



## NTUA Road Safety Update - May 2013



### IRTAD Road Safety Annual Report 2013



The International Road Traffic and Accident Database (IRTAD) of the International Transport Forum (ITF/OECD) published the Annual Report 2013, which comprises a **synthesis of the main trends and road safety indicators** for the year 2011 and preliminary data for the year 2012. It presents longer-term trends in order to better understand the developments taking place in the different countries. 2012 will mark a record year, with figures showing the lowest fatalities on record for most OECD-IRTAD countries, however, there is still a long way to go in order to achieve the 2020 UN Decade of Action target, which is to reduce by 50% the expected number of fatalities worldwide. Moreover, a report activity of the IRTAD Group summarising the activities of the Group and detailed reports from 32 countries are presented. NTUA has contributed to the detailed report for Greece. [LINK](#)

### NTUA Civil Engineering School ranked 25th worldwide 2013



The Civil Engineering School of the National Technical University of Athens was ranked 25th among all Civil Engineering Schools worldwide and **7th in Europe**. This ranking is produced by the QS Organisation based on selected criteria: academic reputation (40%), employer reputation (10%), citations per faculty by scopus (20%), faculty student ratio (20%), proportion of international students and faculty (10%). NTUA road safety activities have contributed to this ranking.

Professor John Gollas, Dean of the Civil Engineering School said that this great improvement is the result of the systematic and collective efforts of all Faculty members for academic and research excellence. [LINK](#)

### Road Safety Inter-Ministry Committee Meeting chaired by the President of the Hellenic Republic 2013



The President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Karolos Papoulias has received on April 22nd, 2013 the Members of the Road Safety Inter-Ministry Committee and discussed and adopted a series of necessary measures of each Ministry for the improvement of road safety in Greece. The Chairman of the Inter-Ministry Committee Mr. Kostas Hatzidakis, Minister of Development and Infrastructure stressed the importance of the **implementation of the national strategic plan** and the enhancement of the Secretariat of the Inter-Ministry Committee.

NTUA Professor George Kanellaidis pointed out the key messages of the national road safety strategic plan 2011-2020 prepared by NTUA: development of road safety culture, coordination and efficient implementation and monitoring of the road safety measures. [LINK](#)

### IOAS - Road Safety FlashMob in Athens - 2013



The first ever in the world Road Safety Flashmob was organised on Friday May 10th, 2013 in Athens by the Road Safety Institute (I.O.A.S.) - RSI "Panos Mylonas", with the support of the European Commission and the European Youth Forum. The event took place in Syntagma square, the most central square of Athens, during the UN Global Road Safety Week (6-12 May 2013) for the promotion of road safety through the message "Stop road crashes". IOAS President, Mrs Vasiliki Danelli-Mylona in a recent speech during the UN Global Road Safety Week stressed the importance of road safety campaigns: **"Together we can make it loud**, for our friends, our colleagues, our fellow citizens, our politicians". [LINK](#)

### 5th European Road Safety Day: Pedestrian Safety 2013



During the 5th European Road Safety Day on May 6th, 2013 organised by the European Commission, a conference dedicated to reducing pedestrian fatalities in urban areas was held in Brussels. Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas said: *"The EU has an outstanding road safety record in global comparison. But every death is one too many. Pedestrians and cyclists are facing the biggest risks in urban areas. And these risks are likely to increase rather than decrease with ever rising traffic volumes in our growing cities. This is why we are addressing this issue pro-actively on the occasion of the European Road Safety Day and the UN Global Road Safety Week."* [LINK](#)

At this Conference, the Commission's work on several measures specifically linked to the safety of vulnerable road users and urban road safety have been demonstrated together with key presentations by road safety experts and representatives of the major international road-safety organisations. [LINK](#)

### Central Europe - Save Our Lives Conference 2013



The final SOL conference on **"Comprehensive road safety strategy for Central Europe"** organised by the Agency of East Lombardy for Transport and Logistics (ALOT) took place on May 27th, 2013 in Brussels. The conference highlighted the undertaken actions and the results, including the SOL Road Safety Guidelines, which were produced during the project SOL - Save Our Lives, cofinanced by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and carried out within the framework of the European Programme of Territorial Cooperation "Central Europe". [LINK](#)

NTUA Associate Professor George Yannis presented "ROSEE - Road Safety Policies and Measures in South East European Regions". [LINK](#)

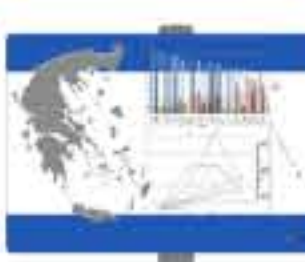
### Journal of Transport and Shipping - Road Safety Special Issue 2013



A new **special issue on road safety** of the Journal of Transport and Shipping has recently been published, coordinated by Co-Editors John Karkazis & Amalia Polydoropoulou, Professors at the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport of the University of the Aegean.

NTUA contributions to this special issue concerned: 'Driver distraction and road safety in Greece and internationally' and 'Macroscopic traffic safety data analysis and prediction'. [DOI#](#)

### Multilevel investigation of road accident characteristics in Greek cities 2013



A Diploma Thesis titled 'Multilevel investigation of road accident characteristics in Greek cities' was presented by Dimitris Spanakis in March 2013. For this analysis, a database was developed with road accident data from the Hellenic Statistical Authority in 30 Greek cities for the period 2006-2010, which has been complemented with cities demographic data: population, vehicle fleet, and per capita income. From the results, useful conclusions are deduced for the impact of some of the examined parameters in the number of fatalities,

serious and slight injuries in Greek cities, such as existence of median, operation of technical night lighting, accident type, vehicle type, casualty age and vehicle fleet. From the second level analysis it was found that there is **significant variation of the impact of the vehicle fleet of each city to the number of casualties in road accidents**, which was quantified. [LINK](#)

### Living and Walking in Cities Conference 2013



The International Conference 'Living and Walking in Cities' is organised by the Università degli Studi di Brescia and the Friendly City Study Center (CaSCaM) and it will take place on **13-14 June in Brescia**. Twenty years after the first Road Safety Forum, held in Brescia in June 1993, the Conference comes back to the issues relating to the vulnerable users' road safety. [LINK](#)

### ETSC 7th PIN Conference 2013



ETSC will launch the Road Safety Performance Indicator Annual Report at the PIN Annual Conference, which will take place in Brussels on Wednesday **17th of June 2013**. The 2013 PIN Report will highlight the countries with best reductions in the numbers of road deaths and serious injuries in the second year of the 2011-2020 target period, as well as to highlight the necessary steps for achieving the targets set. [LINK](#)

### Mobility and Road Safety in an Ageing Society, Vienna 2013



The Austrian Traffic Safety Board (KFV) organizes an International Congress: **Mobility and Road Safety in an Ageing Society**, which will take place in 19-20 June, in Vienna. The congress will focus on future aspects and solutions of mobility and transport versus safety and quality of life in the context of an ageing society and it will bring together experts from the following fields:

- Transport researchers, operators and regulators
- Psychologists/behavioural researchers
- Gerontologists/geriatricians
- Urban planning researchers and policymakers
- Safety researchers
- Mechanical/electrical engineers from industry and academia (vehicle design, assistive technologies)
- Occupational therapists
- Medical professionals [LINK](#)

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The mission of the NTUA Road Safety Observatory ([www.nrso.ntua.gr](http://www.nrso.ntua.gr)) is to support the Greek and the International Road Safety Community with current key road safety knowledge and data, which are 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.

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