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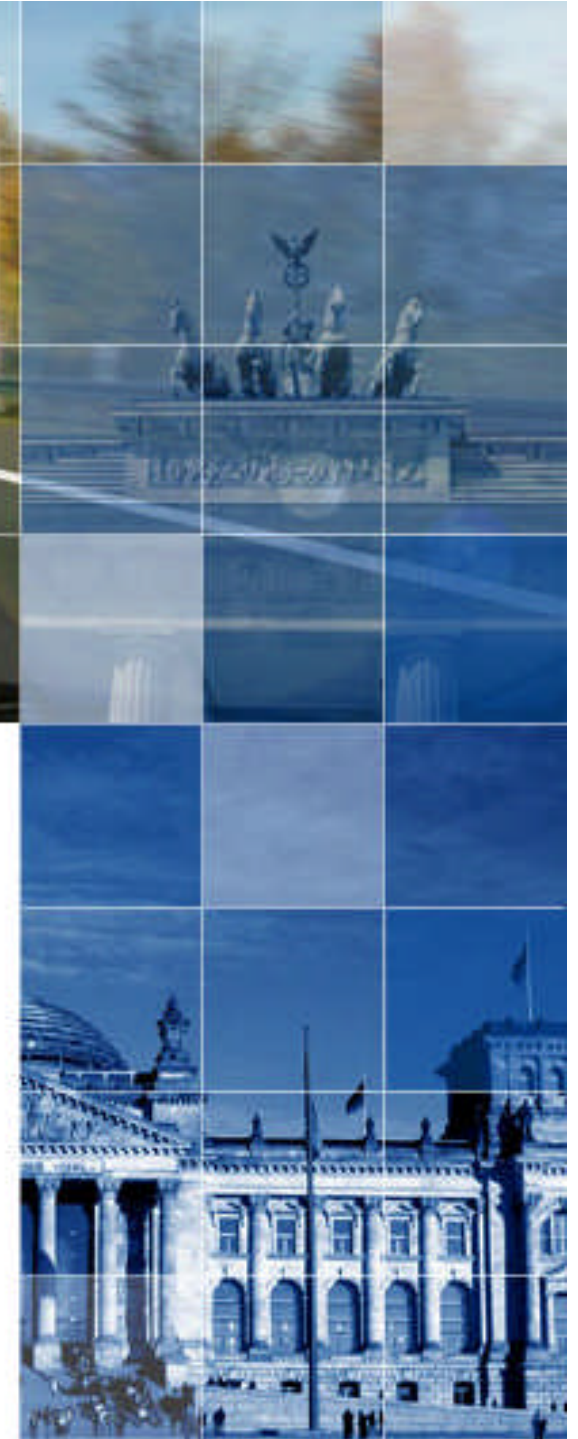


Welcome

Target group-specific success of offence-oriented learning programmes for traffic offenders

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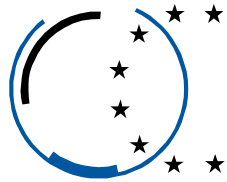
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- Evaluation study
- “Target groups”
- Results (attitudes, learning success, subsequent offences)
- Possible explanations
- Conclusions



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Learning programmes

- **TAV/ LAST:** for vehicle drivers under the influence of alcohol
- **START:** for aggressive vehicle drivers and risk takers



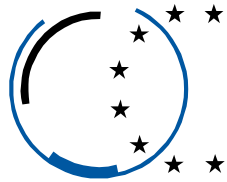
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Learning programmes

Programme aims:

- Acceptance of responsibility for the offences committed
- Individual recognition of personal risk factors
- Acknowledgement of the personal risk of re-offending
- Creation of an action plan to avoid future offences
- Acquisition of risk-reducing attitudes and risk-reducing skills



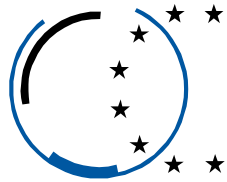
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Evaluation study

- Quasi-experimental design with a test and control group
- Voluntary participation in control group
- Five survey times
- Survey of attitudes, willingness to cooperate, self-assessment of learning success, external assessment of learning success, proportion of repeat and recurrent offenders

