

EU policies contributing to Cycling Safety

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Annual statistical report on road safety in the EU 2026 and the Thematic Report on Cyclists



3.1 Fatalities by mode of transport

Figure 6. Fatalities by mode of transport, EU, 2024.

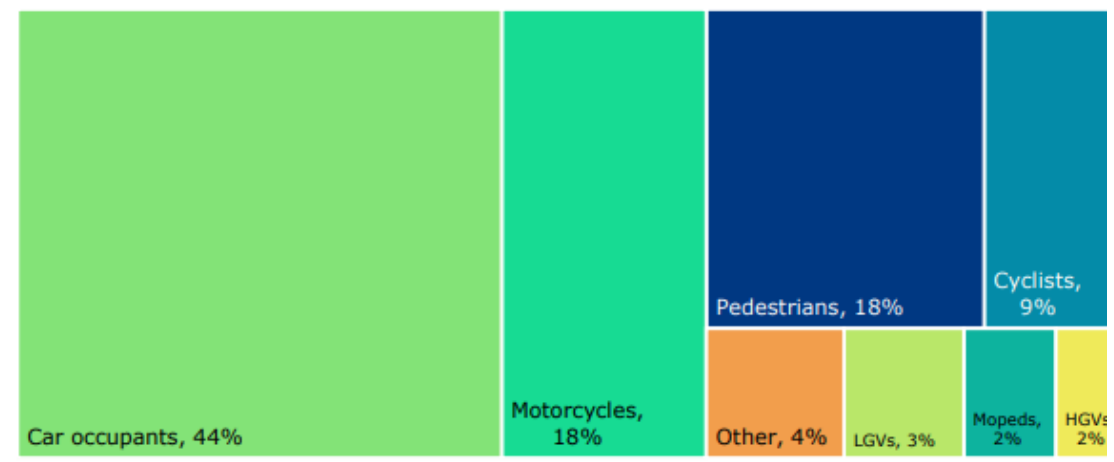
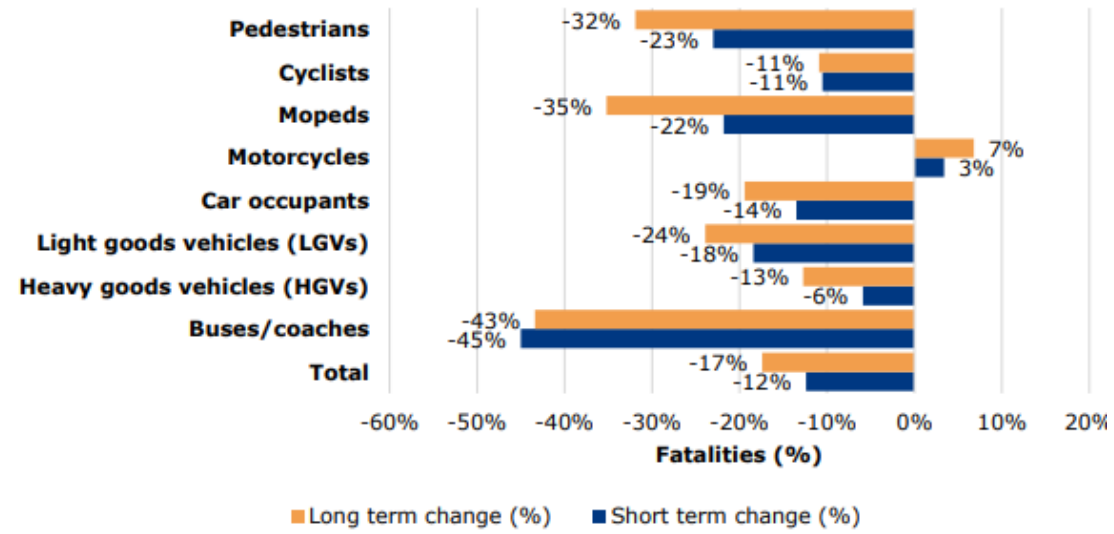


Figure 7. Short- and long-term change in road fatalities by mode of transport EU.



Long term change: 2024 over 2014; Short term change: 2024 over 2019.

Table 6. Annual number of cyclist fatalities by country (2014, 2019, 2021-2024).

