Reducing road deaths on rural roads

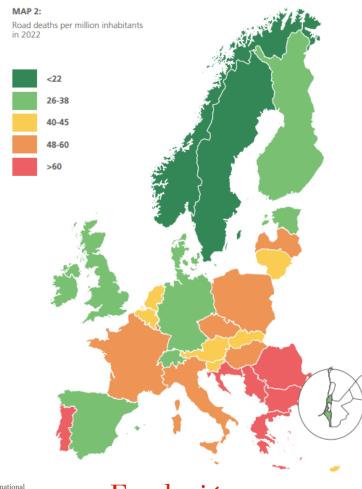
PIN Talk | 9 April, 2024

Jenny Carson Project Manager



ETSC PIN PROGRAMME

- Experts from the 32 participating countries, including all EU Member States
- Steering Group
- Annual report
- PIN Flash reports
- PIN Talks





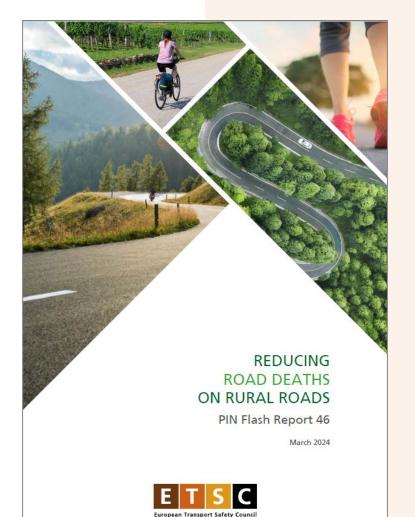




