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Smartphone applications for driver safety behaviour support

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Workshop:

**Digitalisation
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The BeSmart project

➤ Project partners:

- **National Technical University of Athens**, Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering
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- **OSeven Telematics**
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➤ Duration of the project:

- 36 months (July 2018 – July 2021)

➤ Operational Program:

- "Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation" (EPAnEK) of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF)

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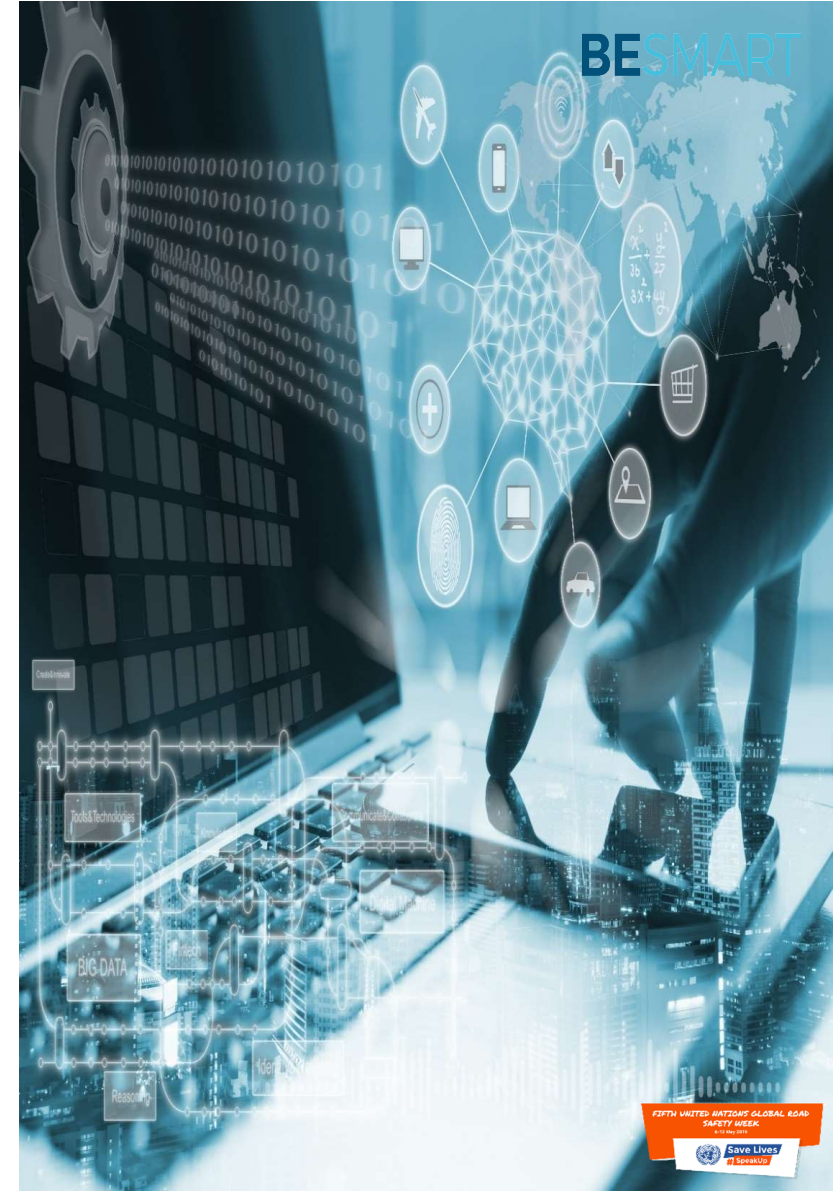


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Background

- Accurate **monitoring of driver behaviour** has scientific and technical requirements
- The Internet of Things (IoT) constantly offers new opportunities and features to monitor and analyse driver behaviour through:
 - Affordable On-board Diagnostics (**OBD**)
 - Widescreen use of **smartphones** and social media
 - Effective **data collection** and handling
 - **Big Data** Analysis



The BeSmart Objectives

- Development of an **innovative and seamless** Internet of Things **application**
- **Assessment and improvement** of behaviour and safety of all drivers (car drivers, powered two-wheelers, cyclists, professional drivers) along multi-modal trips
- Organization and exploitation of a **naturalistic driving experiment** of 200 drivers for 12 months



Research Questions

- Identification of critical **risk factors** affecting driver behaviour and road safety
- Investigation of the **impact of speed** (inappropriate speed, percentage of time exceeding speed limits, etc.) on road safety
- Analysis of the impact of driver behaviour on **harsh events** (harsh acceleration, harsh deceleration, harsh turn)
- Assessing the impact of personalized **feedback on driving behaviour** through smartphones



