

# Newsletter

APRIL-MAY 2015

## 3RD UN GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK IN BENIN

During the week of 4-10 May 2015 in Cotonou-Benin many activities were organized to raise the awareness for road safety. The organizers, ONG Alinagnon and Centre National de la Sécurité Routière CNSR, had invited PRI President to be present during the week. Monday started with a media release on Benin national TV. On Tuesday was the Press Conference and on Wednesday the official launch of the Road Safety Week. Meetings with authorities were part of the program. There was a working session with the Coordinating Minister of the Millennium Development Goals and an exchange session at the CNSR Headquarters. Other activities were donating helmets to National Police Service and motorcyclists, awareness campaigns at primary schools and on the streets and projects on secondary schools. The closing event was a large children's entertainment program on national television channel.



The full report will be available on PRI website.

More information: <https://www.facebook.com/alinagnonofficiel>

## AUSTRALIA SUPPORTS YELLOW MAY

The Yellow May proves, day by day, that is indeed a mobilization without boundaries. The Movement has just received the information that in Australia, the yellow ribbon, which symbolizes the mobilization already got to Oceania. In the country, the yellow may is known as "Yellow Ribbon". Many monuments are already enlightened with the color of the movement, enhancing the mobilization in several cities. In Adelaide, the traditional stadium of cricket and Rugby, popular sports in the country - Adelaide Oval Stadium, is already in yellow; the Bolte Bridge in Melbourne, cultural capital, too; Besides other postcards, such as the complex of the new and old parliaments in Canberra, the national capital.

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## NEW AUTOMOTIVE FEATURES HAS ENORMOUS POTENTIAL TO PREVENT ROAD CRASHES

The introduction of new automotive features has enormous potential to prevent crashes or road hazards caused by negligence or human error, according to testing and certification organization DEKRA. This claims the organization in their recently presented European road safety report that it releases annually.



This supports DEKRA of the European Commission's action plan to halve the number of road casualties by 2020.

Self-driving cars are seen as a great opportunity, though this still provides some legal snags.

More information:

<http://www.dekra.de/verkehrssicherheitsreport-2015>

## EU ROAD SAFETY STATISTICS SHOW SMALL IMPROVEMENT FOR 2014

Following two years of solid decreases in the number of people killed on Europe's roads, the first reports on road deaths in 2014 are disappointing. According to the figures released today, the number of road fatalities has decreased by approximately 1% compared to 2013. This follows on the 8% decrease in 2012 and 2013. The figures reveal a total of 25 700 road deaths in 2014



across all 28 Member States of the EU. However the figures published do show that the total number of EU road deaths has decreased by 18.2% since 2010. Some European countries report a better than average road safety improvement over the years. This is the case of notably Greece, Portugal and Spain. Equally Denmark, Croatia, Malta, Cyprus, Romania, Italy, Slovenia and the Czech Republic report a reduction of road deaths above the EU average for 2010-2014

More information:

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-15-4656\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-4656_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road\\_safety/pdf/vademecum\\_2015.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road_safety/pdf/vademecum_2015.pdf)

## ROAD SAFETY: HOW TO GET EUROPE BACK ON TARGET

At the 2015 Road Safety Performance Index (PIN) Conference (see agenda), ETSC will launch its latest annual report explaining why some countries are still making progress, some stagnated, and several are going in reverse.

What the EU and member states need to do to get progress back on the track will be highlighted.

More information:

<http://etsc.eu/tag/road-safety-performance-indicators/>



## GERMANY UNBLOCKS 30KM/H ZONES

Germany's Federal Transport Minister Alexander Dobrindt has [announced](#) legal changes that will make it easier for local authorities to implement 30km/h zones.

So far the limits have been restricted to residential areas, but the changes should make it easier for local authorities to set 30 km/h zones along main roads where schools



and kindergartens are situated. Until now this has only been possible in the case where it has been proven that the site is high-risk.

There has been pressure from state transport ministers, the German association of cities and the scientific advisory board of the German transport ministry to increase 30km/h zones for safety reasons and also to reduce noise levels in urban areas.

More information:

[http://etsc.eu/germany-unblocks-30kmh-zones/?utm\\_source=ETSC&utm\\_campaign=9b91360e1d-Speed Monitor 18 May 2015&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=03a7b55edbf-9b91360e1d-103267601](http://etsc.eu/germany-unblocks-30kmh-zones/?utm_source=ETSC&utm_campaign=9b91360e1d-Speed Monitor 18 May 2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=03a7b55edbf-9b91360e1d-103267601)

## 42% FEWER ROAD DEATHS IN IRTAD COUNTRIES SINCE 2000



Although substantial overall fatality reductions have been achieved since the year 2000, the pace of improvement for vulnerable road users is lower than for car occupants. While fatalities among car occupants were reduced by 54% between 2000 and 2013, decreases were only

36% for pedestrians, 35% for cyclists and 22% for motorcyclists. As a consequence in many countries, road safety priorities have recently shifted from motorised rural traffic to vulnerable road users in urban areas.

