink in last 30 days	2%			
Light drinking	9%	3%	3%	3%
Moderate drinking	50%	14%	22%	12%
Irresponsible drinking	16%	6%	7%	3%



	Total surveyed population in CZ (n=997)	Regular consumers	Occasional consumers	Infrequent consumers
Do not drink	18%			
No drink in last 30 days	1%			
Light drinking	6%	1%	2%	3%
Moderate drinking	53%	11%	27%	13%
Irresponsible drinking	22%	9%	11%	2%



	Total surveyed population in DK (n=1000)	0	Occasional consumers	Infrequent consumers
Do not drink	19%		•	
No drink in last 30 days	3%			
Light drinking	1%	2%	1%	2%
Moderate drinking	55%	12%	24%	17%
Irresponsible drinking	23%	5%	8%	6%

The National Board of Health in Denmark recommends women have a max. alcohol intake of 14 units/week, and men max. 21 units/week. National studies have shown 85 % of the population has a drinking behaviour in compliance with these recommendations (http://www.si-folkesundhed.dk/Forskning/Befolkningens%20sundhedstilstand/Sundhed%20og%20sygelighed%20SUSY.aspx?lang=en)



	Total surveyed population in GE (n=1000)	Regular consumers	Occasional consumers	Infrequent consumers
Do not drink	32%			
No drink in last 30 days	2%			
Light drinking	8%	1%	3%	3%
Moderate drinking	46%	12%	20%	13%
Irresponsible drinking	13%	5%	5%	3%



	Total surveyed population in PT (n=998)	Regular consumers	Occasional consumers	Infrequent consumers
Do not drink	28%			
No drink in last 30 days	_			
Light drinking	16%	7%	6%	3%
Moderate drinking	45%	21%	19%	6%
Irresponsible drinking	10%	7%	2%	0.4%



How to read the results

How often do people drink 5 or more drinks in a short period of time (= binge drinking)?





	Total surveyed population (n=3995)	Czech Republic (n=997)	Denmark (n=1000)	Germany (n=1000)	Portugal (n=998)
Extremely rarely or never binge drink (non- drinkers included)	77%	70%	73%	82%	80%
Occasionally binge drink	17%	23%	21%	13%	13%
Regularly binge drink	7%	7%	6%	5%	7%



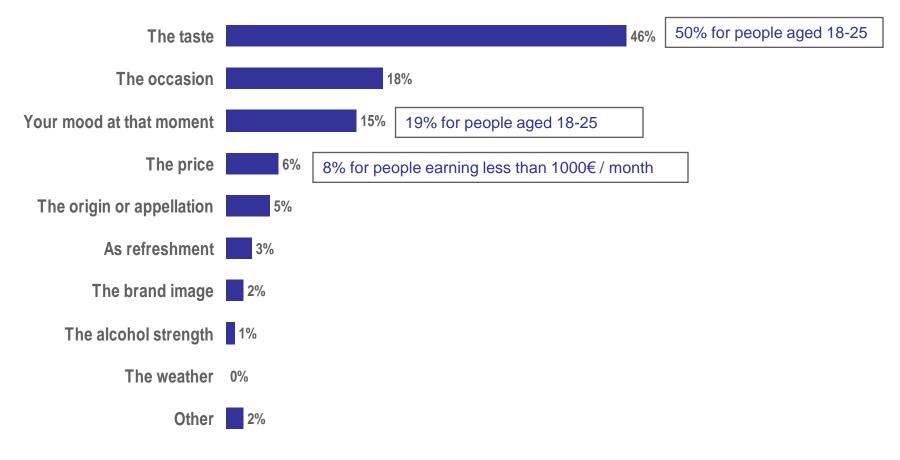


2. Consequences of price policy on the purchasing and consumption behaviour of people who drink (Sample size: 3018 out of 3995)



What is the first criterion for Europeans who drink when buying alcohol?

