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European Soft Drink industry: key initiatives and challenges

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Our membership

22 National Associations

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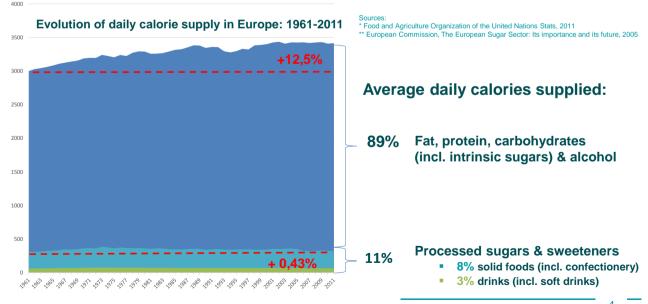
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Rooted in the european & local economy



Soft drinks: less than 3% in the average European diet



Our EU platform commitments



The UNESDA commitments introduced in 2006 bind the soft drinks industry to behave responsibly in three core areas:

Towards children under 12 in schools and in advertising and commercial communication



- No advertising to children under 12 on TV, in print, online and in social media
- No sales in primary schools
- In secondary schools full choice of products, unbranded machines, parental involvement

In the information we provide to consumer

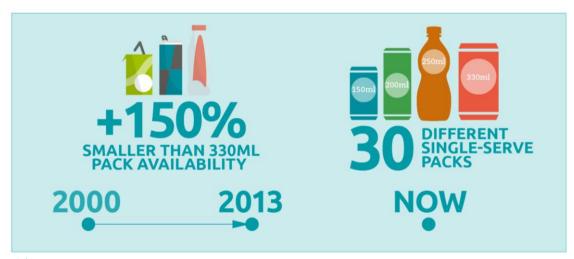
• Clear labelling, front of pack

In the variety and choice of products we offer

- Increase beverages with no and low calories
- Increase choice and availability of individual pack sizes

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Increase choice and availability of individual pack sizes



* Unesda Soft Drinks Europe

Source: Canadean, 2014

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Increase beverages with no and low calories





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Reformulation in action

- We offer choice with an increasing range of reduced/low calorie options
- We reformulate existing products



Trina Orange now 10% less added sugar than original beverage



Oasis tropical now 15% less added sugar than original beverage



Schweppes Agrum now 45% less added sugar than original beverage



Sprite
now at least 30% less sugar
than original beverage
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Nestea now at least 30% less sugar than original beverage



Fanta now at least 30% less sugar than original beverage



Lipton now 35% less sugar than original beverage



Reformulation in action





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The role of sweeteners and why they are a key component of this journey?

Replace sugar (s)

Provide sweetness



Provide the consumer with greater choice of lower calorie, sweet tasting products

Provide no/few calories



Clear on safety & conditions of use

- Like all food additives, sweeteners undergo a thorough safety evaluation before being approved for use in foods and beverages:
 - EFSA provides a safety assessment, including establishing ADI
 - Conditions of use (Max. Levels in specific food categories) are established by EC
- National authorities monitor intake



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Sweeteners do not enhance a liking for sweet taste



Anton *et al.*,
Appetite, 2010, 55 (1); 37–43

No difference in sensations of hunger and satiety over the day

Piernas et al., (CHOICE study), The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, 2013, 97(3); 604-11

 Participants in « diet » drink group ate less desserts and less sugar

de Ruyter et al., New England Journal of Medicine, 2012, 367; 1397-1406

- · Lower weight gain in sweetener group
- No increase in liking for sweetness in sweetener group

Evidence that their intake is not associated with heightened appetite for sugar or sweet products



Bellisle F.,

Current Obesity Reports., 2015, 4(1);106-110

A current comprehensive review on sweet taste .

- Existing studies, using widely differing methodologies in various types of consumers reach largely convergent conclusions: the use of LCS shows no consistent association with a heightened appetite for sugar or sweet products.
- In many instances, the use of LCS is associated with a lower intake of sweet tasting substances
- Recent intervention studies in children and adults confirm that LCS use tends to reduce rather than increase the intake of sugarcontaining foods, and to facilitate, rather than impair, weight loss

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Low calorie sweeteners are in fact a helpful tool for weight management



Hendriksen MA et al.,
European Journal of Nutrition, 2011, 50: 41–51

European Journal of Nutrition, 2011, 50; 41–5

Substitution of added sugar by intense sweeteners in carbonated soft drinks has beneficial effects on BMI

Miller PE & Perez V., The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, 2014, 100(3); 765-77 Replacing caloric sweeteners with LCS resulted in modest, but significant reductions in body weight, BMI, waist size and body fat.

Mattes R & Popkin B.,
The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, 2009, 89(1); 1–14

• Drinking beverages sweetened with low- and no-calorie sweeteners will not stimulate your appetite or make you gain weight. The evidence suggests that if LCS are used as substitutes for higher energy yielding sweeteners, they have the potential to aid in weight management

Gibson S et al.,British Nutrition Foundation Nutrition Bulletin, 2014, 39 (4);
386–389

 LCS do not increase appetite, have no discernible effect on satiety and help to reduce energy when used in place of higher energy ingredients. LCS can enhance weight loss under real-life conditions when used as part of a behavioural weight loss programme

Fernstrom JD., Annual Review Food Science & Technology, 2015, 6; 119– 36 Replacement of dietary sugar with LCS does not increase, and can in fact reduce, energy intake and body weight.

Health claims authorized in the EU





Consumption of foods/drinks containing LCS instead of sugar induces a lower blood glucose rise after their consumption compared to sugar-containing foods/drinks



Consumption of foods/drinks containing LCS instead of sugar contributes to the maintenance of tooth mineralisation

Source: EFSA Journal 2011;9(6):2229, EU Register on Nutrition & Health Claims

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UNESDA commitments: part of broader actions

- Efforts to increase availability of individual pack sizes and no and low calorie options will continue:
 - Reformulating, innovating and offering choice
 - Encouraging portion control
 - Reducing further average calorie content of our products
- Other initiatives include:
 - Advertising variety & choice
 - Promoting no and low calorie options
- Progress will also rely on a policy and regulatory framework which stimulates innovation



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