The encouraging results achieved in IRTAD countries should not hide the fact that every year 1.3 million people are killed and tens of millions are injured, 90% of them in low and middle income countries. The current IRTAD members account for only 6% of global road fatalities.

Against this background, the Second Global High Level Conference on Road Safety in Brazil on 18-19 November 2015 will review progress within the context of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety and agree on measurable objectives for the next five years. The Decade's goal is to "stabilize and reduce" global road fatalities by 2020.

## MAKING THE JOURNEY SAFER FOR YOUTH

The third annual United Nations Global Road Safety week has just concluded, having taken place from May 4th through 10th, with this year's focus on children.



In line with our continual commitment to making road safety for youth a priority, the European Road Safety Charter is supporting the UN campaign with a series of child-centered initiatives. The Education in Road Safety Challenge is one such initiative, encouraging and rewarding schools which are integrating innovative and engaging approaches to road safety into the classroom. Our May 21th Webinar is devoted to promoting Road Safety in Schools. Find out about our Featured Member event, Break's Giant Walk, in this newsletter. And of course, our webpage contains information, resources and a section dedicated to Children and Youth with guidelines for stakeholders, plus

member projects and activities designed to inform and educate on safety and reduce the hazardous road practices putting our children at risk.

More information:

<http://www.erscharter.eu/sites/default/files/ERSC-EducationRoadSafetyChallenge.pdf>

## SWEDISH EMBASSY AND AIP FOUNDATION ORGANIZE TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY

The Traffic Safety Day was held on 24 April 2015. The Embassy of Sweden partnered with AIP Foundation to distribute nearly 500 helmets to Phan Van Tri Primary School in Ho Chi Minh City. Consisting of key messages on traffic safety, educational games, and music performances, the event aimed to support and amplify the *National Child Helmet Action Plan*. Special guests included Swedish Ambassador to Vietnam Camilla Mellander and musician and Good Will Ambassador Thanh Bui. (source: AIP Foundation April newsletter)



## THESE COUNTRIES HAVE THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST ROADS

Top 5 countries by road traffic fatalities each year, according to the World Health Organization WHO:

1.China- 275,983 2.India- 231,027 3.Nigeria- 53,399 4.Brazil- 43,869 5.Indonesia- 42,434

The global road death toll has already reached 1.24 million per year and is on course to triple to 3.6 million per year by 2030. In the developing world, where this pandemic has hit hardest, it will become the fifth leading cause of death, leapfrogging past HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other familiar killers, according to the World Health Organization's (WHO) most recent Global Burden of Disease study.

More information:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/worldviews/wp/2015/05/22/map-these-countries-have-the-worlds-deadliest-roads/>  
<http://roadskillmap.com/>

## 24-HOUR POLICE ENFORCEMENT MARATHON ACROSS EUROPE



Provisional results from the first pan European 24-hour speed enforcement marathon have been released by TISPOL, the European Traffic Police Network.

So far, a total of 122,581 speeding offences were detected exceeding speed limits between 6am on Thursday and 6am on Friday. 17 out of 22 countries have now provided data. Of these, 116,479 were detected by police officers, with 6,102 detections using automatic devices.

A total of 4,352,234 vehicles were checked during the 24-hour marathon.

The countries who have provided data so far are: Cyprus (350 offences); Germany (91,262); Estonia (396); Finland (4387); Hungary (4928); Croatia (2185); Ireland (857) Italy (5561); Luxembourg (344); Lithuania (1978); Latvia (807); Malta (7); Norway (918); Netherlands (2366); Portugal (1349); Slovakia (2145); Slovenia (1225) and Serbia (2370).

TISPOL President Aidan Reid commented: "The sole purpose of our actions is to save lives on Europe's roads. We want drivers to think about the speeds they choose; speeds which are both legal and appropriate for the conditions. We want to get into the heads of drivers, not their purses.

"It is disappointing that so many drivers failed to heed the warnings. But it is vital that we take action against those who fail to comply with speed limits. Illegal and/or inappropriate speed is the single biggest factor fatal road collisions."

Last year, 27,500 people died in road collisions throughout the European Union.

More information:

<https://www.tispol.org/news/articles/police-across-europe-issue-120000-speeding-penalties-first-24-hour-enforcement-maratho>



### UN SECRETARY-GENERAL URGES TRANSPORT MINISTERS TO ACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In a video message ahead of the 2015 Annual Summit of the International Transport Forum UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has urged the world's transport ministers to accelerate efforts to

combat climate change and "find new green solutions". "It is time to reshape the world's transport systems for a cleaner, safer and more sustainable future."

