

- Lost in Regulations -

Safer Use in the Belgian, French, German and Luxembourgish Nightlife

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Over the past few years, the party scene in the Greater Region between Belgium, France, Germany and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has become more and more diversified. Numerous events now attract an international audience, people being able to attend a party or a festival in neighbouring countries by driving only dozens of kilometers. Consequently, attendees are often unfamiliar both with the local language and with the legal situation of the spot they choose to party. As this situation implies multiple challenges for health promotion and harm reduction activities in nightlife, several actors of the Greater Region have joined forces in the MAG-Net Party project. The goal of the MAG-Net Party project is to provide coherent and comprehensive information and material for a safer party environment for any attendee. With that aim, we distributed ear plugs, condoms, lubricants, field sobriety tests, sniff and injection kits at some selected party premises and festivals, depending on the party public and setting. Additionally, trilingual documentation about psychoactive substances, social and health services, and public transport was made available. In our presentation we will also emphasize on our information campaign about the local differences in the rules and the regulations in the Greater Region: the legal differences relating to drug use, sale of alcohol and tobacco, road traffic or the protection of minors.