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks n=3018

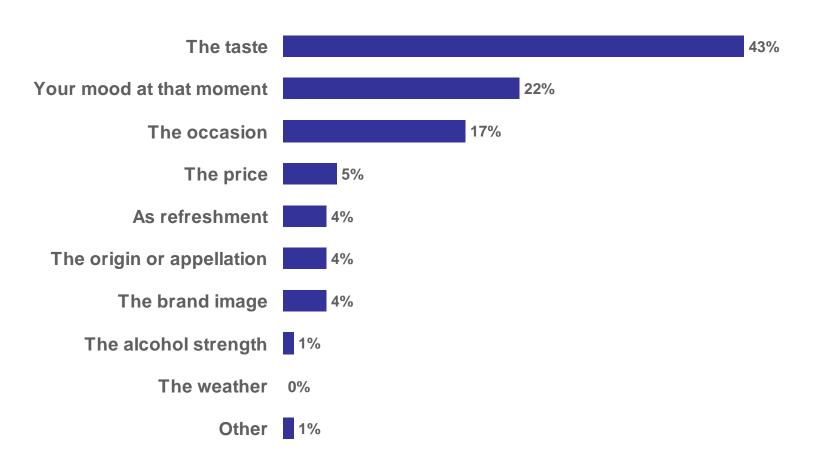




What is the first criterion for Czechs who drink when buying alcohol?



Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks in CZ n=813



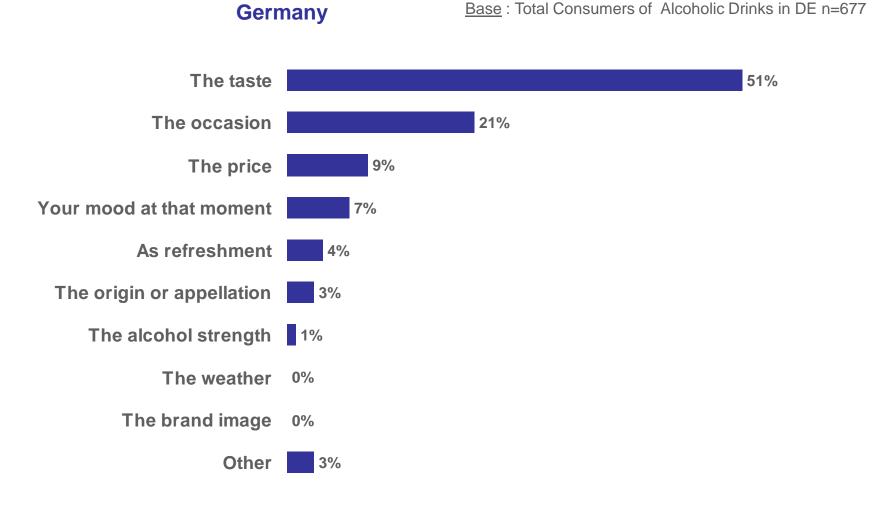


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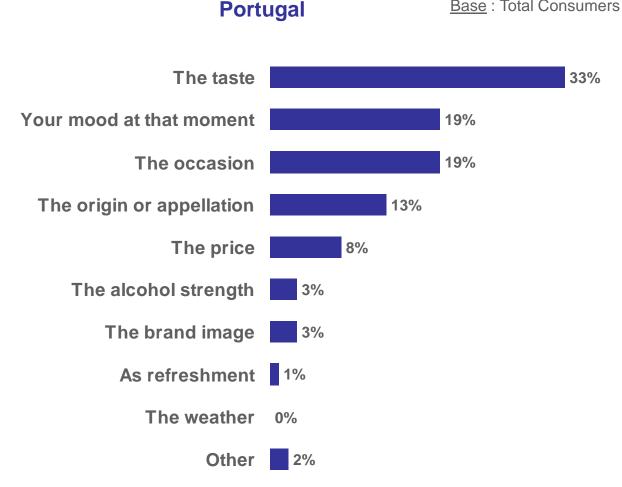