More information [www.internationaltransportforum.org/2015/media](http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/2015/media)

### AGENDA

Velo-City 2015

2-5 June 2015, Nantes-France

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Conference on Alcohol-Interlocks

3 June 2015, Brussels-Belgium

More information: [Louis.michaelsen@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:Louis.michaelsen@europarl.europa.eu)

European Commission Workshop on the Risks of Elderly People in Road Traffic

5 June 2015, Brussels-Belgium

More information: [info@erf.be](mailto:info@erf.be)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ElderSafeQ>

Towards Zero Conference 2015

9-10 June 2015, Gothenburg-Sweden

More information: [www.towardszero.se](http://www.towardszero.se)

24<sup>th</sup> International Technical Conference on the Enhanced Safety of Vehicles (ESV)

8-11 June 2015, Gothenburg-Sweden

More information: <http://esv2015.com>

NBRI International Conference: Transport Summit 2015. Safe, Efficient and Sustainable Road Transportation

16-18 June 2015, Abuja-Nigeria

More information: [nbriconference2015@yahoo.com](mailto:nbriconference2015@yahoo.com)

[www.nbri.gov.ng](http://www.nbri.gov.ng)

Autonomous Vehicle Symposium 2015

16-18 June 2015, Stuttgart-Germany

More information: [www.autonomousvehiclesymposium.com](http://www.autonomousvehiclesymposium.com)

2015 ETSC Road Safety Performance Index(PIN) Conference

18 June 2015, Brussels-Belgium

More information: [info@etsc.eu](mailto:info@etsc.eu)

Senior Road Executives Training Programme 2015

22 June – 4 July 2015, Birmingham-United Kingdom

More information: [newsletter@irfnet.ch](mailto:newsletter@irfnet.ch)

Seminar on Work-related Road Safety

"Making the Business Case" PRAISE

2 July 2015, Dublin-Ireland

More information: [www.etsc.eu](http://www.etsc.eu)

7<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference CAR 2015

9-11 July 2015, Bucharest-Romania

More information: <http://car.utcb.ro>

[Carmen@cfdp.utcb.ro](mailto:Carmen@cfdp.utcb.ro)

2<sup>nd</sup> IRF Africa Regional Congress on Sustainable Transport Practices: Tools for Modern Connectivity

13-15 July 2015, Nairobi-Kenya

More information: [lmills@irfnews.org](mailto:lmills@irfnews.org). [www.irfnews.org](http://www.irfnews.org)

TRANSED 2015 International Conference on Mobility and

Transport of Elderly and Disabled Persons

28-31 July 2015, Lisbon-Portugal

More information: [www.transed2015.com](http://www.transed2015.com)

Road Safety Course Delft

14-25 September 2015, Delft-The Netherlands

More information: <http://delftroadsafetycourse.org>

1<sup>st</sup> Europe & Central Asia Regional IRF Conference

15-18 September 2015, Istanbul-Turkey

More information: [www.irfnews.org](http://www.irfnews.org)

18th International IEEE Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems

15-18 September 2015, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria-Spain

More information: [www.itsc2015.org](http://www.itsc2015.org)

71<sup>st</sup> Session Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (UNECE-WP1)

5-7 October 2015, Geneva-Switzerland

More information: [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)

International Conference on Road Safety Management & ITS and

International Workshop on Youth and Road Safety

3-5 November 2015, Abu Dhabi-United Arab Emirates

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25th World Road Congress  
2-5 November 2015, Seel-South Korea  
More information: [www.piarcseoel2015.org/wrcs](http://www.piarcseoel2015.org/wrcs)

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims  
15 November 2015  
More information: [www.worlddayofremembrance.org](http://www.worlddayofremembrance.org)

24<sup>th</sup> World ITMA Congress on Traffic Medicine and Road Safety  
In Fast Developing Countries  
16-18 November 2015, Doha-Qatar  
More information: [www.itma-congress-2015.com](http://www.itma-congress-2015.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety  
18-19 November 2015, Brasilia-Brazil  
More information: [www.who.int/roadsafety/decade\\_of\\_action/en/sminkeyl@who.int](http://www.who.int/roadsafety/decade_of_action/en/sminkeyl@who.int)

2<sup>nd</sup> International Traffic Safety Forum on Youth and Traffic Safety  
23-25 November 2015, Dammam-Saudi Arabia  
More information: [www.salamh.org.sa](http://www.salamh.org.sa) and  
[forum2015@salamh.org](mailto:forum2015@salamh.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Transportation Research Group of India  
17-20 December 2015, Joy Kolkata-India  
More information: [www.trgindia.org/trg\\_conference\\_2015/](http://www.trgindia.org/trg_conference_2015/)

12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion  
18-21 September 2016, Tampere-Finland  
More information: [www.who.int](http://www.who.int). [dufaysh@who.int](mailto:dufaysh@who.int)

18<sup>th</sup> IRF World Meeting  
14-17 November 2017, New Delhi-India  
More information: [www.irfnet.ch](http://www.irfnet.ch)