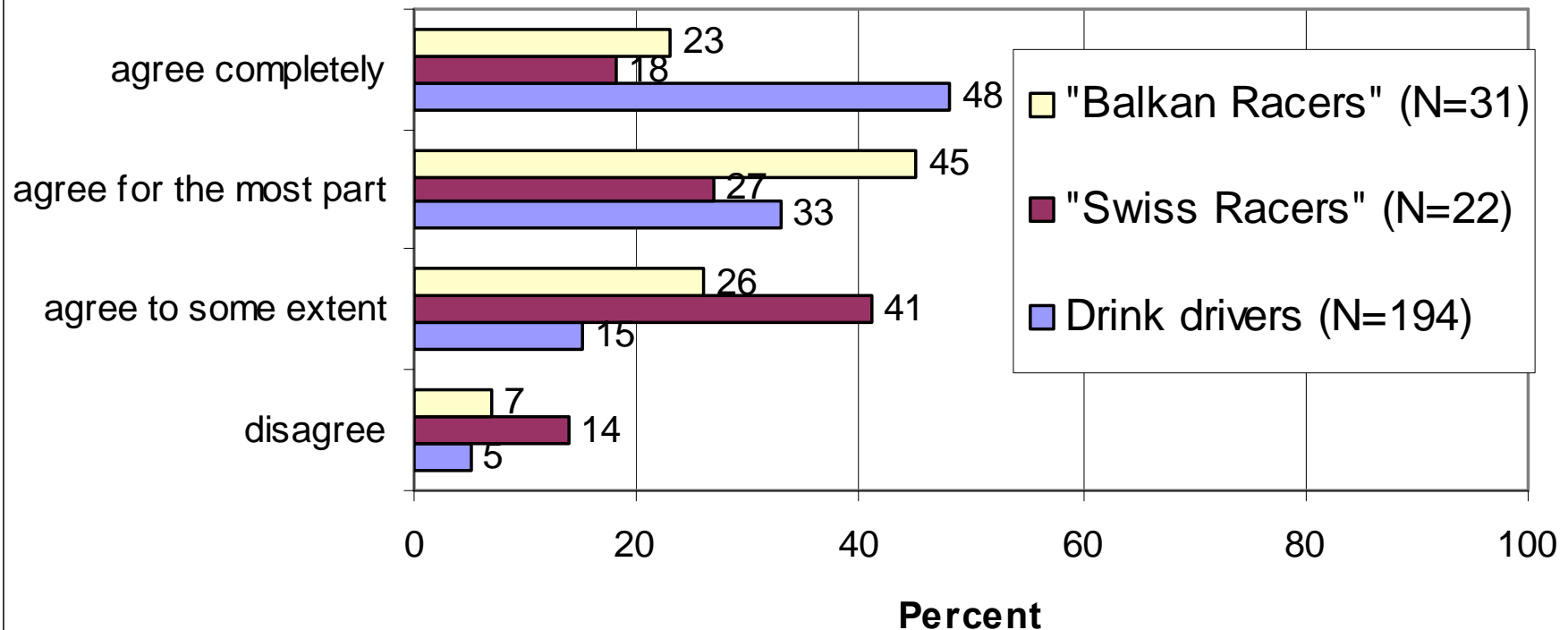


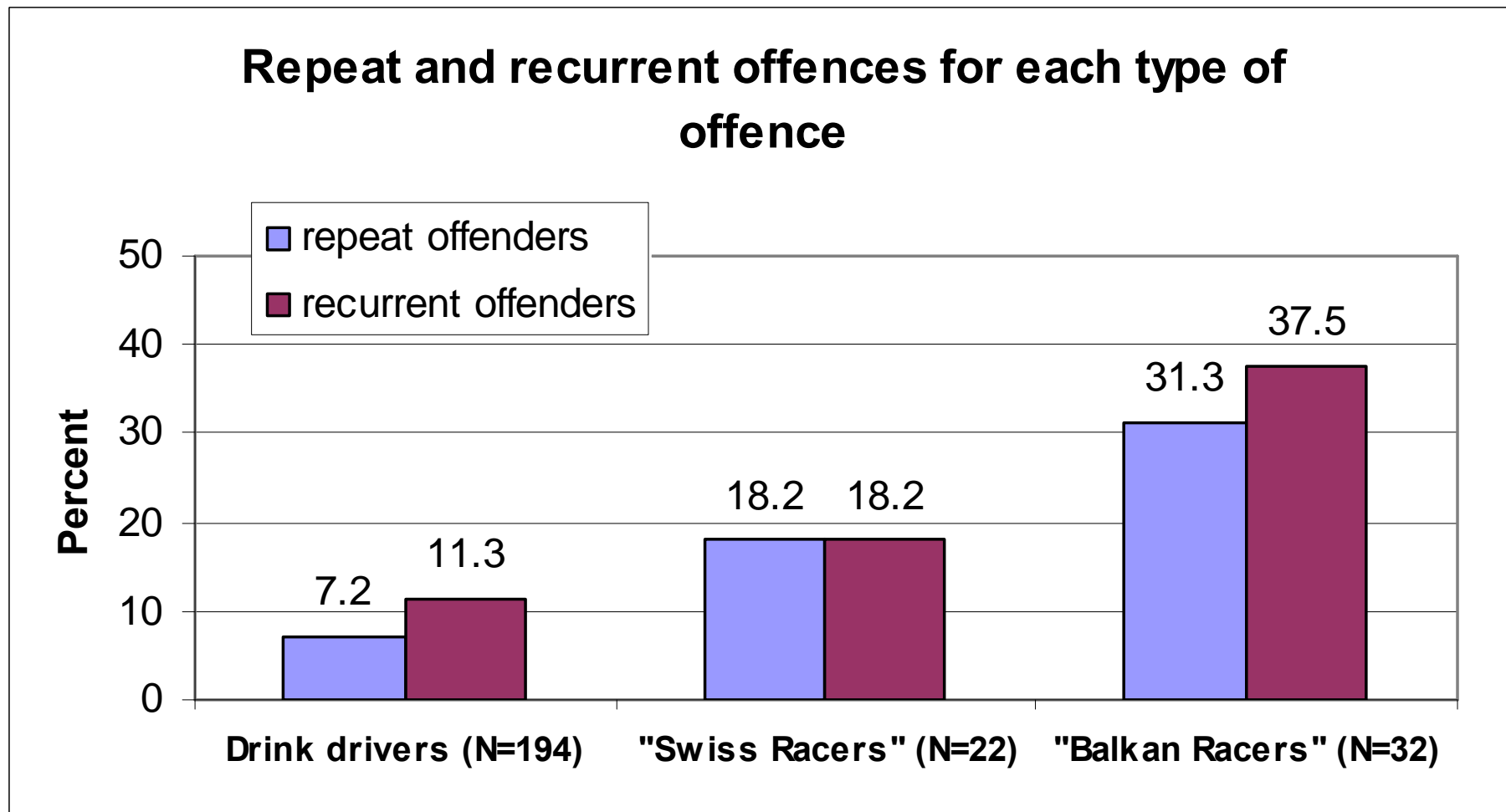
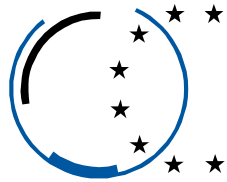
Target groups

- **Drink drivers:** (N=194) participants in the TAV and LAST programmes
- **“Swiss racers”**, traffic offenders of Swiss origin (N = 22), participants in the START programme
- **“Balkan racers”**, traffic offenders from the former Yugoslavia (N = 32), participants in the START programme



