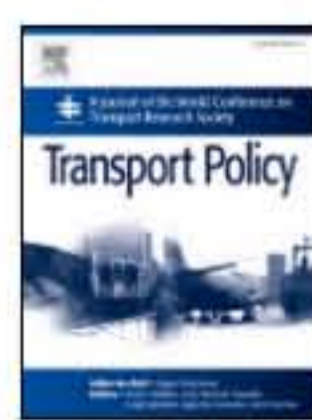




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### Needs and priorities of road safety stakeholders for evidence-based policy making - 2014



A paper titled 'Needs and priorities of road safety stakeholders for evidence-based policy making' co-authored by Eleonora Papadimitriou and George Yannis is now published in Transport Policy Journal. The objective of this research is the analysis of needs and priorities of road safety stakeholders for evidence-based policy making. Needs and priorities concern both the data to be collected or made available and **the tools to be developed or made available to support science-based policy-making**. An on-line survey was addressed to more than 3,000 stakeholders, mostly from European countries, in which participants were asked to assess the importance of more than 50 items reflecting data and resources for all stages of road safety policy making. Cluster analysis was carried out, revealing 4 groups of stakeholders with similar needs and priorities: a "low priorities" group, a "need data and models group", a group mainly interested on "implementation" and an "in-depth analysis" group. Further analysis suggested that the 4 clusters are adequately – and often similarly – represented in all groups of countries, and in all types of organizations (e.g. national administrations, universities, interest groups, road safety organizations etc.). [DOI»](#)

### ITF - Towards Zero Road Deaths 2014



Reducing road fatalities and serious injuries by helping governments to implement a "safe system" approach in road safety is the objective of a new ITF Working Group launched on October 1st, 2014 in Paris. The **"Working Group on the Implementation of a Safe System Approach"** will develop actionable policy guidance for countries who aim to improve their road safety performance and in the long run eliminate road traffic as a cause of death or serious injuries. The group's work programme will build on a previous ITF report, "Towards Zero: Ambitious Road Safety Targets and the Safe Systems Approach", published in 2008. The working group comprises 28 road safety experts from 23 countries (including Prof. George Yannis from Greece), the World Health Organisation, the World Bank, the International Road Assessment Programme (IRAP), the Global New Car Assessment Programme (Global NCAP) and the FIA Foundation. [LINK](#)

### ACEM -New strategy to improve safety for motorcyclists in Europe 2014



ACEM has recently published 'The safe ride to the future', its **new road safety strategy to further improve safety levels for motorcyclists in Europe**. The document has been presented at the 10th International Motorcycle Conference in Köln (Germany). As part of this new strategy, the motorcycle industry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). With regard to training of riders, ACEM and the German Road Safety Council (DVR) have joined forces to promote high quality voluntary post-license training schemes across the EU through a DVR-ACEM Quality Seal. ACEM will also organise a series of workshops in different European countries to identify and promote measures to improve road safety at national, regional and local levels. [LINK](#)

### EBRD - Environmental and Social Policy 2014



The European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has issued a new Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) which **includes a specific reference to Road and Traffic Safety**. More precisely, in the ESP it is outlined that in all projects financed by EBRD:  
- the potential traffic and road safety risks to workers and potentially affected communities throughout the project life cycle must be evaluated and monitored and where appropriate measures and plans to address these risks must be developed,  
- relevant EU road and traffic safety management standards must be taken into consideration, especially the Directive 2008/96/EC on Road Infrastructure Safety Management (road safety audit for each phase of the project, routinely monitor incident and accident reports, etc.). [LINK](#)

### UNECE - Regional Road Safety Workshop - Belgrade 2014



A regional Road Safety Workshop, organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Government of the Republic of Serbia (Ministry of Construction, Traffic and Infrastructure (MCTI), the Road Traffic Safety Agency (RTSA) and the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) in partnership with the South-East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO), took place in Belgrade on 15-16 October 2014. The workshop brought together a wide range of road safety stakeholders and interested parties from the public and private sectors, including decision makers, planning authorities, and international organizations. The Workshop focused primarily on **good practices and experiences on Road Safety Management** in South-East Europe and the Western Balkans. [LINK](#)

NTUA presentations concerned:

- Road Safety Management in Greece
- Road Safety Management in South East Europe
- Different forms of inter-agency coordination their potential benefits and risks

