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The Safety of EU commercial transport: the role of night time visibility

Tuesday 12 January 2016, 11:00 – 13:00

Lunch Debate – Renaissance Brussels Hotel

Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Inés Ayala Sender MEP and the European Transport Safety Council have the pleasure of inviting you to a lunch debate on improving the night time visibility of lorries.

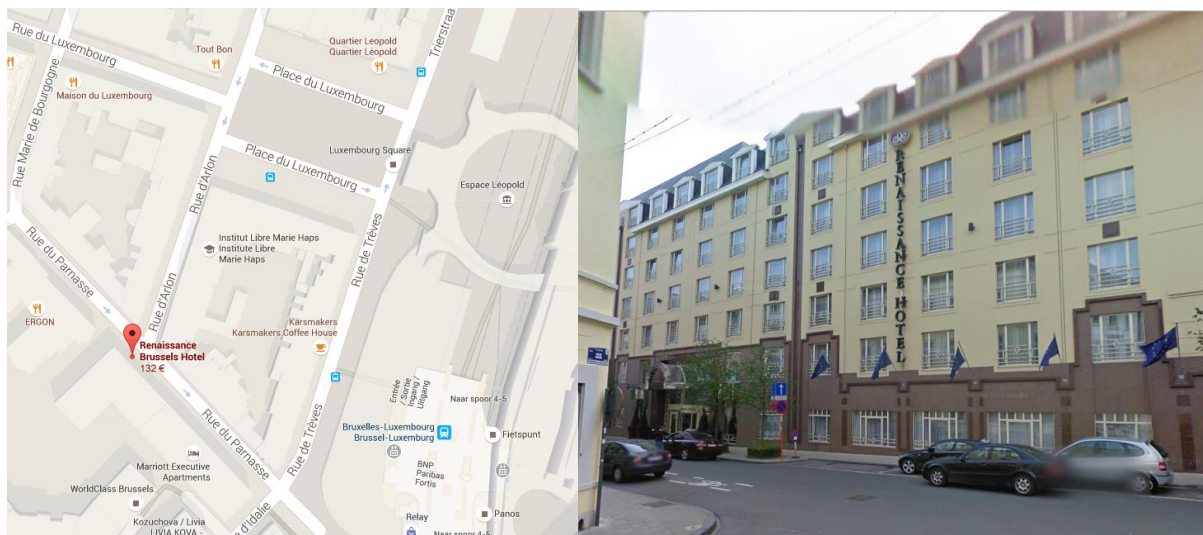
In 2011 around 4200 people died on EU roads in collisions involving Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) and 75% of these road deaths were occupants of other vehicles. Road collisions involving HGVs tend to be more serious than other collisions because of the great size and mass of these vehicles. Part of these collisions are due to lateral and rear-end collisions at dusk or in the dark.

Directive 2007/35/EC required, from July 2008, that HGVs with a minimum weight of 7.5 tonnes and trailers from a maximum mass of 3.5 tonnes, must be fitted with retroreflecting contour marking. This is a reflective sticky tape which marks the boundary of the rear and side of the goods transport vehicles. Thus, conspicuity is improved in conditions of poor visibility, at night or in adverse weather. These markings are mandatory for vehicles which have been registered after July 2011.

Building on recent research carried out by SWOV, this debate will discuss the social and safety benefits of retrofitting contour markings, gathering representatives of road safety organisations, academic experts, police forces, vehicle manufacturers and vehicle technology manufacturers.

Agenda

10:30	Registration
11:00-11:20	Welcome Inés Ayala Sender, Member of the European Parliament Prof. Herman De Croo, Minister of State, President of ETSC
11:20-11:30	Towards safer transport of goods in the EU Graziella Jost, Projects Director, ETSC
11:30-12:00	Retrofit introduction of contour markings for lorries: cost benefit analysis Henk Stipdonk, Head of Road Safety Assessment and Forecasting Departments, Institute for Road Safety Research (SWOV), The Netherlands
12:00-12:20	Case study: Feedback from the Italian experience Lucia Vecere, Head of Mobility and Road Safety Unit, Automobile Club d'Italia (ACI), Italy
12:20-12:45	Debate with the audience with planned intervention from: - Szabolcs Schmidt, Head of Road Safety Unit, DG MOVE, European Commission Questions and Answers
12:45	Concluding remarks followed by lunch



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