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WHITE PAPER 2011: Towards a ‘zero-vision’ on road safety

POLICY ORIENTATIONS ON ROAD SAFETY 2011 - 2020
The “zero vision”

- No loss of life is acceptable
- Based on the simple fact that we are human and make mistakes
- The road system must be designed to protect users
The “-50%” objective

- A political & global commitment
- 43% achieved (2001 – 2010)
- 19% achieved (2010 – 2016)
Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages:

By 2020, halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents.
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Fatality rates 2016
Fatality rates

Fatalities by population

- Lowest EU: 26
- Japan: 47
- EU: 50
- Australia: 54
- Highest EU: 98
- USA: 106
- Russia: 189
- Africa: 266

Lowest EU vs Highest EU: 26 vs 189
Russia vs Africa: 189 vs 266
Main 2016 figures

In the EU

- 25,500 people died in road accidents
- 50 fatalities by million inhabitants
- 1 Million accidents
- 1.5 Million injured
- ¼ Million seriously injured
Main 2015 figures

In the EU fatalities

- 25% in urban areas
- 20% < 25 years all
- 75% men
- 45% passenger cars
Share of all road deaths

- Car: 45%
- Pedestrian: 22%
- Other: 7%
- Motorcycle: 15%
- Moped: 3%
- Bicycle: 8%
- 2-wheelers: 26%
Main causes of accidents

User behaviour

- Inadequate speed
- Drink and driving
- Not use of seatbelt/helmet

(non respect of rules)
Policy orientations on road safety 2011-2020

3 Pillars:

- A common European road safety area
- An integrated approach with other policies
- Shared responsibility (EU, national, local...)

Policy orientations on road safety 2001-2010

- Integrated approach
  - Safer roads
  - Safer vehicles
  - Improve behaviour
  - Enforcement
“A shared responsibility”

Action by ALL stakeholders is needed

- **Public Authorities: EU + Member States**
  - Ministries (Transport, Interior, Health ...)
  - Regional/Local competencies

- **Private Companies: Car industry +**
- **Transport companies + Road operators**

- **Users: everybody!**
The EU instruments

- Road accident data collection and analysis
- Financial support to research and studies
- Best practice guidelines
- European Road Safety Charter
- Legislation (only when necessary)
Legislation

The EU acts wherever it provides an added value

(no legislation for helmet use, all countries have it)

- Principle of subsidiarity
- Proportionality
Policy orientations on road safety 2011-2020

7 strategic objectives:

1. Improve education and training of road users
2. Increase compliance with road traffic rules
3. Safer road infrastructure
4. Safer vehicles
5. Promote the use of modern technology to improve road safety
6. Improve emergency and post-care services
7. Improve safety of vulnerable road users.
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How to reach the objectives?

- Improved cooperation
  Cooperation framework, twinnings, exchange of best practices

- Improved participation
  Information and awareness campaigns

- Improved monitoring
  Enhance CARE accidents database and ERSO (European Road safety Observatory)

- Improved enforcement
  Priority given to the control of the implementation and correct application of EU legislation on road safety
Sample of legal acts
1. Infrastructure


Safety Impact Assessment for new roads at pre-design phase
Safety Audits for new roads at draft and detailed design, pre-opening and early operational phases
Network Safety Management for existing roads— to rank the network in operation, identify and management of black spots
Safety Inspections for existing roads
2. Vehicles


- Council Regulation (EC) No 2411/98 of 3 November 1998 on the **recognition in intra-Community traffic of the distinguishing sign of the Member State in which motor vehicles and their trailers are registered**
3. Enforcement and equipment


4. Road users


• Commission Decision of 18 December 2012 on equivalences between categories of driving licences

• Council Decision 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993 on the creation of a Community database on road accidents,
Thank you

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