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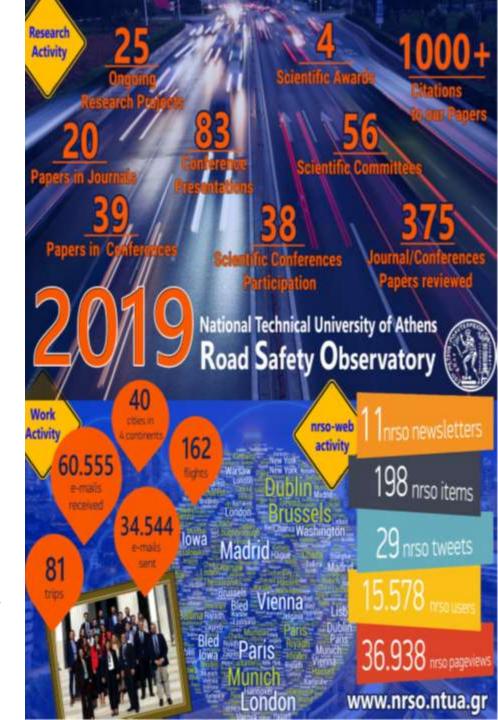
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## NTUA Road Safety Observatory

- The NTUA Road Safety Observatory (www.nrso.ntua.gr) is a **Center of Research and Innovation Excellence** in Road Safety, with global recognition [ranked: 2nd in Europe and 6<sup>th</sup> worldwide (AAP 2018)]
- ➤ A team of 25+ scientists, with internationally recognized Professors, Post Doctoral Researchers, PhD Candidates & Transportation Engineers
- An international **reference website information system** with state-of-the art road safety data and knowledge with:
  - > more than 3.000 visits per month
  - tens of tweets and social media posts annually
  - > more than 100 electronic newsletters since 2004
- An excellent research activity:
  - ➤ More than 100 Diploma Theses & 5 PhD Theses
  - ➤ More than 100 research projects, mostly through highly competitive procedures
  - ➤ More than 500 scientific publications (> 200 in journals), widely cited worldwide
  - ➤ More than 100 scientific committees
  - ➤ International collaborations: European Commission, UN/ECE, OECD/ITF, WHO, World Bank, EIB, CEDR, FEHRL, ERF, IRF, UITP, ETSC, WCTR, TRB, decades of universities and Research Centers