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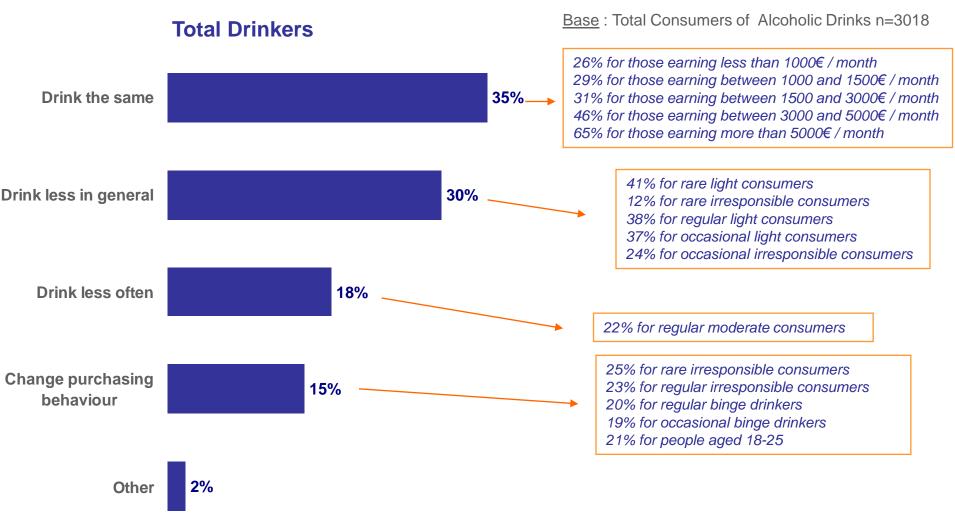
What is the first criterion for Portuguese who drink when buying alcohol?



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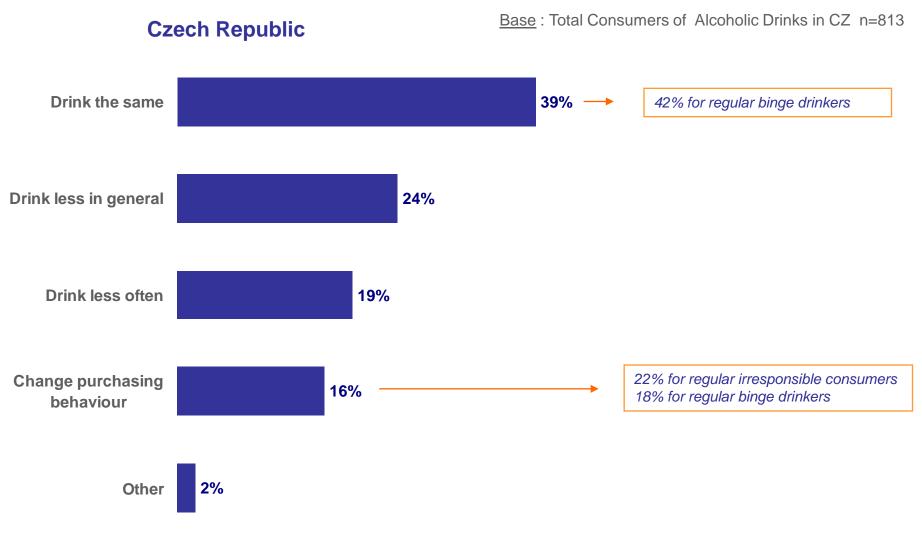


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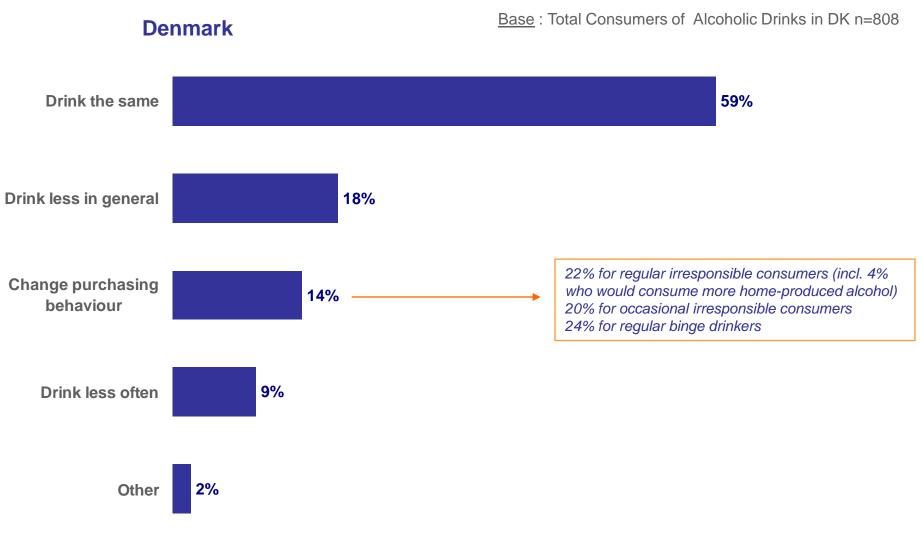


