

Survey results on cannabis in road traffic in Germany and its impact on the European legislation

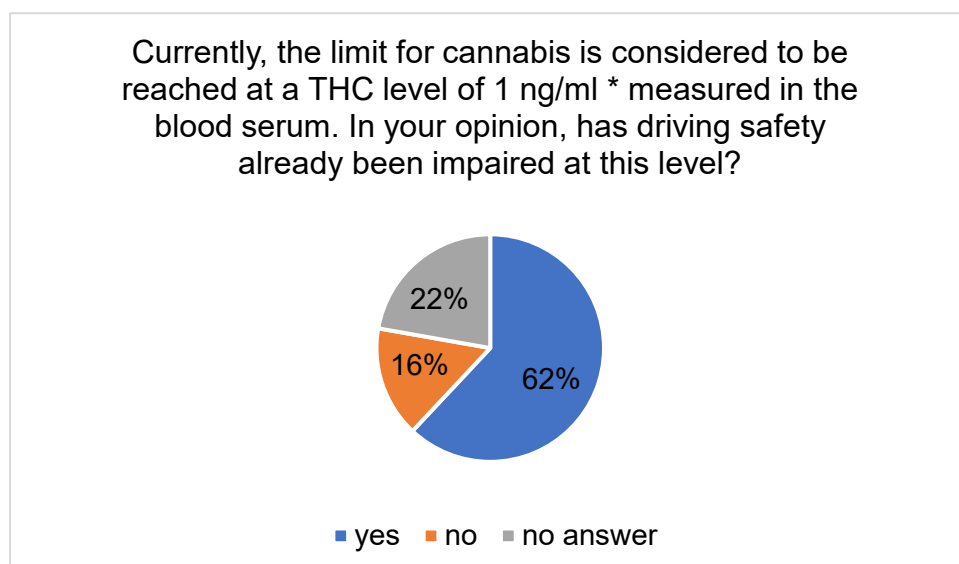
In Germany the governing parties have agreed in the coalition agreement to legalize the controlled distribution of cannabis to adults.

A Survey about cannabis in road traffic conducted by MOVING among driving instructors shows that: it seems that driving schools would be in favor of revising but not increasing the limit for cannabis of the THC in blood serum. Also, driving schools consider that current limit seems not to support the achievements of vision Zero goals. These are important outcomes that should be also taken into consideration in the New Proposals of the European Commission about Driving Licences (COM (2023) 0127) and driving disqualification (COM (2023) 0128).

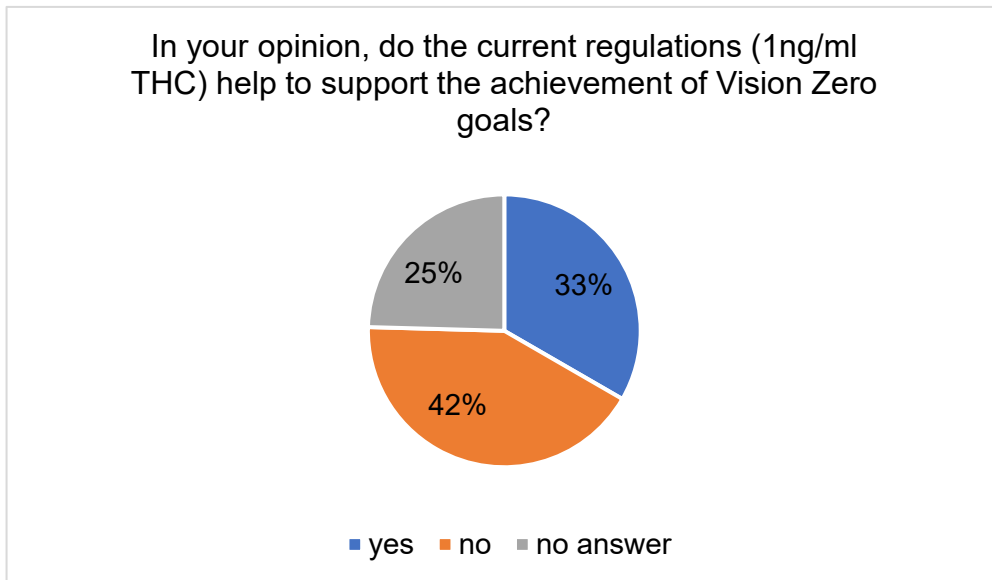
Zero tolerance rules on drinking driving should be also extended to the use of cannabis and drugs. This zero tolerance will contribute to improve road safety which is a prime objective of the Union Transport Policy and reaching the aim of reducing fatalities, injuries and material damage.