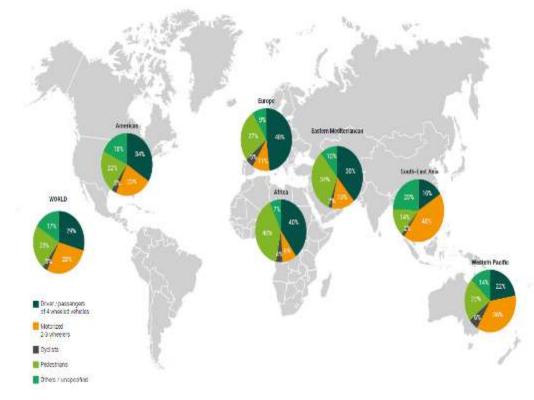


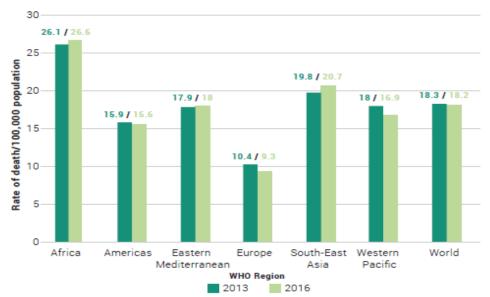
## Road Safety Statistics



## Road Safety Worldwide

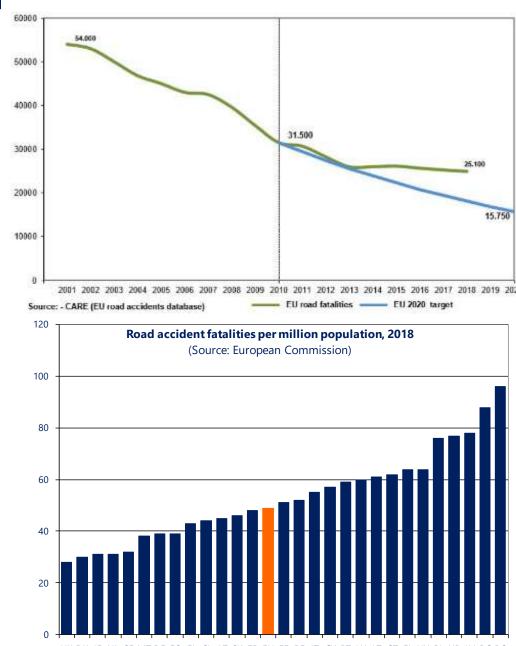
- > 1,35 million people are killed in road accidents worldwide.
- ➤ Road accidents constitute the 8<sup>th</sup> cause of death and the first cause of death among people aged 5-29 years old.
- ➤ Europe presents the lowest traffic fatality rate per population globally.
- Africa has the worst road safety performance (up to 10 times more fatalities per population compared to the best performing European countries).
- The percentage of **VRUs' fatalities** in road accidents worldwide is especially high (54%).





## Road Safety in the European Union

- In 2018, almost 25.100 fatalities in road accidents were recorded in the EU.
- ➤ The target of halving road accident fatalities between 2010 and 2020 is unlikely to be achieved.
- ➤ Great discrepancies in road safety performance exist among the 28 EU countries.
- ➤ More coordinated efforts are required at all levels in order to achieve the targets set.



## European Road Safety Action Plan (2020-2030)



# European Road Safety Policy (1986-2020)

- The first steps (1986-1993)
  Year of European Road Safety 1986, the Gerondeau Report
- ➤ The First Action Plan on Road Safety (1993-1996)

  Qualitative objectives and setting of specific priorities
- The Second Action Plan on Road Safety (1997-2001)

  Target: reduction of fatalities by at least 18,000 up to 2010
- ➤ The Third Action Plan on Road Safety (2003-2010)

  Target: reduction of fatalities by 50% in 2010, monitoring progress
- ➤ Action Plan on Road Safety (2011-2020)

  Target: reduction of fatalities by 50% in 2020, actions and strategic targets





## EU Strategic Action Plan for Road Safety (2020-2030)

- ➤ In May 2018, the European Commission adopted its **EU Strategic Action Plan for Road Safety** for the 2021-2030 period.
- The EU Strategic Action Plan was published as part of the 3rd mobility package, which also includes a revision of the directive on road infrastructure safety management and a strategy for connected and automated mobility.



## EU Strategic Action Plan for Road Safety (2020-2030)

#### Eight pillars of actions:

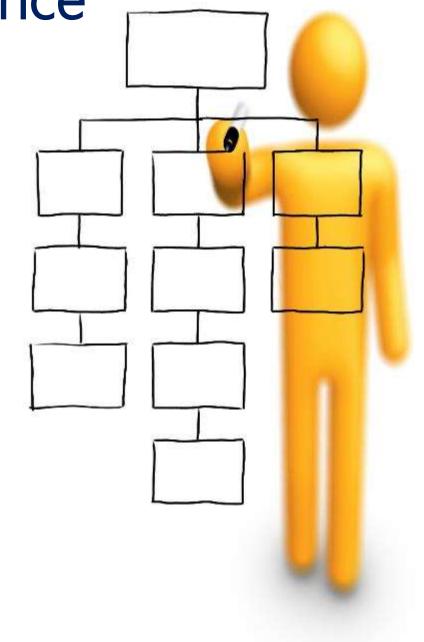
- > Enhanced road safety governance
- > Stronger financial support for road safety
- > Safe roads and roadsides
- > Safe vehicles
- > Safe road use
- > Fast and effective emergency response
- > Future-proofing road safety
- The EU's global role: exporting road safety



**Enhanced Road Safety Governance** 

- ➤ The EU road safety policy framework 2021-2030 is based on the **Safe System approach**.
- The coordinated action of all sectors and for all road users under an **enhanced governance structure** is required.

- > a list of KPIs to be connected to target outcomes
- ➤ mandate of the High Level Group on Road Safety to include strategic advice and frequent feedback
- the new role of European Road Safety
   Coordinator, to coordinate road safety efforts with
   Member States and spread good practice.