Statens vegvesen



Fundación **MAPFRE**

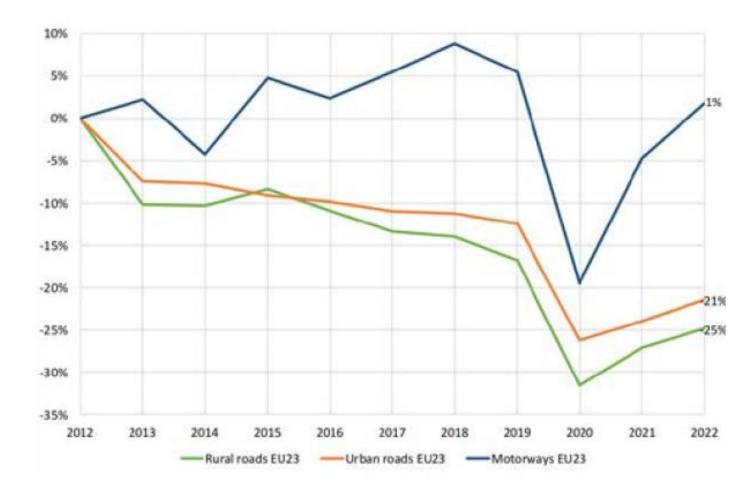


PIN Flash Report 46 Reducing road deaths on rural roads Published March 2024

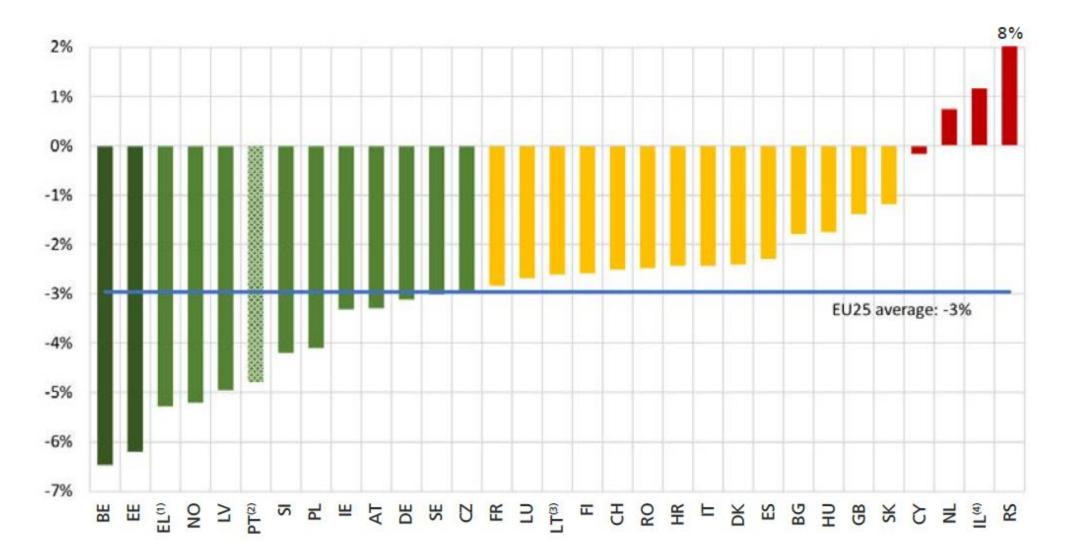
The scale of the problem

OVER 10,600 PEOPLE 🛉 🛉 **WERE KILLED** ON EU RURAL **ROADS** IN **2022**

REDUCTION IN ROAD DEATHS SINCE 2012

