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# The NTUA Road Safety Observatory

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Together with: all the great nrso team

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### NTUA Road Safety Observatory A Center of Research and Innovation Excellence

### NTUA Road Safety Observatory

- A Center of Research and Innovation Excellence on Road Safety, with global recognition [ranked: 2nd in Europe and 6th worldwide (AAP 2018)]
- ➢within the Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering [ranked: 9th in Europe and 39th worldwide (ShanghaiRanking's 2017), scientific citations: 3rd in Europe and 19th worldwide (Pulse 2017)]
- ➢of the School of Civil Engineering [ranked: 11th in Europe and 42nd worldwide (QS 2018)]
- ➢ of the National Technical University of Athens [the oldest (since 1837) and most prestigious Greek Technical University]





### NRSO - Mission

The Mission of the NTUA Road Safety Observatory (<u>www.nrso.ntua.gr</u>) is:

- to support the Greek and the International Road Safety Community with current key road safety knowledge and data
  - gathered, analysed and organised within the research activities of the Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering of the School of Civil Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens

 as well as within co-operations with various national and international road safety organisations



#### NRSO - Vision

The Vision of the NTUA Road Safety Observatory is:

- to contribute to the significant reduction of the number of road accidents and of the related casualties in Greece, in Europe and worldwide
- through the scientific support of evidence based decision making for the necessary road safety policies, programmes and measures





### NRSO - The People

- Internationally recognized Professors
- 6 Senior Transportation Engineers (4 PostDoc)
- 6 Transportation Engineers PhD Candidates
- 6 Transportation Engineers Research Assistants
- 2 Information Systems Engineers
- 2 Administrative Assistants

#### with high level scientific expertise in:

- traffic safety, transport and traffic planning and engineering
- data science and advanced statistical data analysis
- intelligent transportation systems and automation





#### NRSO – Our Fundamental Research Principles

#### Excellence

Advanced and innovative technology concepts

#### Impact

• Research with significant impact to society and economy

#### Implementation

• State-of-the-art organisation and management structures



#### NRSO - The Value of the Researcher

- We are committed to the Value of the Researcher, which:
  - starts with carrying out excellent research,
  - is tested by publishing in high-level peer review journals and
  - makes the difference when awarded project grants through highly competitive procedures





#### NRSO - Research Performance

- ➢ More than 100 road safety research projects since early '90s
  - 40 Greek
  - 60 International
- ≻75 of these research projects were assigned through highly competitive (national or international) procedures
  - Horizon 2020: 9 projects out of 39 proposals submitted











HORIZ 2020





#### NRSO - Scientific Publications

- ≻More than 500 road safety publications:
  - in scientific Journals (more than 150)
  - in scientific conference proceedings (more than 350)
  - with more than 3.000 citations
  - i10-index: google scholar: 83
  - h-index: google scholar: 29, scopus: 22
- More than 350 presentations in scientific conferences
  - more than 250 international and more than 100 national
  - after invitation in more than 150 of them

Available on-line at: www.nrso.ntua.gr/geyannis





#### NRSO - Road Safety PhDs

≻Dimitris Tselentis, 2018

 "Benchmarking Driving Efficiency using Data Science Techniques applied on Large-Scale Smartphone Data"
 Dimosthenis Pavlou, 2016

"Traffic and safety behaviour of drivers with neurological diseases affecting cognitive functions" kis Theofilatos, 2015

➢Akis Theofilatos, 2015

"An advanced multi-faceted statistical analysis of accident probability and severity exploiting high resolution traffic and weather data"

#### ➢ Panagiotis Papantoniou 2015

"Risk factors, driver behaviour and accident probability - The case of distracted driving"

#### ➢Eleonora Papadimitriou 2010

- "Pedestrian behaviour and safety models in urban road networks"
- 9 more PhDs are in progress





