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 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 (www.nrso.ntua.gr) 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
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
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](http://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”

- **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 - Worldwide

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NRSO Website and Systems
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

www.nrso.ntua.gr

- 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
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 Data & Knowledge Systems
- Driver Safety Behaviour
- Road Infrastructure Safety
- Driver Behaviour Telematics
- Traffic Automation and Safety
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 Repository
- **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 Repository
- **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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