I am pleased to have the opportunity to participate in this learning programme



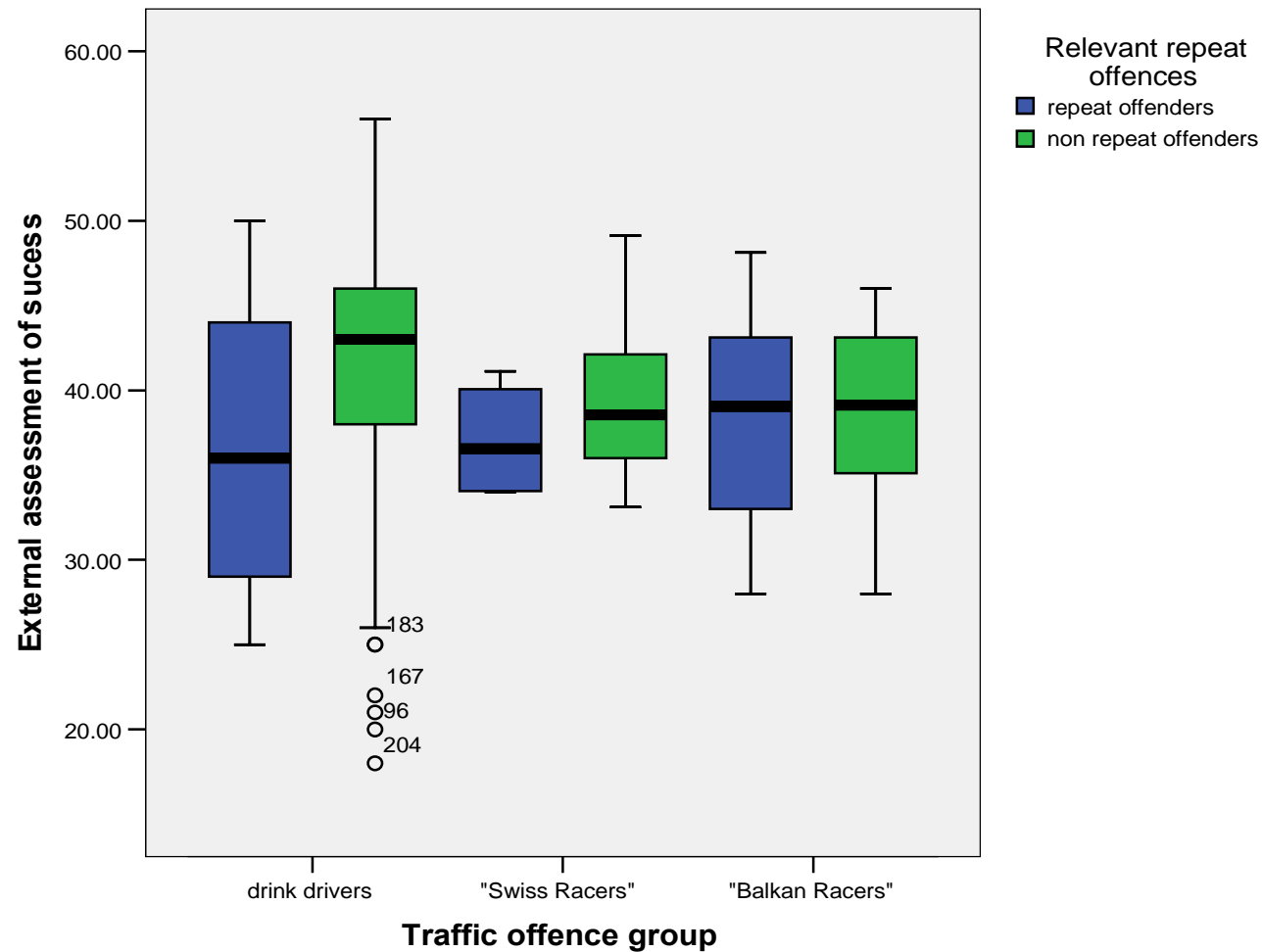


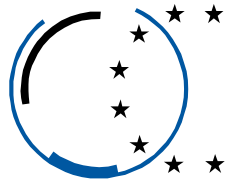


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Results





Possible explanations

- Compensating for the discrepancy between self-esteem and social status by taking risks when driving
- Low level of acceptance of the legal system
- Fear of loss of face
- Superficial compliance prevents real disputes
- Denial caused by reactance
- Psychological mindedness



Conclusions

- We need to consider the special cultural importance of the car and inappropriate driving styles
- Involvement of experts from the corresponding cultural group
- Incorporation of positive role models (“Ex-racers” as co-leaders)
- Emphasis on monitoring after the event



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Summary

Increased integration efforts make a significant contribution to reducing the number of traffic offences.