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Activities of interest to the group

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Recent outcomes of the French Road Safety Policy

- Final data of 2012 show a reduction of 8% of fatalities in comparison with 2011, i.e. (still) 3,653 people killed.
- In 40 years fatalities were divided into 4 whereas traffic has been tripled. Moreover it is the best result since 1948.
- The number of people killed per 100,000 inhabitants in traffic accidents is 5.6 (in the EU average).
- The first 10 months of 2013 are better than those of 2012 = almost – 12% people killed.
- Even though these figures show a good trend, they cannot be deemed satisfactory.

Organisation

- **The Interministerial Delegate for Road Safety, appointed by the Prime Minister, is under the authority of the Minister of the Interior**
- **Technical advisers made available by other ministries involved in the road safety policy: Justice, National Education, Health, Labour, etc..**
- **A National Interministerial Observatory of Road Safety**
- **This organisation since 1972**

The future of that policy

- The French Minister of Interior fixed the target of halving the number of fatalities by 2020: less than 2,000 fatalities in 2020.
- The National Council for Road Safety which is composed of about 50 stakeholders made recommendations to the Government on 29 November 2013 on:
 - event data recorders in vehicles,
 - drink-driving enforcement (ignition interlocks),
 - “filing” for PTWs,
 - a national day for remembrance of road traffic victims.
- Only recommendations: decisions to be taken by the Government.
- Awareness campaigns (“texting”), etc..



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Example: a new awareness campaign

- Awareness campaign against texting and driving launched on 11 October 2013 (in line with point 10 of the UN Resolution of 2010 on Road Safety).
- Some figures in France:
 - 61% of drivers of less than 35 y. old read their short messages and 32% write them while driving,
 - The risk of having a crash is 3 times higher if the driver calls while driving, but 23 times higher if he/she is texting,
 - Not looking at the road during at least 5 seconds,
 - On TV a spotlight: “While driving, when you look at your smartphone, who is looking at the road?”



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