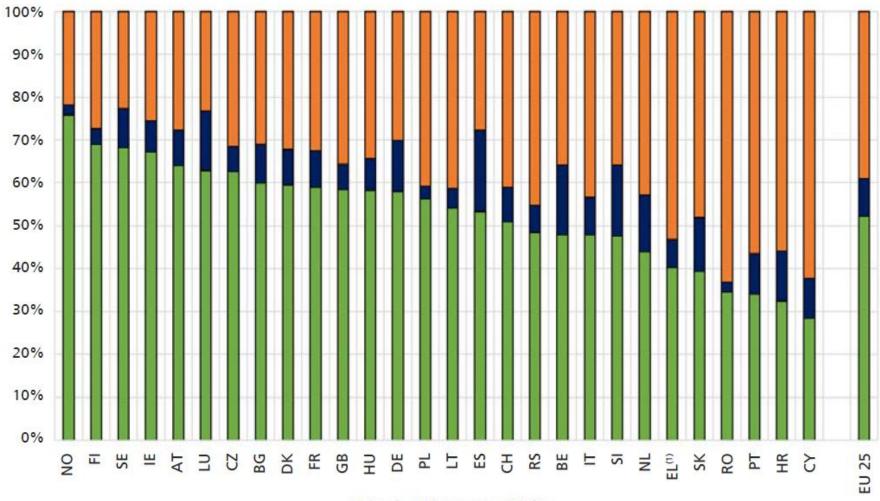


Country comparisons – average change



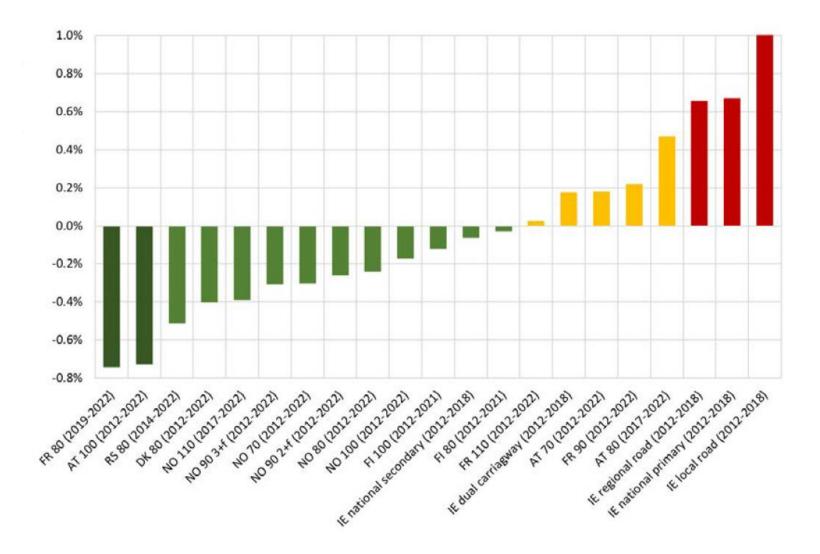
2012-2022

Road deaths per road type

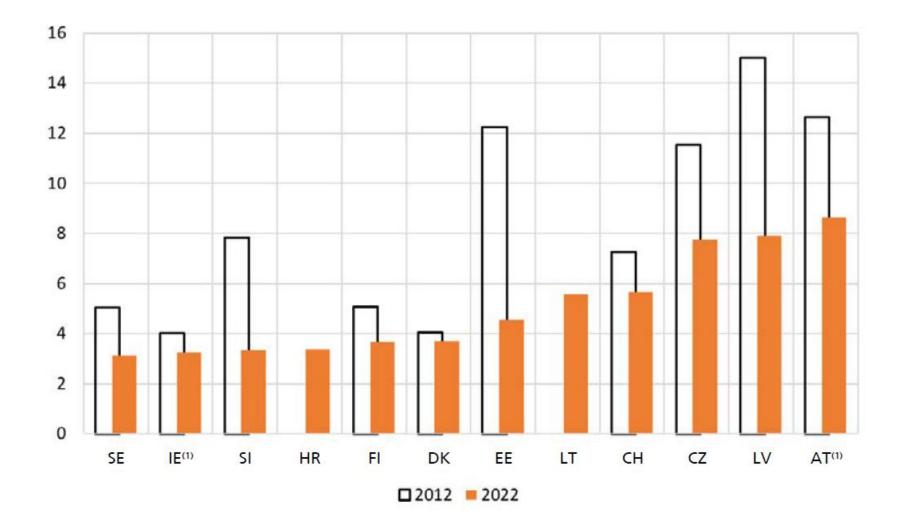


Rural Motorways Urban

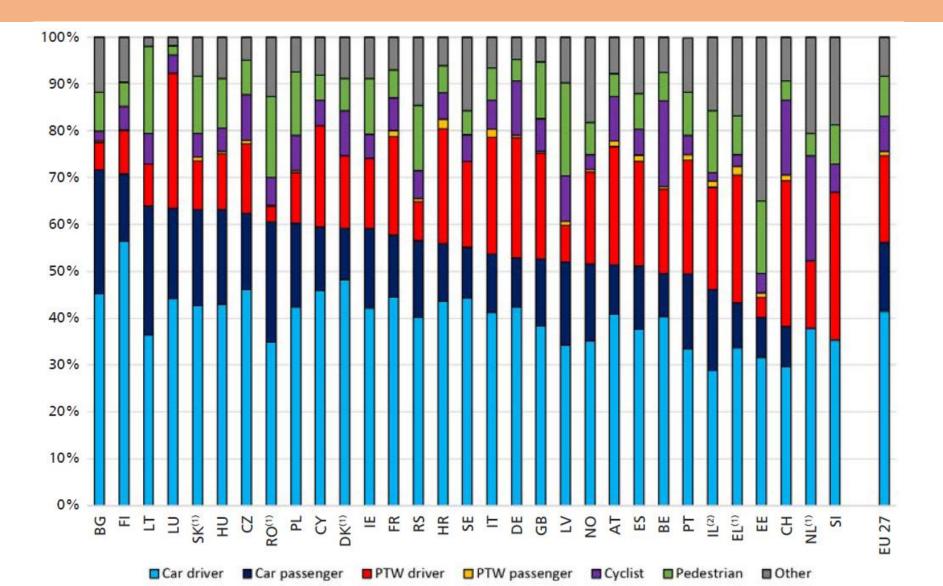
Speed – change in mean



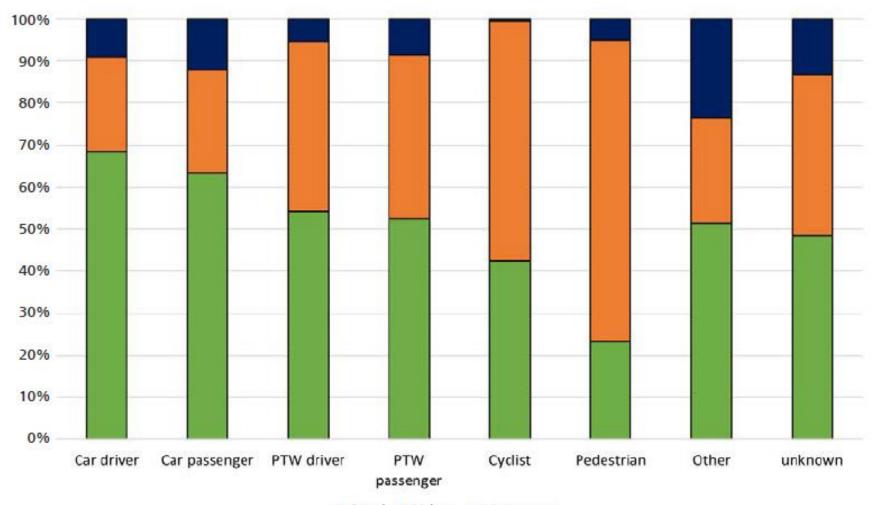
Rural road risk (distance travelled)