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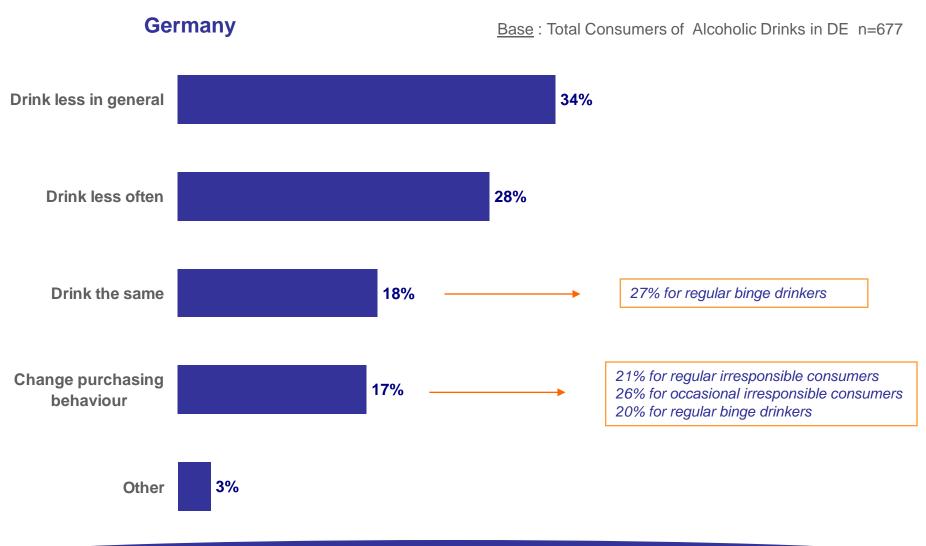


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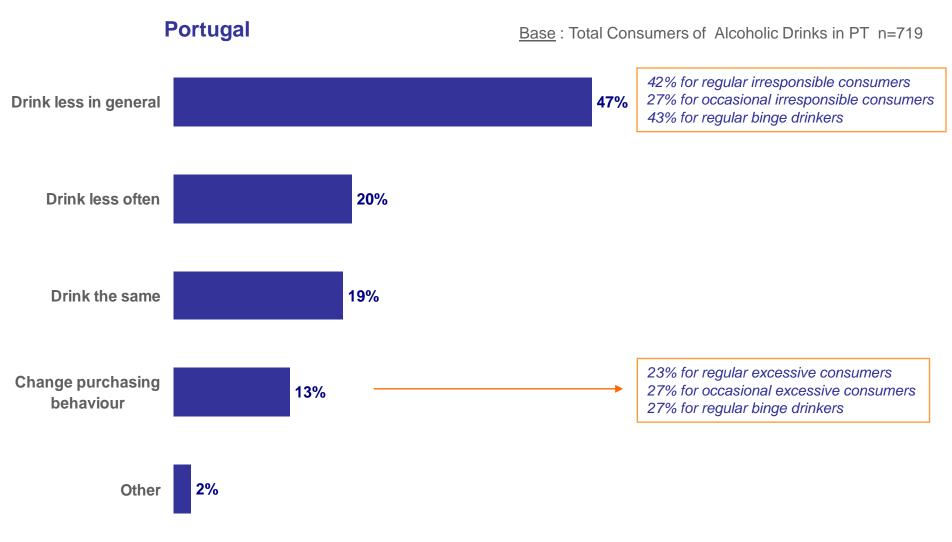


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3. Measures to reduce alcohol abuse



General attitude amongst Europeans who drink towards price policy

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks n= 3018

Agree	Disagree	■ Don't know
I don't want to pay more for my alcoholic drinks just because some people drink irresponsably	84%	13%3%
I should be trusted to make my own decisions about	94%	1% 5%
how much I drink	J-7/0	2%
Alcohol abuse is the problem, not the drinks themselves	91%	7%



General attitude amongst Czechs who drink towards price policy

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks in CZ n= 813

Agree	■ Disagree ■ Don'	't know
I don't want to pay more for my alcoholic drinks just because some people drink irresponsably	81%	14% 5 <mark>%</mark>
		3%
I should be trusted to make my own decisions about how much I drink	90%	7%
		3%
Alcohol abuse is the problem, not the drinks themselves	92%	5%