Country	2014	2019	2021	2022	2023	2024	LT*	ST*
Belgium	82	95	87	102	102	89	9%	-6%
Bulgaria	29	27	17	25	14	18	-38%	-33%
Czechia	68	53	64	54	55	45	-34%	-15%
Denmark	30	31	25	23	28	22	-27%	-29%
Germany	396	445	372	474	446	445	12%	0%
Estonia	0	2	7	3	5	2		
Ireland	13	8	7	7	9	11	-15%	
Greece	19	22	14	13	10	-	-47%	-55%
Spain	75	80	63	81	90	90	20%	13%
France	159	187	227	245	221	224	41%	20%
Croatia	19	16	28	9	18	11	-42%	-31%
Italy	273	253	220	205	212	185	-32%	-27%
Cyprus	1	1	1	4	1	-		
Latvia	16	9	13	12	14	6		
Lithuania	19	10	11	5	11	10	-47%	0%
Luxembourg	0	0	0	1	2	-		
Hungary	98	63	53	42	43	47	-52%	-25%
Malta	-	0	0	0	0	-		
Netherlands	133	148	145	220	208	169	27%	14%
Austria	45	33	50	44	42	32	-29%	-3%
Poland	286	258	185	170	154	169	-41%	-35%
Portugal	35	27	34	31	33	-	-6%	22%
Romania	151	198	149	160	160	129	-15%	-35%
Slovenia	13	9	10	12	9	-		
Slovakia	-	17	17	26	13	19		12%
Finland	27	23	24	18	20	-	-26%	-13%
Sweden	33	17	20	23	24	23	-30%	35%
EU	2,041	2,032	1,843	2,009	1,944	1,819	-11%	-11%
Iceland	0	0	1	0	1	0		
Norway	12	6	4	6	6	6		
Switzerland	33	26	37	42	38	44	33%	69%

*LT = Long term change of last available year over 2014.
 *ST = Short term change of last available year over 2019.

3.2 Fatalities by collision opponent

Table 15. Fatalities by mode of transport and main collision opponent, EU 2024.










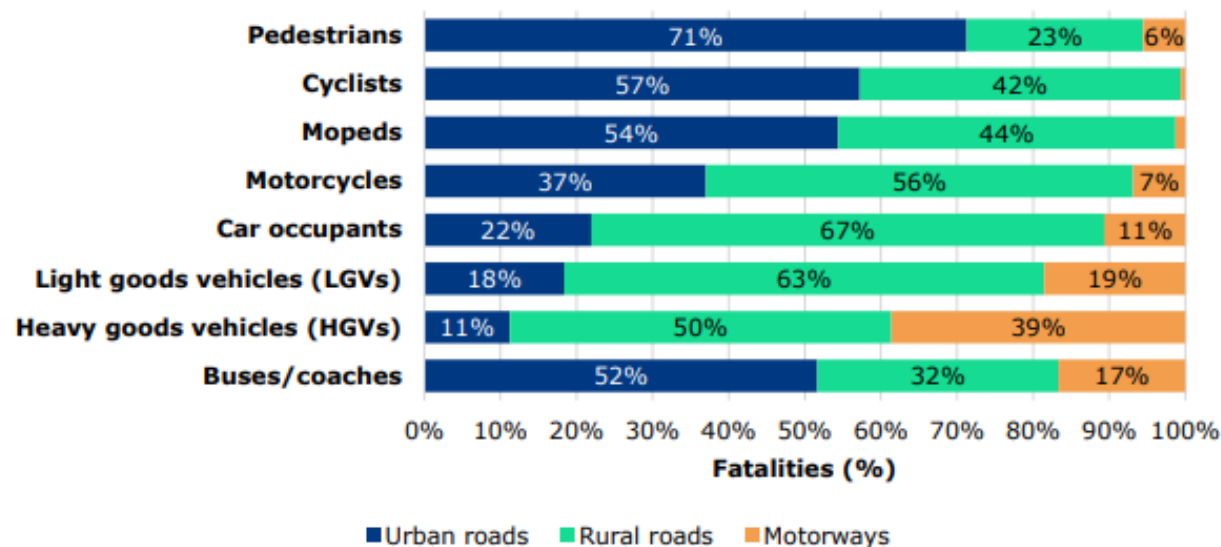
Fatalities	In collision with ...										Total
	None										
Pedestrians	-	3	18	12	96	2,302	414	391	127	197	3,560
Cyclists	498	9	52	6	46	817	122	175	28	66	1,819
Mopeds	148	2	1	2	12	204	43	32	8	26	478
Motorcycles	1,345	16	7	7	132	1,583	232	205	38	119	3,684
Car occupants	3,805	16	13	5	17	2,675	548	1,284	147	202	8,712
LGVs	245	-	2	-	1	98	68	172	15	20	621
HGVs	138	-	-	-	-	49	13	152	2	11	365
Buses/coaches	36	1	-	-	1	7	4	3	1	7	60
Other	296	2	2	-	4	141	33	28	7	10	523
Total	6,511	49	95	32	309	7,876	1,477	2,442	373	658	19,822

Figure 15. Fatalities by road type and transport mode, EU, 2024.



