

**Alcohol purchasing ages in EU-member states as of January 2018**

	Country	Off premise purchasing of mildly alcoholic beverages	Off premise purchasing of strong alcoholic beverages	On premise purchasing of mildly alcoholic beverages	On premise purchasing of strong alcoholic beverages
1	Austria	16	16*	16	16*
2	Belgium	16	18	16	18
3	Bulgaria	18	18	18	18
4	Croatia	18	18	18	18
5	Cyprus	17 <sup>o</sup>	17 <sup>o</sup>	17 <sup>o</sup>	17 <sup>o</sup>
6	Czech Republic	18	18	18	18
7	Denmark	16	18	18	18
8	Estonia	18	18	18	18
9	Finland	18	20	18	18
10	France	18	18	18	18
11	Germany	16	18	16	18
12	Greece	18	18	18	18
13	Hungary	18	18	18	18
14	Ireland	18	18	18	18
15	Italy	18	18	18	18
16	Latvia	18	18	18	18
17	Lithuania	20	20	20	20
18	Luxembourg	16	16	16	16
19	Malta	17	17	17	17
20	Netherlands	18	18	18	18
21	Poland	18	18	18	18
22	Portugal	18	18	18	18
23	Romania	18	18	18	18
24	Slovakia	18	18	18	18
25	Slovenia	18	18	18	18
26	Spain**	18	18	18	18
27	Sweden	18	20	18	18
28	United Kingdom	18	18	16+	18

Sources: Status Report Alcohol and Health in 35 European Countries 2013. Copenhagen, WHO Europe, 2013; Eyes on Ages. Luxembourg, European Commission, 2013; [www.bag.admin.ch](http://www.bag.admin.ch) (Alcohol Policy Regulation in Europe).

\* In 6 out of 9 provinces the age-limit is 18

<sup>o</sup> There is a parliamentary discussion about raising the age to 18

\*\*Asturia was until march 2015 an exception

+Only in combination with a meal and accompanied by an adult, otherwise 18