# **Czech projects**

## **Education of drivers**

In 2005 new three projects concerning education of drivers in the Czech Republic were started. All of these projects were carried out between 2005 and 2010, all of them were done under the auspices of the Ministry of Transportation of the Czech Republic, in cooperation of two private companies. Their aim was to prepare comprehensive and mutually interactive system focused on drivers and preventing road traffic accidents in the Czech Republic.

#### **Project TWIST** (Transport with Sense and Tact)

The project was carried out between 2005 and 2007. Its goal was to set up a new system to train new drivers and professional drivers of different categories in a new social environment. The results of other European research projects, real experiences from countries with favourable rate of traffic accidents, current and in progress European legislation were taken into account while dealing with the project. The expected benefits of this system were, for example, better preparedness of school driving graduates for practical driving, creation of a system which would significantly reduce the possibility of corruption, and reducing professional drivers' accident frequency and ensuring their real professional skills.

### **Project SWING** (Safety with no Gaps)

The project took place from 2007 to 2010. The project's goal was a comprehensive and meaningful conception and solution for the problem of the individual participant in traffic as one of the three key elements in the area of traffic safety in the context of modern European trends. The achieved project outcomes should help public administration to fulfill their functions in ensuring reliable and safe road traffic. The team focused on creation of a motivational sanction system, road traffic psychology, the creation of material for assessing the economic consequences of individual road accidents (including sanctions against the violators), the creation of a general system of road accident prevention focused on all categories of drivers (including the proposal of a system of effective marketing communication between public administration and the public).

## **Project TANGO** (Testing and Driving Organisation)

Project TANGO is taking place from 2009 to 2010. The purpose of the project is an all around design of structure and functioning of a testing organization for Czech drivers, including devising methodical and economic principles of its activities. In countries with positive accident rates, long-term experience has unequivocally proven that the final testing requirements and quality have an essential positive influence on the demands and professional level of prior instruction of future drivers including professional drivers. In the case of one specialized organization we might expect a positive influence on drivers training, and consequently, on the level of traffic safety. The design and functioning of a testing organization was proposed in compliance with the modern managerial trends and long-term positive experiences of organizations in EU member states. The proposed solution aims at a significant reduction of road accidents as well as increasing the quality of services provided to public.

See following web pages for more information:

http://www.azin.cz/road-safety.htm

http://www.studiotwist.eu/