#### NRSO - PhD & PostDoc Alumni Careers

- Our PhD and PostDoc Alumni Engineers are pursuing excellent academic, engineering and consulting careers worldwide:
- Technical University of Munich (TUM)
- Technical University of Delft (TUD)
- > Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (ENPC)
- > Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
- Loughborough University (UL)
- > National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
- Ernst & Young (EY)
- Salfo Engineering International (Salfo)





### **Cooperations and Partners**



### **Our Cooperations - Greece**





### **Our Cooperations - Europe**





### **Our Cooperations - Worldwide**





#### **Our Partners - Universities**



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#### **Our Partners - Research Institutes**



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#### NRSO Website and Systems

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#### The NRSO website (1/2)

An international reference website - information system with state-of-the art road safety data and knowledge

#### www.nrso.ntua.gr

➤more than 3.000 visits per month

≻100+ electronic newsletters since 2007

➤tens of tweets and social media posts annually

➢network of more than 3.500+ road safety experts in Greece (800+) and worldwide (2.700+)







### The NRSO website (2/2)

A dynamic website with a wealth of information <u>www.nrso.ntua.gr</u>

- ≻since 2004 with more than 1.300 items
- ➤all important road safety News in Greece, in Europe and globally
- new Reports covering all modern road safety issues
- ➢latest available road safety Data for Greece and the EU
- ➤exhaustive list of road safety Conferences in Greece and globally
- >links to dozens of road safety Resources globally







- BHSelinty 2019, EcroSele, Lovenbourg, 3-4 October
  Prevention of Accidents at Work (WOR), Vienna, 23-26 September
- SHY Living and Walking in Other Contenants, Streets, 13-13 September
- IRCOID Conference 2011, Flatence, 11-13 September

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- Danaportation Systems of the Pature Mable TUM, TUM, Munich, 11-12 September
- Bh Dymposium HEATT2011, Budapess, 4-6 September



- Ith Rengesium on Networkster Driving Research, MUARC, Melbourne, 13-14 August

#### NRSO Data and Knowledge Systems

#### Databases

- SANTRA Greek Road Accident Database with disaggregated data (1985 - 2017, 1,2 million recordings)
- CARE European Road Accident Database with disaggregated data (1991 - 2017, 36 million recordings)
- IRTAD International Road Accident Database with aggregated data
- Databases of International Organisations (WHO, IRF, ERF, UITP)
- Databases with Aggregated Data (Vehicle fleet, veh-km, driver behavior, etc.

#### Knowledge Systems

- Digital Road Safety Library > 5.000 key Road Safety Reports
- International Bibliography databases (scopus, science direct)
- > Analysis tools (traffic, simulation, statistics)





### NRSO Research Infrastructure

- Driving Simulator (Foerst ¼ cab, moving base) for driver behavior experiments
- ➤Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) for traffic monitoring
- Smartphone Telematics application (powered by OSeven) for driver behaviour monitoring
- ➢On-Board Diagnostics Devices (OBD) for driver behavior monitoring
- ➤Cameras and other devices for traffic counts, speed monitoring, position monitoring (GPS)





### Road Safety Research Areas



#### The Road Safety Research Areas





### Road Safety Systems

- Erso+ The European Road Safety Observatory
- SaferAfrica The African Road Safety Observatory
- SafetyCube European Road Safety Decision Support System
- ► SafeFITS Global Road Safety Model
- Pract The CEDR Road Safety APM and CMF <u>Repository</u>
- ➢ BeOpen Open science in road safety
- ► Nrso The NTUA Road Safety Observatory





### **Driver Safety Behaviour**

- Esra Road safety attitudes in Europe
- SafeCulture Road safety culture in Greece and in Norway
- OSeven Monitoring driver behaviour through mobile phones
- Velivr Cycling under the influence of alcohol and drugs
- Skillful Safety skills of future transportation professionals
- SafeBehave Actions to improve drivers' safety behavior