General attitude amongst Danes who drink towards price policy

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks in DK n= 808

Agree	Disagree Don't know	,
I don't want to pay more for my alcoholic drinks just because some people drink irresponsably	76%	21% 3 <mark>%</mark>
		1%
I should be trusted to make my own decisions about how much I drink	95%	4%
		4%
Alcohol abuse is the problem, not the drinks themselves	85%	11%



General attitude amongst Germans who drink towards price policy

<u>Base</u> : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks in DE n= 677

Agree	Disagree	■ Don't know
I don't want to pay more for my alcoholic drinks just because some people drink irresponsably	88%	2% 10%
		1%
I should be trusted to make my own decisions about how much I drink	95%	4%
		1%
Alcohol abuse is the problem, not the drinks themselves	92%	7%



General attitude amongst Portuguese who drink towards price policy

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks in PT n= 719

Agree	Disagree	■ Don't know
I don't want to pay more for my alcoholic drinks just because some people drink irresponsably	92%	1% 7%
I should be trusted to make my own decisions about how much I drink	96%	<mark>4%</mark>
Alcohol abuse is the problem, not the drinks themselves	96%	4 <mark>%</mark>



Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to Europeans who drink in the total surveyed population

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks n=3018

Very efficier	nt Quite efficient	Not very efficient	Not efficient at all	■ Don't know
Education within the family	50	9%	33%	12% 3 <mark>%</mark> 2%
Enforce the drink driving laws	43%		33%	17% <mark>5%2</mark> %
Education at school	35%		42%	18% 4 <mark>2%</mark>
Enforce the legal purchasing age laws	24%	32%	29%	12% 2 <mark>%</mark>
Specific communication campaigns	18%	35%	33%	11% 3 <mark>%</mark>
Training programmes for vendors/servers	18%	30%	30%	15% 7%
Involve more the doctors	17%	43%	29%	6% <mark>5%</mark>
Increase the price of alcoholic beverages	7% 19%	45%	6	27% 2%



Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to non-drinkers in the total surveyed population

Base : Total non-drinkers n=977

Very efficient	Quite efficient	Not very efficient	Not o	efficient at all	■ Don't k	now
Education within the family	48%	/o		30%	12%	<mark>3%</mark> 8%
Enforce the drink driving laws	47%	þ	23	%	18%	5% 7%
Education at school	35%		35%		17%	6% 8%
Enforce the legal purchasing age laws	32%	25%		23%	13	% 7%
Increase the price of alcoholic beverages	27%	24%		26%	15%	9%
Specific communication campaigns	24%	29%		28%	10%	<mark>% 9</mark> %
Training programmes for vendors/servers	23%	27%		28%	12%	10%
Involve more the doctors	22%	37%		23%	7%	11%



Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to people who drink in the Czech Republic

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks in CZ n=813

Very efficient Quite efficient No	ot very eff	icient N o	ot efficient at all	■ Don't know
Education within the family		62%		30% 5 <mark>%1%</mark>
Enforce the drink driving laws		41%	31%	20% 5 <mark>%2%</mark>
Enforce the legal purchasing age laws	22%	27%	37	% <mark>12%1</mark> %
Education at school	20%		44%	29% 6 <mark>%%</mark>
Involve more the doctors	11%	31%	43%	10%3 <mark>%</mark>
Specific communication campaigns on TV, radio and posters	10%	28%	42%	17% 3 <mark>%</mark>
Training programs for vendors/servers in shops, bars, etc.	9%	24%	38%	24% 6 <mark>%</mark>
Increase the price of alcoholic beverages Alcohol price and		19%	46%	24% 1%

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Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to non-drinkers in the Czech Republic

Base : Total non-drinkers in CZ n=184

Very efficient Quite efficient N	ot very ef	ificient 🔳 No	t efficient at all	■ Don't know
Education within the family		54%	3	30% 7%2 <mark>%6%</mark>
Enforce the drink driving laws		38%	25%	28% 3 <mark>%</mark> 6%
Enforce the legal purchasing age laws	21%	23%	35%	14% 7%
Increase the price of alcoholic beverages	18%	23%	30%	22% 7%
Education at school	17%	32%	34	% 7% 9%
Involve more the doctors	11%	29%	38%	8% 13%
Specific communication campaigns on TV, radio and posters	11%	24%	41%	15% 9%
Training programs for vendors/servers in shops, bars, etc.	9%	19%	36%	24% 12%
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Specific

Training

Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to people who drink in Denmark