It would be also necessary to prevent impunity among road traffic offenders and establish a new system allowing an EU wide cannabis consumption disqualification when a Member State decides to disqualify a driver because of the offence committed on its territory.

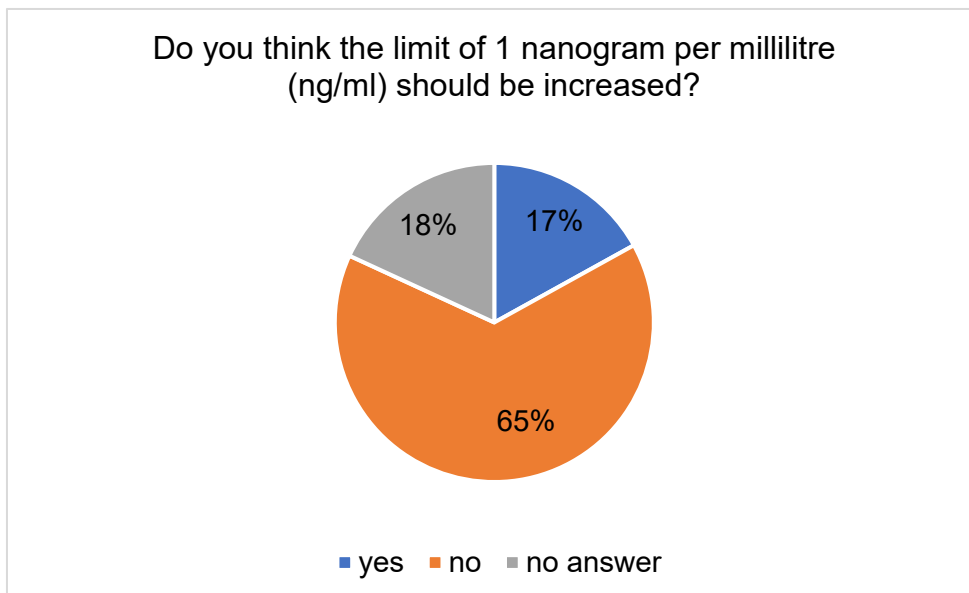
The results of the Survey are:



62% of driving schools believe that at the current regulation/current limit of 1ng/ml, road safety is already compromised.

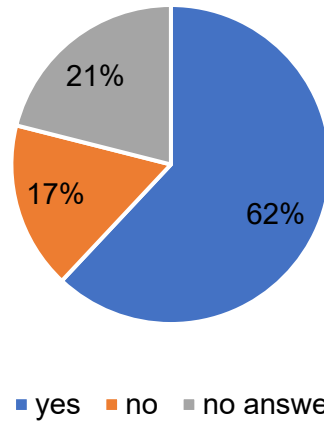


42% of driving schools believe that the current legislation (1ng/ml THC) does not contribute to achieve Vision Zero goals.



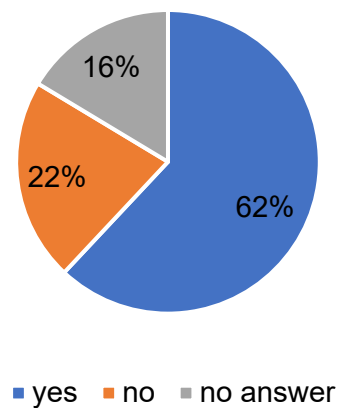
65% of driving schools think that (1ng/m) should not be increased.

Would raising the THC limit from 1 ng/ml to 3 ng/ml, as some experts and professionals recommend, be contrary to road safety (Vision Zero)?

