

National Technical University of Athens ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

March 2007

1. Global Road Safety Week on Young Road Users

The week of 23 to 29 April 2007 has been declared by the <u>United Nations</u> and the <u>World Health Organisation</u> as the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week. It is targeted at young road users including young drivers who are overrepresented in road accidents.



2. European Road Safety Day 2007 - The target is attainable

During the <u>European Road Safety Day</u> on April 27th, 2007, organised by the <u>European Commission</u> it was stated that the European action plan continues to deliver results and the target of saving 25.000 lives on Europe's roads by 2010 is attainable. Greece is lagging behind with



a fatalities decrease of 11% in comparison to the 22% average decrease in Europe of 27. LINK

3. OECD/ECMT Report on Young Drivers

The OECD and ECMT have recently published a joint report titled Young Drivers: the road to safety, according which road crashes are the single greatest killer of 15–24 year-olds in OECD countries. Young drivers account for about 27% of driver fatalities across OECD countries, although people in the same age group represent only about 10% of the population.



4. ERSO Fact Sheet on Young People

The <u>European Road Safety Observatory</u> released recently the updated version of 11 Basic Fact Sheets, including one concerning Young People, where it is demonstrated that young road users (16-24 years old) account for one quarter of all road accident fatalities in the European



Union with a tragic toll of 73.500 young persons killed on the EU14 roads during the last decade (1995-2004). LINK

5. The New Greek Road Code

The New Road Code prepared by the Hellenic Ministry of Transport has been voted by the Parliament and it will be in force as of June 2007. The new Road Code is summarized in a specially designed leaflet, prepared with the scientific support of NTUA.