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks in DK n=808

Very efficient Quite efficient N	ot very e	fficient	Not efficiency	ient at all	∎ Don't	know
Enforce the drink driving laws		41%		32%	17%	<mark>6%</mark> %
Education at school	22%	, D	49%	, 0	23%	6 3% <mark>3%</mark>
Enforce the legal purchasing age laws	22%	, D	33%		29%	13%3%
Education within the family	19%		46%		23%	<mark>5%</mark> 7%
Involve more the doctors	14%		45%		27%	<mark>4%</mark> 9%
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Increase the price of alcoholic beverages		20%	429	%	27%	6 3 <mark>%</mark>

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Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to non-drinkers in Denmark

Base : Total non-drinkers in DK n=192

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	Involve more the doctors	12%	37%	25%	10%	16%

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Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to people who drink in Germany

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks in DE n=677

Very efficient Quite efficient	Not very effici	ient N o	t efficient at a	II ■Don't know
Education within the family	41%		38%	16% 2 <mark>%</mark>
Education at school	36%		42%	17% 2 <mark>%</mark>
Enforce the drink driving laws	36%		34%	20% <mark>7%2%</mark>
Training programs for vendors/servers in shops, bars, etc.	25%	35%		25% 10% <mark>5</mark> %
Involve more the doctors	24%	۷	18%	20% 3 <mark>%</mark> 5%
Enforce the legal purchasing age laws	21%	30%	29%	6 17% 3 <mark>%</mark>
Specific communication campaigns on TV, radio and posters	15%	33%	35%	6 13% 4 <mark>%</mark>
Increase the price of alcoholic beverages	<mark>6%</mark> 18%	4	5%	28% 3 <mark>%</mark>



Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to non-drinkers in Germany

Base : Total non-drinkers in DE n=323

Very efficient Quite efficient	Not very efficient	Not e	efficient at all	■ Don't k	now
Enforce the drink driving laws	42%		25%	18% <mark>7</mark> %	<mark>6 8%</mark>
Education at school	34%	3	34%	15% <mark>7%</mark>	9%
Education within the family	33%	3	5%	18% <mark>5%</mark>	<mark>⁄6</mark> 8%
Involve more the doctors	31%	3	8%	14% <mark>5%</mark>	12%
Enforce the legal purchasing age laws	29%	19%	25%	18%	8%
Increase the price of alcoholic beverages	28%	21%	25%	18%	9%
Training programs for vendors/servers in shops, bars, etc.	27%	30%	26'	% 7%	11%
Specific communication campaigns on TV, radio and posters	18% 27	%	30%	14%	11%

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Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to people who drink in Portugal

Base : Total Consumers of Alcoholic Drinks in PT n=719

Very efficient Quite efficient	Not very efficient	Not efficient at a	II Don't know
Education within the family		82%	15% 3%
Education at school	6	6%	31% 3%
Enforce the drink driving laws	53%		34% 10%%
Specific communication campaigns on TV, radio and posters	37%	45%	16%2%
Enforce the legal purchasing age laws	32%	39%	21% <mark>8%</mark>
Training programs for vendors/servers in shops, bars, etc.	31%	33%	25% <mark>8%2%</mark>
Involve more the doctors	20%	48%	26% 4% <mark>%</mark> %
Increase the price of alcoholic beverages	4% <mark>19%</mark>	45%	30% 1%



Specific

Efficient measures to reduce alcohol abuse according to non-drinkers in Portugal

Base : Total non-drinkers in PT n=279

Very efficient Quite efficient	Not very efficient	■ Not efficient at a	all Don't know
Education within the family		78%	19% 1 <mark>%</mark>
Enforce the drink driving laws	609	%	20% 13% <mark>52%</mark>
Education at school	57%	0	33% <mark>437</mark> 3%
ecific communication campaigns on TV, radio and posters	42%	36%	16% 4 <mark>3%</mark>
Enforce the legal purchasing age laws	42%	33%	17% 6 <mark>%2%</mark>
Training programs for vendors/servers in shops, bars, etc.	30%	33%	23% <mark>11%3%</mark>
Increase the price of alcoholic beverages	30%	30%	25% <mark>9%</mark> 6%
Involve more the doctors	25%	41%	21% <mark>6%</mark> 6%
Alcohol price and co	nsumer behaviour		





Conclusions



■For 8 consumers in 10, taste of the drinks, occasion of consumption and their mood at that moment determine the choice of alcoholic drinks.