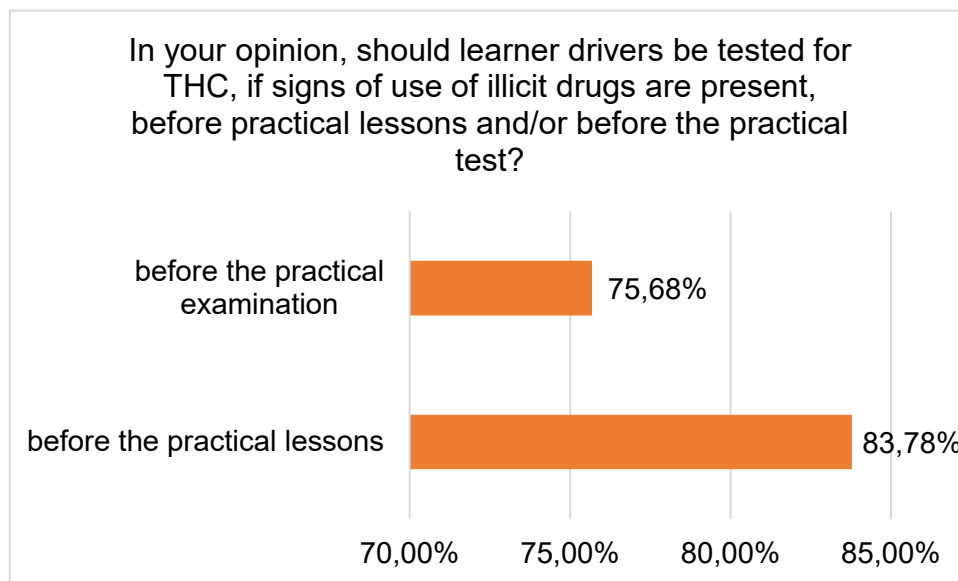


62 % of driving schools believe that raising the THC limit to 3ng/ml is contrary to road safety.

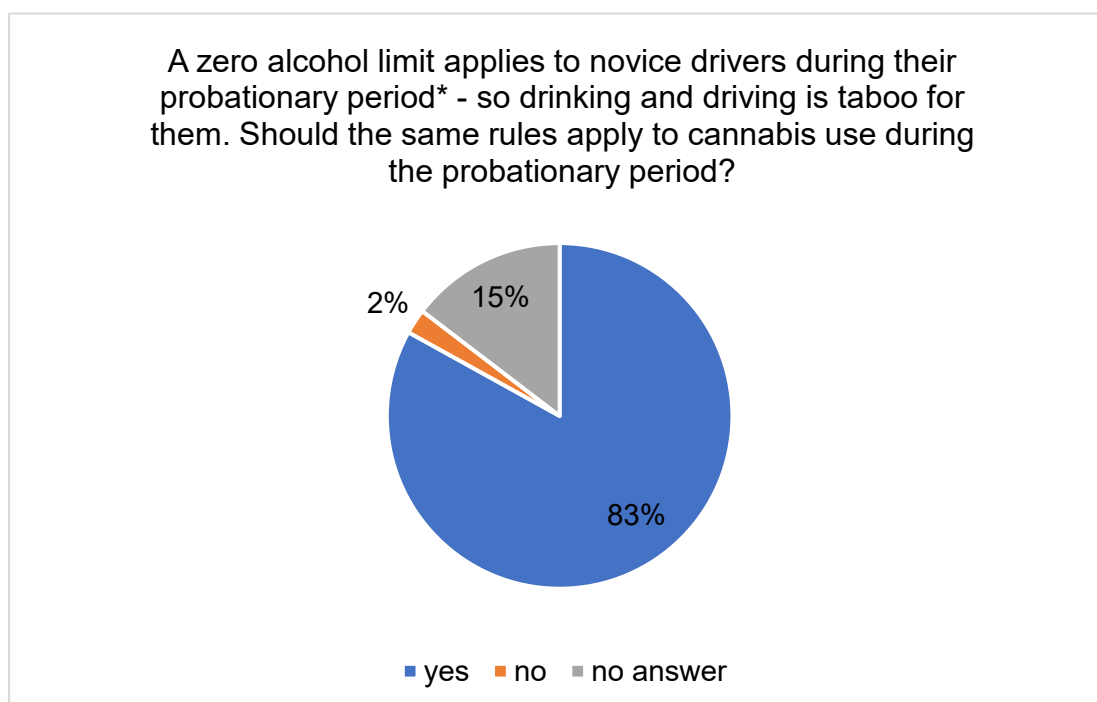
Should the same limits for cannabis use apply to all road users? Car, bicycle, e-scooter, pedestrian...?



