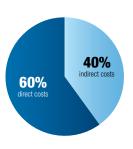


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**Brain disorders in Europe cost €798** billion<sup>1</sup>

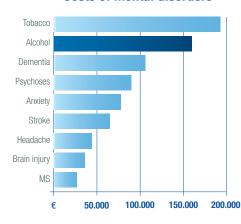




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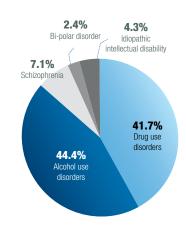
deaths due to mental and neurological disorders are caused by alcohol4

#### Costs of mental disorders<sup>2</sup>





The burden and costs (direct and indirect) of mental illnesses, including **AUDs is equivalent of 3.4%** of the GDP in the EU<sup>3</sup>



**Proportion of years of** life lost per mental and substance use disorder group (2010)<sup>5</sup>

### The cycle of mental well-being<sup>6</sup>

### **Socioeconomic** position

Gender Age **Ethnicity** Disability Sexuality

#### **Material** conditions

**Economic assets** Income Wealth

#### **Psychosocial** conditions

Human & social capital Community ties Family life **Education Autonomy** Control over life

#### **Political** voice

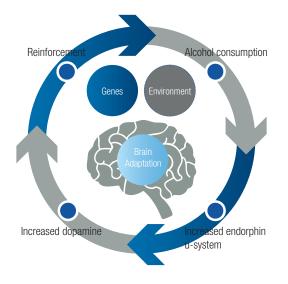
Governance Influence on decisions



of the European adult population have experienced at least one mental disorder7

Alcohol can hijack your brain: the harmful alcohol use cycle<sup>8</sup>

#### **Environment** Participation in civic life Physical health Capability Meeting needs for status, control & social inclusion Trust in people; trust in institutions **Health system Mental disorders Risk factors ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE** Accessible Alcohol **Smoking Acceptable** Mental disorders in children Poor diet Stress and anxiety **Affordable** No exercise Depression and bi-polar disorder Quality Substance misuse Schizophrenia Equitable Violence Substance use disorders Lack of inclusion Dementia **NCDs and Suicides** Prevalence Disability Morbidity **Mortality**





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Mental health conditions, including alcohol abuse, tend to deteriorate in times of economic crisis and recession<sup>9</sup>



People who experience unemployment and family disruptions are at greater risk of mental health problems, particularly depression and AUDs<sup>10</sup>



The European Psychiatric
Association's (EPA)
guidelines recommend the
reduction of alcohol to
reduce the risk of
depression<sup>11</sup>



Effective early intervention and treatment can help reduce mental disorders with co-morbid alcohol and substance abuse<sup>12</sup>



According to the WHO
Global Strategy on Alcohol,
health services should
"provide prevention and
treatment interventions
to individuals and families
at risk of, or affected by
AUDS"<sup>13</sup>

The risk of developing mood disorders, anxiety or depression is higher in people with alcohol use disorders (AUDs) and alcohol dependence (AD)<sup>14</sup>

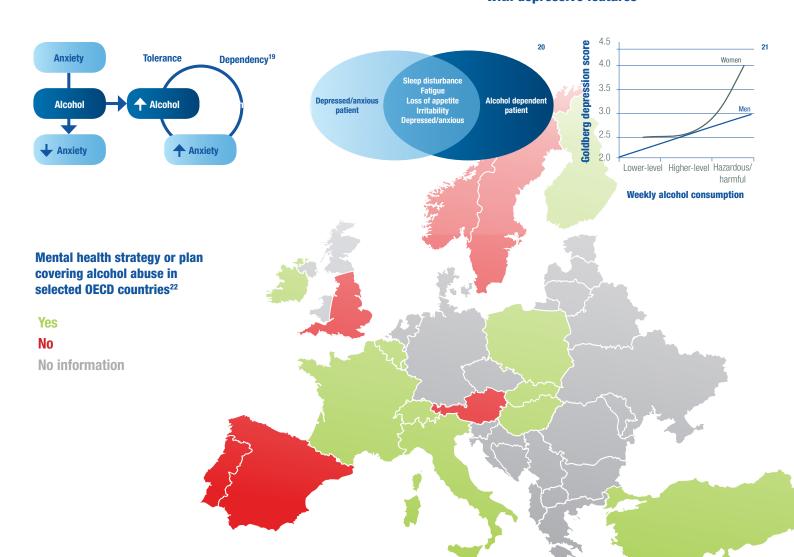


33.4% of subjects with any AUD have a comorbid anxiety disorder<sup>15</sup>

40.7%
of subjects with any AUD
have a comorbid mood
disorder<sup>16</sup>

60%
of men with AD
experience alcohol
induced mood disorder
with depressive features<sup>17</sup>

1/2 suicides is alcohol related<sup>18</sup>





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