■For only 6% of consumers, price is the first criterion of choice. There are no significant differences by age group.

Consumers in all 4 countries have similar profiles in terms of criteria of choice.

The most typical occasions when alcoholic drinks are consumed for more than 7 consumers in 10 are social events outside the home: parties/outdoor events, special occasions, when out with friends.



Only 30% of consumers would drink less in general if the price of all alcoholic drinks were to increase by 25%.

35% would just drink the same whilst 15% would just change their purchasing behaviour

18% would drink less often but not necessarily drink less in general.

The price increase would, unsurprisingly, hit the poorest sections of the population most, whilst the richest people are most likely to just continue consuming the same.

Meanwhile, the youngest group (aged 18-25) would be the most likely to just change their purchasing behaviour (e.g. Turn to the cheaper options).



- A price increase has the biggest impact on the people who alcohol policies should not be targeting and has the smallest impact on the target problem.
- A price increase would hit the light and moderate consumers' consumption levels most, whilst the regular irresponsible and regular binge drinkers are much more likely than the average consumer to just change their purchasing behaviour.
- A price increase can affect all categories of consumers, yet:
 - Only 1.8% of Europeans fall into the category of being regular irresponsible consumers who would drink less in general as a result.
 - Only 1.65% of Europeans are regular binge drinkers who would drink less in general as a result.



A price increase would have a different impact according to the country

- Only 18% of Danes and 24% of Czechs, but 34% of Germans and 47% of Portuguese would drink less in general if the price of all alcoholic drinks were to increase.
- Whatever the countries though, it is the binge drinkers and the regular irresponsible consumers who are generally most likely to drink the same or simply change their purchasing behaviour to get round the issue.
- In Denmark, for example, 59% of all the consumers interviewed would drink the same, but 81% of regular irresponsible consumers would either just drink the same or simply change their purchasing behaviour.



- For more than 90% of consumers, price policies do not tackle the real problem: alcohol abuse. Instead, it is perceived as unfair towards those who drink responsibly (84%). In addition, it limits people's freedom of choice (94%).
- Similar attitude patterns are observed in all 4 countries.
- Only 32% of Europeans think that the increase of price of alcoholic beverages could be efficient to reduce alcohol abuse, but twice as many people think it wouldn't be efficient. 24% think pricing policy is even **not efficient at all**.
- Instead, for more than 80% of people, education within the family would be the most efficient measure. Other efficient measures are education at school (75%) and enforcing the drink driving laws (74%).





Appendix: questionnaire



- D1. You are:
 - 1. Male
 - 2. Female

D2. How old are you?

- 1. 18-25 years old
- 2. 26-34 years old
- 3. 35-54 years old
- 4. 55 years old and more
- D3. What is your family status?
- 1. Single
- 2. In partnership
- 3. Married
- D4. Do you have any children?
- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- D5. What is the monthly net (post-tax) income of your household?
- 1. Less than 1.000 €
- 2. Between 1.000 and 1.500 €
- 3. Between 1.500 and 3.000 €
- 4. Between 3.000 and 5.000 €
- 5. More than 5.000 €
- 6. Don't know/Don't want to answer

D6. In which region do you live?





Consumption habits

 Which of the following alcoholic drinks do you consume most often? Could you please rank them from 1 to 6, where 1 means that it is the alcoholic drink that you consume the most frequently and where 6 means that you consume it the least frequently?
Ranking from 1 to 6 – one answer per row and per column

		1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Beer						
2	Cider						
3	Champagne Sparkling wine						
4	Wine						
5	Spirits						
6	Pre-mixed drinks (e g alcohol with soda)						

7 I don't drink alcoholic drinks ——> Q. 10



2)

	In the last 30 days, how often did you drink the following alcoholic drinks? One single answer by column								
		Beer	Cider	Champagne / Sparkling Wine	Wine	Spirits	Pre-mi: drink		
1	Daily	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.匚		
2	4-5 times a week	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.		
3	2-3 times a week	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.匚		
4	Once a week	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.		
5	2-3 times a month	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.		
6	Once	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.		
7	Not at all	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.匚		

In German, beer must include beer mixes (Biermischgetränke)

On your typical drinking occasion, how much do you usually drink of the following? **One single answer by column** 3)

0.1		Beer (25cl or 33cl)	Cider	Champagne / Sparkling	Wine	Spirits	Pre-mi: drink
1	Less than one drink	1.	1.	1.	1.🗆	1.□	1.匚
2	1 drink/glass	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3	2 drinks/glasses	3.	3.🗌	3.	3.	3.	3.匚
4	3 drinks/glasses	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.
5	4 drinks/glasses	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.
6	5 drinks/glasses	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.
7	5 drinks/glasses or more	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.匚
8	Don't know/Refusal	8.	8.🗆	8.	8.🗆	8.	8.



