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Eyes on Ages

Study on legal age limits for alcohol in Europe

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Eyes on Ages

- Study on legal age limits for alcohol in Europe
- Focus on all different aspects of the implementation of age limits
 - National legislation, enforcement strategies, jurisprudence, etc.
- Data collection in all EU member states
- Contactperson in every member state

Goals and tasks

GOAL:

- General objective: *...to contribute to the protection of children and young people from harmful alcohol consumption by collecting good practises in the enforcement of legal age limits for selling and serving alcohol.*

Goals and tasks

- Task 1: Map out current situation around legal age limits for alcohol
 - Part 1: Legal age limits
 - Part 2: Sanctions
 - Part 3: Jurisprudence

- Task 2: Collect information on methods for monitoring compliance and information on compliance levels
 - Part 4: Enforcement
 - Part 5: Evaluation (mystery shopping)

Goals and tasks

- Task 3: Provide overview of good practice strategies for enforcing age limits
- Task 4: Organize a one-day network conference

Questionnaire

- **Part 1: Legal age limits**
 - Purchasing, consuming and possessing
 - On-premise sales, off-premise sales, public and private
- **Part 2: Sanctions**
 - Purchasing, consuming and possessing
 - On-premise sales, off-premise sales, public and private
- **Part 3: Juris prudence**
 - Most important results of jurisdictions and impact on topic age limit for alcohol

Questionnaire

- Part 4: Enforcement
 - Law enforcement officers
 - Enforcement communications
 - National expertise on alcohol law enforcement
 - Good practice on enforcement
- Part 5: Evaluation (mystery shopping)
 - Research method testing the compliance of legal age limits at alcohol selling points

Planning

2012	
December 4th	Inception Meeting
December 10th	Sending out questionnaire to all contactpersons
2013	
February 8th	Final date to return the completed questionnaire
February/March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyse results from the questionnaire - Write interim report
March 21st	Interim meeting with the researchteam to discuss the interim report
March/April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalize the report - Practical organization of the network conference
May 30th	Network conference to present the results of the study to all contactpersons
June ?	Final meeting with the researchteam for final remarks on the results
June 28th	Finishing the study with the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report containing the results of the study - Brochure containing the best practises on enforcing the legal age limits

Researchteam

- **Peter Anderson**, *professor and alcohol consultant* (SP)
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- **Thomas Karlsson**, *vice head of the Alcohol and Drug Unit*, TLI (Fi)
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