#### Road Infrastructure Safety

i-safemodels - Modelling crash modification factors globally

EibCba - Economic analysis of road infrastructure safety projects

Pract - The CEDR Road Safety APM and CMF <u>Repository</u>

WeatherSafe - Predicting road accidents with real time data

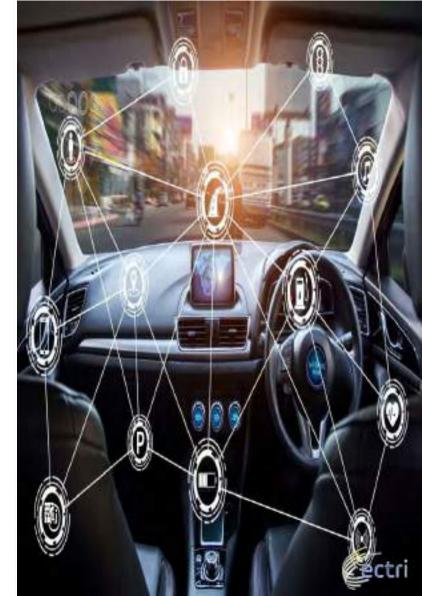




#### **Driver Behaviour Telematics**

- i-Dreams Driver-vehicle-environment interactions and safety tolerance
- BeSmart Smartphone applications for driver safety behaviour support
- Sesame Smartphone exploitation for event spatial analysis & mapping
- OSeven Data science techniques for benchmarking driving efficiency





#### Traffic Automation and Safety

Levitate - Societal impacts of connected and automated vehicles

Drive2theFuture - Driver needs and behaviour in automated traffic







### **Road Safety Research Perspectives**



### **Overall Key Road Safety Remarks**

➤Speed is highly misunderstood by all

Vulnerable road users are not accommodated

- We spend too much without effectiveness monitoring
- Unrealistic expectations of technology (especially of automated vehicles)

≻Too much data, too little usage

Need for more road safety science and budgets





### Road Safety Policy Perspectives

- ➢Focus on the key road accident risk factors:
  - Speed, Speed and Speed
  - Drink and Drive
  - Distracted Driving
  - Not use of seat belt and helmet
- Adapt urban mobility management to accommodate and balance current and future mobility and safety needs of the vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists): Reduce Speed everywhere.
- Develop strong road safety culture of the Authorities and all Stakeholders (safe system approach) and the whole population.





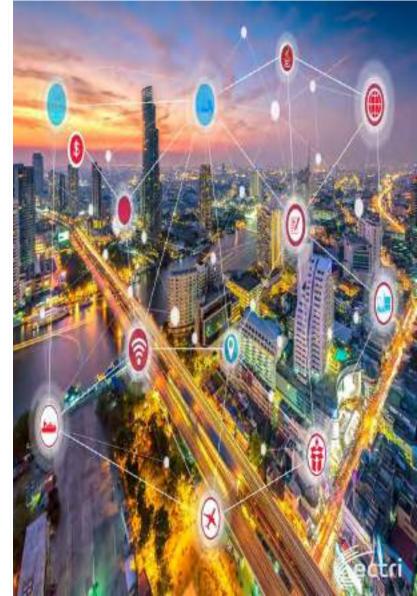
#### Road Safety Technology Perspectives

- Technology can be the new road safety driver, through:
  - Public private partnerships
  - Clear problem analyses (well defined objectives)
  - Systematic effectiveness monitoring
- Great need for:
  - more data and knowledge
  - better exploitation of current and future data
  - broader geographical coverage

#### Data focus on:

- more accurate road accident data (LMIC Counties)
- exposure data and performance indicators
- measures and policies effectiveness evaluation





#### Road Safety Technology Perspectives

Digitalization opens great new data possibilities for:

- road user support and guidance
- evidence based public and private road safety decision making at all levels
- New great potential for seamless data driven procedures from safety problems identification to selection and implementation of optimal solutions
- Exploitation of the high safety potential of vehicle and traffic automation, with focused research on the transition phase and the vulnerable road users









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