### WHO - International conference on Healthy Cities - Athens 2014



The International Conference on Healthy Cities organised by the World Health Organisation, took place in Athens on 22-25 October 2014. This year's international conference marked 25 years of implementation of the Healthy Cities programme in the European region of the WHO and the launch of the sixth 5-year phase, 2014-2018. It also marked the implementation of the **new WHO agenda, "Health 2020"**. Road safety was addressed on several occasions in this international conference. [LINK](#)

NTUA presentation concerned 'Traffic safety in urban mobility policy'

### NTUA - Road Safety Workshop - Athens 2014



A Road Safety Workshop was organised by the Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering of NTUA in the framework of the ROSEE project of the South East Europe transnational cooperation programme (SEE) in Athens, on 2 October 2014. Results achieved within the ROSEE project were presented in combination with valuable input from the members of the Greek National Advisory Group which was implemented within the project. This workshop was a great opportunity for knowledge exchange between the various Greek road safety stakeholders on key Road Safety issues in Greece and in the South East European Region in relation to **road safety policies, road infrastructure safety and road user behaviour**. More than 80 people attended the Workshop including representatives of competent Ministries, road operators, NGOs and other road safety stakeholders. All presentations are available at the ROSEE project website. [LINK](#)

NTUA presentation concerned 'Proposals for Road Safety Investments and Interventions in South-East Europe'

### Athens Business Chamber - Driving instructors retraining seminar - Athens 2014



A driving instructors retraining seminar organised by the Athens Business Chamber and the Citizen's Movement, took place in Athens on 18 October 2014. The seminar aimed to **improve drivers' knowledge** on certain topics, to highlight some aspects of safe driving and to develop the communication between driver instructors and new drivers. [LINK](#)

NTUA presentation concerned 'Functional traffic accident statistics in Greece'

### American Neurological Association's Annual Meeting - Baltimore 2014



The American Neurological Association's 2014 Annual Meeting, took place in Baltimore on 12-14 October 2014. This year's Annual Meeting offered scientific symposia on new sensation in the afferent limb, diseases of the synapse, brain initiative, expanded views on neurodegeneration, and neurological challenges of current chronic or recurring viral infections, plus Special Interest Group Symposia on 17 different subspecialties. **Behaviour of drivers with cognitive impairments** was addressed on several occasions in this ANA Annual Meeting. [LINK](#)

NTUA presentations concerned:

- Compensatory strategies in the driving behavior of MCI, AD, and PD patients: Preliminary results from a large driving simulation experiment with the use of distraction
- Exploring the capacity of neurological and neuropsychological measures to predict driving performance in individuals with MCI

### European Commission Transport Safety Conference - Genoa 2014



A conference on **Transport Safety: Societal challenges, Research solutions**, organised by the Italian EU Presidency and the European Commission will take place on 4-5 December 2014, in Genoa, Italy. The conference will address both the safety challenges specific to each mode, common issues and concerns that cut across them – notably human factors, automation and data management – taking into account societal challenges, policy requirements, technological developments and economic benefits to assess the future needs for transport safety, and identify priorities for activities in Horizon 2020 and beyond. [LINK](#)

### SAFER - International Cycling Safety Conference - Gothenburg 2014



The 3rd International Cycling Safety Conference - ICSC2014, organised by SAFER Vehicle and Traffic Safety Centre at Chalmers, Chalmers University of Technology and City of Gothenburg will take place in **Gothenburg, on 18-19 November 2014**. The conference is a great opportunity for researchers, legislators, politicians, and members of cycling associations to exchange knowledge on cycling safety and discuss new research topics and safety solutions. [LINK](#)

### ERF RoadSide Safety Design Conference - Brussels 2014



The AFB 20 (2) Roadside Safety Design Subcommittee on International Research Activities Meeting 2014, organised by the European Union Road Federation (ERF) in cooperation with the International Road Federation and the Transportation Research Board, will take place on **5 November 2014 in Brussels**. The conference will be an opportunity for road safety experts around the globe to gather and exchange information concerning the latest trends and developments in the area of passive safety and road infrastructure safety design. [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.  
The NTUA Road Safety Observatory has been developed within the framework of two European Union co-funded research projects, namely SAFETYNET - Development of the European Road Safety Observatory (2004-2009) and DACOTA - Road Safety Data Collection, Transfer and Analysis (2010-2012), with Scientific Responsible for NTUA, Professor George Yannis.