EUROPEAN CYCLING DECLARATION



Principles and a guide to
action for more cycling in the
EU



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European Declaration on Cycling

8 principles & 36 commitments

1. Developing and strengthening cycling policies
2. Encouraging inclusive, affordable and healthy mobility
3. Creating more and better cycling infrastructure
4. Increasing investments and creating favourable conditions for cycling
5. **Improving road safety and security**
6. Supporting high quality jobs and the development of a world-class European cycling industry
7. Supporting multimodality and cycling tourism
8. Improving the collection of data on cycling



Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Commission

Apostolos Tzitzikostas

**Commissioner-designate for Sustainable
Transport and Tourism**

**The European Cycling Declaration is
included in the Mission Letter to the
Commissioner**

*“You will follow up on the European
declaration on Cycling and publish a first
progress report by the end of 2025.”*



Chapter V: Improving road safety and security

Everyone should be able to cycle in a safe and secure manner

19. Delivering on the commitments set out in the Valletta Declaration (50% reduction of serious injuries by 2030) and the EU Road Safety Policy Framework 2021-2030 (no road deaths by 2050) and national road safety strategies and action plans
20. Enhancing enforcement of road safety rules and legislation
21. Ensuring rules on safety requirements for e-bikes are substantial and promote their deployment
22. Improving security at public bike parking spaces and increasing efforts against bike theft
23. Strengthening cycle training and awareness raising campaigns on road safety

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- The report shows strong momentum across Member States to boost cycling infrastructure and policies
- Member States appointed **National Cycling Contact Points**: this network, facilitated by the EC, supports exchange of knowledge and good practices; it is also connected to the **Expert Group on Urban Mobility** which includes a dedicated working group for active mobility policies and monitoring the implementation of the EU Declaration on Cycling
- The Commission took stock of the different instruments, policies, legislative work and initiatives undertaken in recent years that link also to cycling which included the modernising of **EU driving licence rules, training and testing**, taking now in better account the safety of cyclists and we are progressing on safety-related work by developing **EU guidance to design safe infrastructure for vulnerable road users**, including cycling and users of micro-mobility devices



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REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
on progress towards implementing the European Declaration on cycling



- **Directive 2024/3237** also helps improve the safety and security of cyclists by ensuring that dangerous driving offences, such as ‘dangerous overtaking’ and ‘hit-and-run’ incidents, are penalised in a consistent manner across the EU, regardless of the country where the offence occurs
- The Commission published a report titled ***Study on the Need for Harmonised Rules to Support the Rise of Micro-Mobility and Increased Road Safety for Personal Mobility Devices*** in 2024. It proposed regulatory options:
- **Horizon Europe 2025** includes a dedicated research topic on the **safety of cyclists, pedestrians, and micromobility users**.



Funding for safety

Construction and upgrading of safe cycling infrastructure

Regional development funds

up to 3.2 billion euro for the current programming period

Recovery and Resilience Facility

up to 1.3 billion estimated for cycling-related projects

Social Climate Fund

So far 10 MS included cycling measures in their National Social Climate Plans

Horizon Europe 2025 Work Programme from Cluster 5

call is closed, projects are being evaluated

100 Climate-neutral and smart cities Mission

Climate city contracts contain cycling measures

EIB lending envelope

Co-financing projects (also covering mobility) and operations of Mission cities – approx. EUR 2 billion.



What are we currently working on?

- ... progressing on safety-related work by **developing EU guidance to design safe infrastructure for vulnerable road users**, including cycling and users of micro-mobility devices.
- ... working to standardise how data on numbers of people cycling and kilometres cycled is collected across member states. This will help pinpoint better where investments and policy interventions should best be targeted.
- ... encouraging peer learning on cycling infrastructure through initiatives like the **EU Road Safety Exchange and the European Road Safety Charter**.



Publication of Cycling Counts Study

Safety



Creation of country fiches with harmonised KPIs, localised crash data, infrastructure information, safety attitude and perception surveys etc.



Source of crashes: <https://unfallatlas.statistikportal.de/>



Source of infrastructure: <https://geoportal-hamburg.de/?lng=de>



Thank you



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