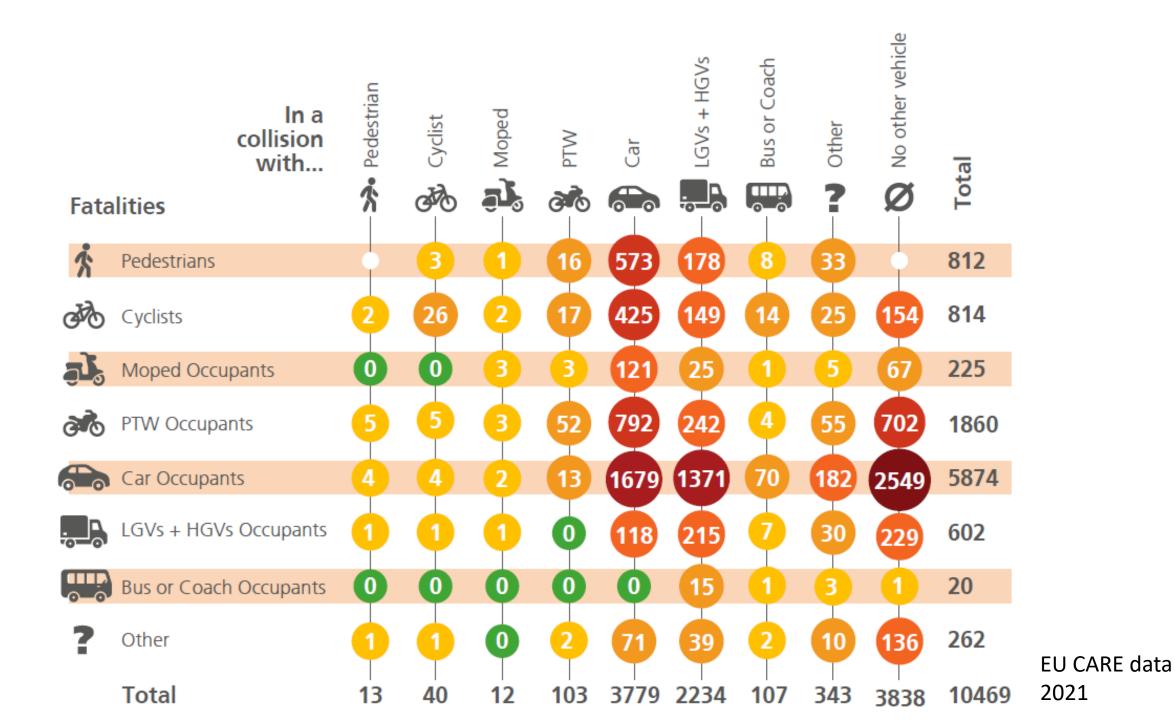
Road user groups – rural road deaths



Road user groups – all road deaths



Rural Urban Motorways



Countermeasures - infrastructure









Countermeasures

- Speeds, speed limits and enforcement
- Vulnerable road users
 - Infrastructure
 - Overtaking
 - Pedestrians / schools
 - Public transport
- Vehicle safety

Single carriageway rural non-motorway roads			
70 km/h	80 km/h	90 km/h	100 km/h
Belgium Flanders	Cyprus	Belgium Wallonia	Austria
Sweden ⁽¹⁾	Denmark	Bulgaria	Germany
	Finland	Czechia	Ireland (national roads)
	France ⁽²⁾	Estonia	UK (97 km/h)
	Ireland (non-national roads)	Greece	
	Malta	Croatia	
	Netherlands	Hungary	
	Switzerland	Italy	
	Israel	Luxembourg	
	Norway	Latvia	
	Serbia	Lithuania	
		Poland	
		Portugal	
		Romania	
		Slovenia	
		Slovakia	
		Spain ⁽³⁾	

Recommendations

ETSC'S RECOMMENDATIONS



Separate traffic by a median barrier. Install side barriers when needed.

Improve infrastructure safety.



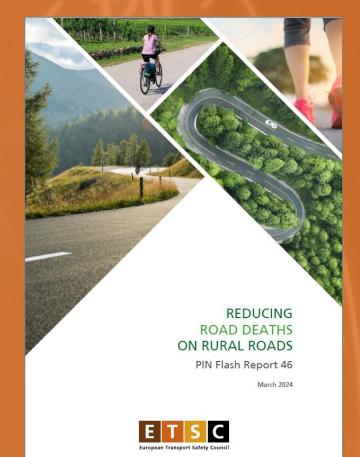
Separate faster vehicles from slower ones and lighter vehicles from heavier ones.

Implement safe intersections.



Increase enforcement of traffic rules.





Jenny Carson

jenny.carson@etsc.eu

www.etsc.eu/pin

🄰 @etsc_eu



European Transport Safety Council