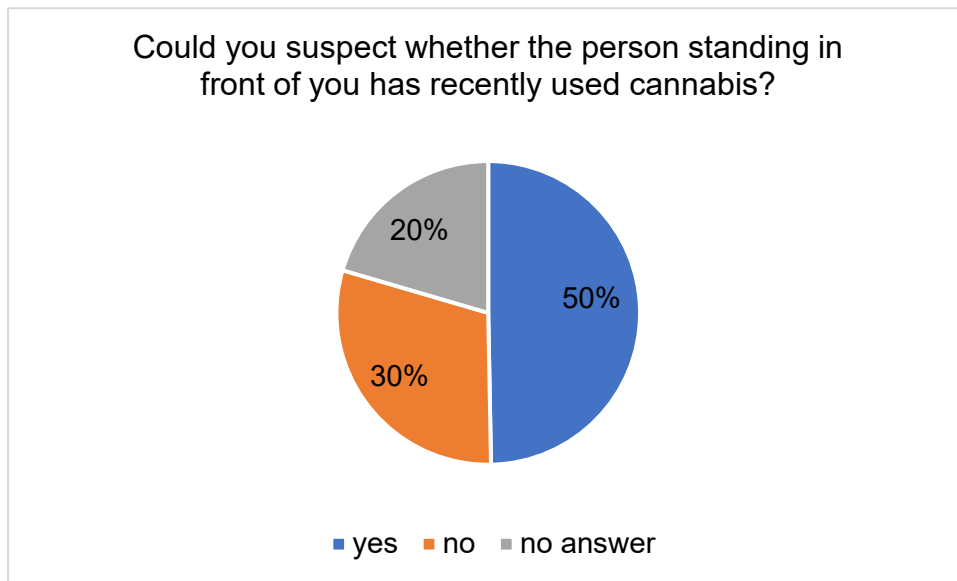
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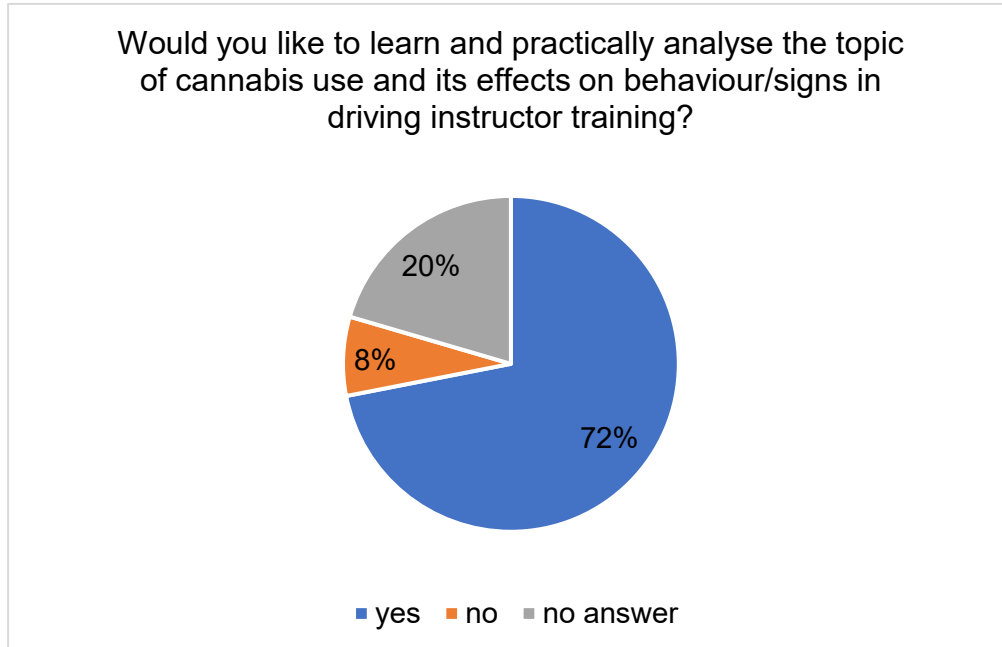
Almost 84% of respondents believe that learner drivers should be tested before practical lessons if there are signs of cannabis use.



83% of the participants are in favour of the same cannabis consumption regulation in the probationary period as for alcohol. in the probationary period is 0 tolerance limit for alcohol.



Only half of the respondents stated that they could tell if the person standing in front of them had recently used cannabis.



72 % of driving schools would like to learn and practically analyze the cannabis use and its effects on behaviour/signs in driving instructor training.

In the new European Proposal about Driving Licences (COM (2023) 0127) Member States shall lay down rules on penalties for novice drivers who drive with a blood alcohol level exceeding 0.0g/mL and take all measures necessary to ensure that they are implemented. According with the results of the Survey, **MOVING** considers that the zero tolerance should be applied also to cannabis use. These zero tolerances will contribute to improve road safety and will help the EU achieve its Vision Zero, having no deaths on EU roads by 2050.

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