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While 14 European countries impose no excise duty on wine at all—and France charges just a penny per glass—Ireland's alcohol taxation regime stands as one of the most punitive in Europe, with excise duties accounting for nearly a third of the cost of a standard bottle. A new comparative analysis confirms what the Irish drinks industry has long argued: Ireland's excise tax burden on alcohol is substantially higher than that of most European peers, threatening the viability of pubs that have long served as essential community anchors, particularly in rural and isolated areas. Yet despite repeated calls from the hospitality sector for relief—including a request for a modest 10% reduction in this year's budget—the government has held firm on taxation levels, leaving an industry caught between the pressure of unsustainable costs and the cultural significance of preserving Ireland's legendary pub culture.

A total of 14 European countries do not charge any excise on wine, including Spain, Portugal, Italy, Germany and Greece, while France charges just €0.01 on a standard glass of wine.

Here, excise duties make up €3.19 of the €11 cost of a standard bottle of wine purchased in an off-licence.

"The main aim of this report is to objectively assess what the rate of excise in Ireland is compared to other countries across Europe. The results show without doubt that Ireland has a very high level of alcohol excise tax in 2026 when compared with the large majority of other countries," Prof Foley said.

DIGI is calling for a 10% reduction in excise in the upcoming Budget to improve the viability of pubs.

"Irish pubs are celebrated around the world and are often the only community hub in isolated communities, yet the Government seems to be content to tax them out of existence," Secretary of DIGI Donall O'Keeffe said.

Excise duties on alcohol did not change in last year's budget, despite a similar call for a 10% reduction from the drinks industry then, and a call for an increase of 15% by Alcohol Action Ireland.