- 4) How often do you drink 5 or more drinks in a short period of time, e.g. a couple of hours? **One single answer**
 - 1) Several times a week
 - 2) Once or twice a week
 - 3) Two to three times a month
 - 4) Once a month
 - 5) Less than once a month
 - 6) Never
- 5) On which occasions do you typically have a drink? You can choose several answers
 - 1. During my meals
 - 2. Over a meal with the family / colleagues / friends
 - 3. At parties / outdoor events
 - 4. When out with friends, e.g. in a bar
 - 5. When watching television
 - 6. Special events such as weddings, receptions
 - 7. Other





Consequence of price policy on your consumption behaviour

6a) What is your main criterion of choice when buying alcohol?

One single answer

- 1) The taste
- 2) The alcohol strength
- 3) The occasion
- 4) The price
- 5) The brand image
- 6) The weather
- 7) Your mood at that moment
- 8) The origin or appellation
- 9) As refreshment
- 10) Other

Show the same list as in Q.6a, except the item chosen in Q.6a

- 6b) What is your second criterion of choice when buying alcohol? **One single answer**
 - 1) The taste
 - 2) The alcohol strength
 - 3) The occasion
 - 4) The price
 - 5) The brand image
 - 6) The weather
 - 7) Your mood at that moment
 - 8) The origin or appellation
 - 9) As refreshment
 - 10) Other



Show the same list as in Q.6a, except the items chosen in Q.6a and Q. 6b

- 6c) What is your third criterion of choice when buying alcohol? One single answer
 - 1) The taste
 - 2) The alcohol strength
 - 3) The occasion
 - 4) The price
 - 5) The brand image
 - 6) The weather
 - 7) Your mood at that moment
 - 8) The origin or appellation
 - 9) As refreshment
 - 10) Other





- 7) If the price of all drinks were to increase by 25%, would you most likely? **One single answer**
 - 1) Drink less in general
 - 2) Drink less often
 - 3) Drink the same
 - 4) Drink less often on weekdays but the same at weekends
 - 5) Drink the same but switch to products that were previously cheaper
 - 6) Drink the same amount but switch to another alcoholic drinks category
 - 7) Buy more in shops and less in the on-trade such as pubs, bars, restaurants, clubs
 - 8) Bring back more / cheaper alcoholic drinks from abroad
 - 9) Consume more home-produced alcoholic beverages
 - 10) Other
- 8) If the price only of <u>the drink you consume most often</u> were to increase by 25% would you most likely?

One single answer

- 1) Drink less in general
- 2) Drink less often
- 3) Drink the same
- 4) Drink less often on weekdays but the same at weekends
- 5) Drink the same but switch to products that were previously cheaper
- 6) Drink the same amount but switch to another alcoholic drinks category
- 7) Buy more in shops and less in the on-trade such as pubs, bars, restaurants, clubs
- 8) Bring back more / cheaper alcoholic drinks from abroad
- 9) Consume more home-produced alcoholic beverages
- 10) Other



9) To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following? **One single answer by column**

	Totall y agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagre e	Totally disagre e	Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5
A. I don't want to pay more for my alcoholic drinks just because some people drink irresponsibly					
B. I should be trusted to make my own decisions about how much I drink					
C. Alcohol abuse is the problem not the drinks themselves					



10) To what extent can the following measures play an efficient role to help reduce alcohol abuse? **One single answer by column**

	Very efficie nt	Quite efficien t	Not very efficient	Not efficient at all	Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5
A. Involve more the doctors who are best placed to advise their patients					
B. Education at school					
C. Education within the family					
D. Increase the price of alcoholic beverages					
E. Enforce the legal purchasing age laws					
F. Enforce the drink driving laws					
G. Specific communication campaigns on TV, radio and posters					
H. Training programs for vendors/servers in shops, bars, restaurants, clubs etc.					



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