

Regulating Drug Driving to Protect All Road Users

28 April 2026, 9:30 – 14:00

Mapfre Foundation Auditorium, Paseo de Recoletos 23, Madrid

09:00 *Registrations*

9:30 **Welcome**

Jesús Monclús, Expert Director Road Safety and Prevention, Mapfre Foundation

Álvaro Gómez, Director of the National Road Safety Observatory, Directorate General for Traffic, Ministry of Interior

Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director, ETSC

Part I: Tackling Drug-Driving in Spain

9:40 **Setting the scene: drug consumption in Spain**

Juan Carlos González Luque, Head of the Support Unit at the Government Delegation for the National Drugs Plan, Ministry of Health

9:55 **Drug Driving in Spain, the scale of the phenomenon**

Álvaro Gómez, Director of the National Road Safety Observatory, Directorate General for Traffic, Ministry of Interior

10:10 **Drug presence in Spanish drivers and pedestrians killed in traffic crashes**

Carolina Sánchez de la Torre, Director at Madrid Department of National Institute of Forensic Sciences and Toxicology, Ministry of Justice

10:25 **Cannabis, driving and traffic crashes: where are we now?**

Prof. F. Javier Alvarez. Professor of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Valladolid

10:40 **Effect of drugs behind the wheel (party II)**

David Landazabal, Vice-president, STOP Accidentes,

- 10:50** **Drug Driving Enforcement on Spanish roads**
José Carlos Muñoz Rodríguez, Chief Captain of the Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team at the Civil Guard Traffic Division
- 11:05** **Drug-related traffic crimes**
Mario Sanz, Senior Public Prosecutor for Road Safety, Office of the Attorney General
- 11:20** **Effects of drugs behind the wheel (part III)**
Yolanda Domenech, Director, and Eduardo Sánchez, volunteer, P(A)T – Association for the Prevention of Road Accidents
- 11:30** **Questions and Answers**
- 11:45** *Coffee break and possibility to carry out a drug test*

Part II: Current Progress and Case Studies in EU

- 12:15** **Tackling Drug driving in other EU countries:**
- Finland:** Timo Lajunen, PhD, Department of Psychology, University of Helsinki
Italy: Emanuele Laurenzi, Communication Manager, ANIA Foundation
Portugal: Alain Areal, Director and CEO, Prevenção Rodoviária Portuguesa, PRP
France: Mathias Bertrand, Health, Safety and Prevention Manager, VEOLIA Group
- 13:15** **Trends in the Field of Drug Testing**
Verena Zimmerman, CEO, Securetec
- 13:30** **Conclusions**
Juan Carlos Jerez. Vice-president of the Road Safety Parliamentary Commission
Álvaro Gómez, Director of the National Road Safety Observatory, Directorate General for Traffic, Ministry of Interior
Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director, ETSC
Fundación MAPFRE
Mar Cogollos. Directora, AESLEME
- 13:45** **Lunch**