



Achievements in Road Safety Under Malta's Presidency of the Council of the EU

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Situation in EU

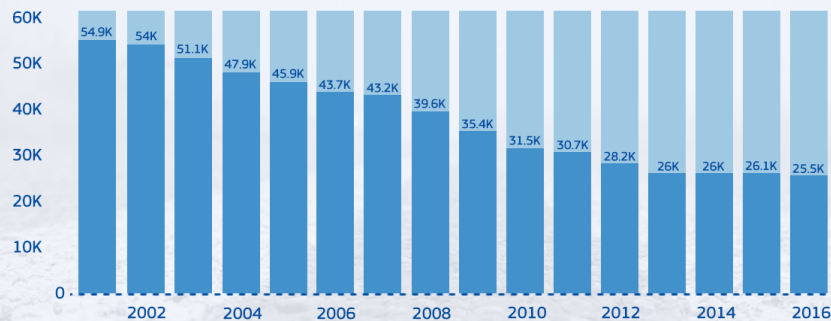
Traffic fatalities

- Persistently high - 25,500 (2016)
- 50% reduction target challenging –19% reduction (2010-2016)
- Societal problems, human suffering, economic cost - €50bn (2015)
- Long term target – vision zero

Serious Injuries

- Trends increasingly worrying
- Five times higher than fatalities – 135,000 (2015)
- No EU-wide target
- No harmonised definition
- Societal problems, human suffering, economic cost - €50bn (2015)

ROAD FATALITIES IN THE EU FROM 2001 TO 2016



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Source: European Commission, Directorate-General Mobility and Transport



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Consolidation of Road Safety Commitments

1. EP report on 2011 White Paper
2. Prague Declaration V4 + SI , Transport Council, June 2015
3. ETSC 'Let's GO for a target' campaign
4. June 2015 Letter to EC President Juncker obo 70+ org.
5. Oct 2016 stakeholder consultation by DG-MOVE
6. MEP questions to Commissioner Bulc on 5.12.2016
7. EP motion for a resolution & written declaration
8. Declaration on Cycling – LU Presidency Oct. 2015
9. Connected Vehicles – NL Presidency April 2016
10. Global commitments (UN General Assembly Resolution on improving road safety, 2016 and WHO Brasilia Declaration on road safety, 2015)



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Bringing Stakeholders Together

- Road safety is a shared responsibility
 - Member States
 - Institutions of European Union
 - Regional and local authorities
 - Industry
 - Civil society
- Respecting areas of EU competence
- Respecting principle of subsidiarity of MS
- Taking account of position papers
- Road Safety Stakeholders Conference, Valletta



Valletta Declaration on Road Safety 29 March 2017

- Drafting of Text - extensive discussions with MS and European Commission (Jan- Feb)
- Addressing 5 main themes
 1. Road Safety Strategies and Policies
 2. Enforcement of Traffic Rules
 3. Infrastructure Safety
 4. Smart Vehicles
 5. Vulnerable Road Users
- Assigning responsibilities
- Setting targets and time frames



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1. Road Safety Strategies and Policies

Member States will:

- Promote in-depth accident investigation and reporting using MAIS3+
- Ensure adequate levels of funding (policies, programmes & research)

Members States have asked European Commission to:

- Prepare New Road Safety Policy Framework (2020-2030)
- Ensure adequate levels of funding (research, programmes and projects)



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2. Enforcement of Traffic Rules

Member States will:

- Provide support to enforcement bodies incl. cooperation and exchange of best practices
- Improve road users' behaviour through education

Member States have asked European Commission to:

- Explore Strengthening of mutual recognition of driving disqualifications of non-resident drivers



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3. Infrastructure Safety

Member States will:

- Explore possibility of extending infrastructure safety management principles to non-TEN-T roads
- Engage with stakeholders on possibility of expanding reduced speed limits (e.g. 30km/h) to high risk areas

Member States have asked European Commission to:

- Explore use of data already available infrastructure and vehicles to enhance road safety.



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4. Smart Vehicles

Member States will:

- Ensure effective deployment of e-Call
- Support deployment of compatible and interoperable and automated vehicles with proven safety benefits

Member States have asked European Commission to:

- Ensure deployment of new safety features for vehicles. e.g. accelerating review of type approval rules in GSR.
- Explore road safety potential of connected and automated vehicles



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5. Vulnerable Road Users

Member States will:

- Ensure cycling and walking taken into account in mobility plans, safety policies and measures and will consider inclusion of dedicated infrastructure.



Member States have asked European Commission to:

- Work with stakeholders to set up projects and initiatives to protect vulnerable road users



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Road Safety Targets

Member States will:

- Continue and reinforce measures to halve fatalities 2010-2020
- Set a target of halving number of serious injuries 2020-2030 based on MAIS 3+ definition

Member States have asked European Commission to:

- Assess EU road safety performance taking into account targets and objectives in Valletta Declaration



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- Adopted as council conclusions at the June Transport Council in Luxembourg on 8 June 2017



Qualification of Professional Drivers

Scope

- Limited overhaul of existing CPC Directive and Driving Licence Directive

Aims

- Update Driver training content - focus on road safety how to think ahead in traffic and adapt to risks.
- Improving mutual recognition of completed training
- Reducing ambiguity of existing provisions

Status

- Transport Council agreed to General Approach in Luxembourg on 8 June 2017.



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Thank you

For further information

https://www.eu2017.mt/en/Documents/Valletta_Declaration_on_Improving_Road_Safety.pdf

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/06/08-tte-training-lorry-bus-drivers/>



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