## Stronger Financial Support

Provide stability and coherence in funding solutions for infrastructure upgrades and other road safety actions

- ➤ encourage the use of EU financial support from the European Structural and Investment Funds for road safety upgrades of infrastructure
- ➤ investigate how to provide stability in funding support for road safety actions (e.g. joint crossborder road traffic enforcement operations)
- investigate possibilities to financially support capacity building at Member State level



## Safe Roads and Roadsides

Revision of the Road Infrastructure Safety Management Directive

- > introducing a network-wide road assessment
- more transparency and follow-up of road safety management procedures
- extending the scope of the Directive beyond the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) to cover all motorways and primary roads
- > setting general performance requirements for road markings and road signs to make it easier to roll out cooperative, connected and automated mobility systems
- mandatory to systematically take VRUs into account in all road safety management procedures



## Safe Vehicles

Revision of the Vehicle General Safety
Regulation and the Pedestrian Safety Regulation
to make some important safety features
mandatory (e.g. Intelligent Speed Assistance,
Autonomous Emergency Braking etc.).

- > assess whether retrofitting the existing fleet with ADAS is feasible and cost-effective
- consider national incentives to fast-track proven technologies (e.g. procurement, safe travel policies, tax and insurance incentives)



## Safe Road Use

- improve the effectiveness of the directive on cross-border enforcement of traffic offences.
- > examine a possible legislative initiative on the mutual recognition of driving disqualifications
- make seatbelt reminders mandatory for all seats
- right enable the functioning of Intelligent Speed Assistance, including the availability of speed limits in a digital format.
- > strengthen the EU recommendation on permitted blood alcohol content.



### Fast and Effective Emergency Response

- right assess the effect of eCall and evaluate the possible extension to other categories of vehicles.
- Facilitate closer contacts between road safety authorities and the health sector to assess further practical and research needs



## Future-proofing Road Safety

- adopt specifications on cooperative intelligent transport systems
- ➤ launch a process towards developing a code of conduct for the safe transition to the higher levels of automation, by taking road safety considerations into account
- > set up a Safe City challenge or award



#### The EU's Global Role: Exporting Road Safety

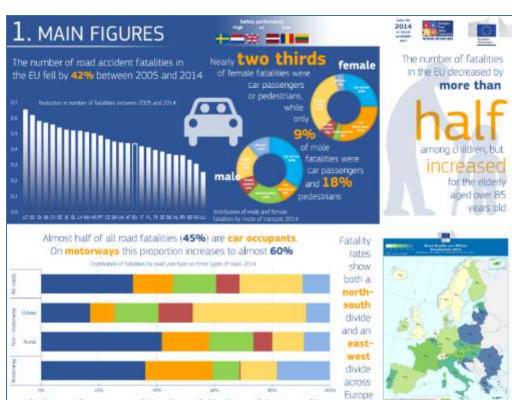
- Further develop road safety cooperation with the EU's neighbours, in particular the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership by sharing best practice and supporting capacity building
- evaluate how to strengthen the coordination of traffic rules (UN Geneva and Vienna Conventions), so that traffic rules can be adapted to cooperative, connected and autonomous mobility in a harmonised way
- cooperate with international financing initiatives, such as the UN Road Safety Trust Fund



## **European Road Safety Observatory**

- The **ERSO** is the information system of the European Commission with harmonised specialist information on road safety practices and policy in European countries.
- ➤ The framework of ERSO was developed within the SafetyNet project (2004-2008) and further expanded within the DaCoTA project (2010-2012).
- ➤ Within the ERSO, road safety related data and knowledge at European level are gathered and made available to road safety professionals and decision makers, contributing to:
  - > monitoring road safety trends
  - > understanding underlying road safety risk factors in combination with a more detailed analysis
  - > benchmarking road safety performances
  - > identification of best practices









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Observatory Evidenced-based approaches lie at the heart of the most successful road safety polices – backed up by accident and other road safety data. ERSO collects a range of information types. These include a series of data protocols and collection methodologies, national and in-depth accident data, exposure data and safety performance indicators.









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