Alcohol, road accidents and Chambers of Psychotherapists

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Despite its milder image, alcohol is worse than drugs and medicines in causing road accidents. This demonstration, and subsequent actions, have been acquired also through confidential interviews to drivers who caused accidents while DUI. The knowledge of these crimes would force the professional to report them to the judiciary; but the Italian regulation defends the chartered psychotherapist treating the victim of a PTSD, as also these criminal drivers must be considered.
The proportionality test

- The principle of proportionality is laid down in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU)
- Against the (new) professional regulations, a proportionality test is imposed by Directive 2018/958, passed 28 June 2018
- to be absorbed by MSs in a year and a half.
- This is an obstacle to the approval of a new Chamber of Psychotherapists in the majority of MS, still non having it
What to do now?

- Our obvious reaction should be to accelerate the approval of these new Chambers in MSs not yet endowed of.
- This need can be demonstrated by the lack of proportional intervention on PTSD
- lamented also by The Economist because of wide economic losses and damages,
- not least: new road accidents caused while getting false relief by further drinking, as observed during our treatments
No Chamber no treatment

- only psychotherapists defended by their Chamber got the confidence of guilty drivers, up to confess their crime.
- Other professionals in DRUID, including psychologists never obtained to treat PTSD
- for lack of confidence of guilty drivers
An urgent task for our network, beyond our usual partnership