Methodological Challenges

➤ Adaptation of the BeSmart application

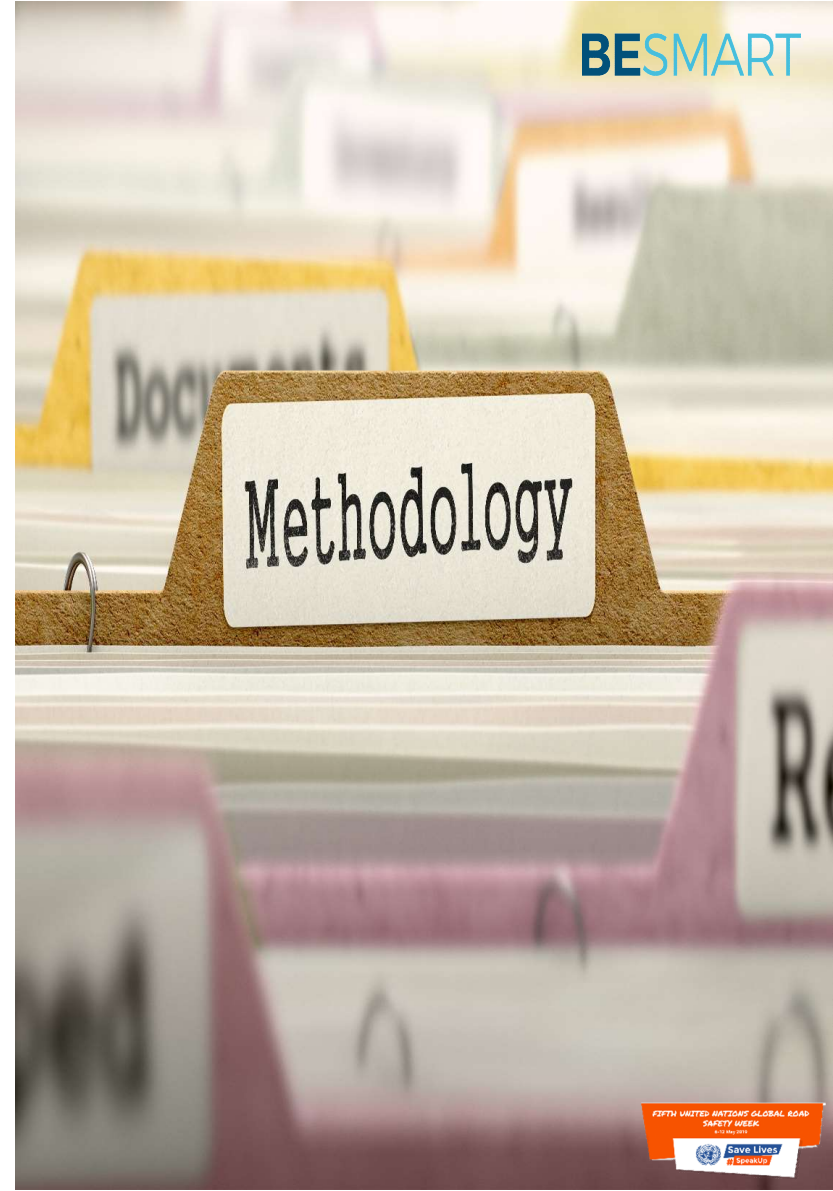
- International literature review on driver behavior monitoring and feedback tools
- Adaptation requirements for accurate recording of powered-two-wheelers behaviour

➤ Recruitment of 200 drivers to conduct the experiment

- Different types of drivers (cars, vans, PTW, cyclists)

➤ Implementation of algorithms and statistical analyses

- Machine Learning
- Structural Equation Models (SEMs)
- Road Safety Toolbox



The BeSmart Experiment (1/2)

- **All driver types** included:
 - car drivers, powered two-wheelers, cyclists
 - professional drivers (Nea Odos fleet)
- Unobtrusively **data collection** along multi-modal trips by means of smartphone technology
- **Identification of critical risk factors** affecting driver behaviour and road safety resulting from speeding, harsh maneuvering, distraction, etc.



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- A central smartphone icon is surrounded by numerous circular icons connected by lines, illustrating various IoT applications. The icons include: a car with Wi-Fi signal, a clock, a mail envelope, a person with glasses, a computer monitor, a document with a magnifying glass, a fork and knife, a bar chart, a server rack, a database cylinder, a microphone, a speech bubble, a globe with 'www', a battery level indicator, a star in a circle, a medical cross, a location pin, a car with a plug, a cloud with a plus sign, a lightbulb, a gear, and a network diagram.

Scientific and Social Impact

➤ Innovative monitoring driver behaviour

- Seamless behaviour monitoring in all vehicles including vulnerable road users (PTW, cyclists)

➤ Driver training and support

- Significant **improvement of driver behaviour**
- **Continuous driver feedback** to achieve road accident reduction over time
- Development of **better road safety culture** for all road users



Future Challenges

- Integration of a multitude of **IoT technologies**, development of advanced know-how
- Development of **new smartphone applications**, for all road users and all transport modes
- Exploitation of know-how for the safe integration and monitoring of **automated vehicles**
- Enhancement of **innovation capacity** and creation of new market opportunities for businesses





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