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The European Directive on road infrastructure safety management

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The EU Road safety policy



**White paper on
Transport 2001**



**Road safety action
programme 2003**



**Mid term review of
Road safety action
programme 2006**

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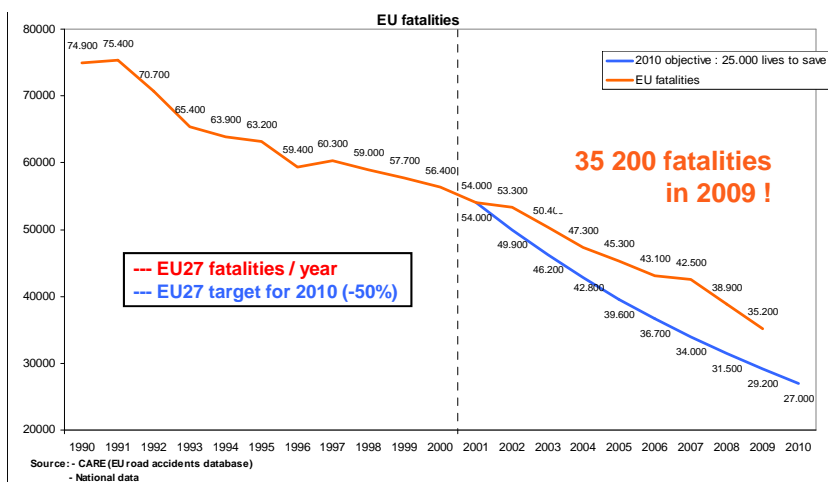


Reminder...

- Over the period 2001-2010: -50% road accident victims (global target)
- A "shared responsibility"
- Integrated approach at the EU level:
 - human factor
 - vehicle
 - **infrastructure**



Fatalities – evolution 1990-2010



Road Infrastructure Safety Management: Objectives

Scope: the trans-European road network (“TEN-T roads” - about 90.000 km) ...

- ... To bring about a common high level of safety of roads in all EU Member States
- ... To ensure that safety is integrated in all phases of planning, design and operation of road infrastructure
- ... To use the limited funds for more efficient construction and maintenance of roads

A coherent package of measures

- **Safety Impact Assessment** (new roads - pre-design phase)
- **Safety Audits** (new roads - design, construction & early operational phases)
- **Network Safety Management** - management of “High accident concentration sections” (existing roads)
- **Safety Inspections** (existing roads)

EU Legislation adopted on 19 Nov. 2008, in force by 19 Dec. 2010 (Directive 2008/96)

Direct Impacts on Safety

- **600 fatalities and 7000 injury accidents** per year if applied on TEN roads *
- **1.300 fatalities** per year could be saved if the safety management would be applied to the main road network in the EU *
- According to the monetary estimations of the White Paper, this corresponds to **5 billions €** per year



Timing

- **By Dec. 2010: Member States will have to “bring into force the laws, regulations & administrative provisions necessary to comply with this directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions”;**
- **By Dec. 2011: Member States will have to adopt “guidelines in order to support the competent entities” (i.e. public or private organisations involved in the implementation of the Directive);**
- ***Ditto* for adopting curricula for auditors.**



And also ...

- Exchange of knowledge & best practices (to be organised by the Commission)
- Adaptation of annexes to technical progress: "the Commission shall be assisted by a Committee" (regulatory procedure)
- NGOs may be consulted on technical issues

Beyond the scope of the EU legislation?

- Scope of Dir. 2008/96: TEN-T roads
- What about other roads?
 - Usually more dangerous than TEN-T roads
 - No mandatory safety procedure
 - However, strongly recommended
 - DG MOVE (transport) has asked other international funding organisations (EIB, DG REGIO, DG DEV, World Bank) to request the safety procedure

Which procedures?

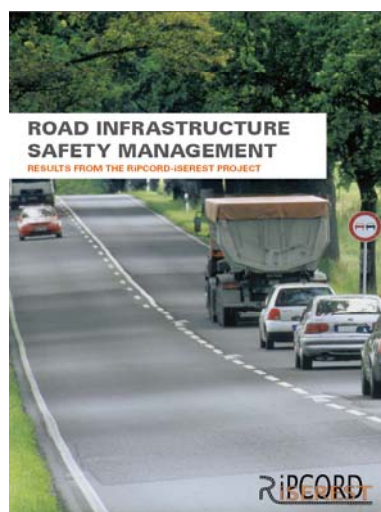
Detailed content of the procedure is left to Member States:

- Those who already have a well established procedure shall use it,
- Those who have no procedure shall,
 - either set up their own procedure,
 - or adopt the procedure from another Member State,
 - or use the procedure recommended by a RTD project recently completed (RIPCORDER-ISEREST*)

* http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road_safety/pdf/projects/ripcorder-iserest.pdf



from **RIPCORDER**
ISEREST



Deliverables from

- Road safety impact assessment: recommendations
- Road safety audit: best practice
- Road safety inspections: best practice
- Network safety management best practice
- Safety handbook for secondary roads (*beyond the scope of the directive!*)



2010-2012: « Pilot 4 Safety » testing in 5 regions the implementing of the provisions of Dir. 2008/96/EC on secondary roads



http://pilot4safety.fehrl.org/



Web sites

- Commission transport website
http://ec.europa.eu/transport/index_fr.html
- Shortcut to the Road safety section
<http://ec.europa.eu/roadsafety>

***Thank you
for your attention!***