



## Poland

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### Background

- There used to be such programmes in Poland in the 1990s. The efforts of education and raising awareness of the business organizations have resulted in a better understanding of problems connected with alcohol abuse. More and more alcoholics seek treatment upon recommendation of the workplace supervisors.
- **There are alcohol policy programmes** for the police and for the public transportation company in Warsaw, but **there exist no documentation on them** in the Agency, and there hasn't been any evaluation of these programmes.

**Extract from “National Program for Preventing and Solving Alcohol-related Problems for the years 2006 to 2010** (Drafted on the basis of Art. 3 paragraph 3 indent 1 of the Act on Raising in Sobriety and Counteracting Alcoholism)

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### 7. Economic harm, detriment to work environment

Drunkennes at workplace still remains one of the reasons of absence and lower effectiveness of employees in many sectors of the economy.

Data accumulated by the Chief Labour Inspectorate indicates that alcohol consumption accounted for 0,8 % of all accident causes that came under scrutiny of labour inspectors in 2005 (0,6 % in 2003 to 2004).

### IV. Primary strategies

**9. Drawing up employee-related programs aimed at preventing drinking at workplace; also, interventions against persons who abuse alcohol.**

#### **Area VII. Economic harm attributable to alcohol abuse**

Objective 1: To estimate actual extent of economic damage due to alcohol-related problems,

Objective 2: To decrease economic damage in the work environment caused by intoxicated employees,

Objective 3: To decrease other economic damage caused by intoxication (e.g. costs of accidents, insurance).

#### **Activities:**

- educating supervisory staff in early identification of alcohol-related problems and interventions,
- introducing and promoting preventive and educational programs at workplace,
- facilitating access to professional assistance in addictions treatment centers for alcohol-dependent employees and supporting them through self-assistance associations,
- Evaluation of economic costs of alcohol abuse.

#### **Objective attainment indicators:**

- number of accidents at workplace caused by intoxication,
- number of employees of the entities reporting to the governmental administration units who participated in preventive and educational programs,
- number of employers who implement preventive programs for other employees,
- number of studies and analyzes carried out to estimate economic costs resulting from alcohol abuse.