

Ministerial Conference on Road Safety
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Rapporteurs' reports from the Stakeholders' Conference 28 March 2017

1. Road Safety Strategies and Policies (Antonio Avenoso)

In 2016, 25,500 people lost their lives on EU roads, representing just a 2% reduction, following a 1% increase in 2015. A further 135,000 people were seriously injured on the road according to Commission's estimates.¹

Participants stressed the importance for both the European Union and Member States to build political commitment and leadership at the highest level as prerequisites for preventing road traffic deaths and injuries. Participants welcomed Commissioner Bulc's timely reminder of the long-term target of moving close to zero fatalities in road transport by 2050.

Recommendations from stakeholders:

- Prepare a new ten-year European Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030, guided by the "safe system approach" and including a target to reduce road deaths and serious injuries by 2030.
- Track progress in EU Member States with intermediate outcome indicators such as: % of motor vehicles travelling within speed limits by road type, % of deaths in traffic with excess alcohol, % of seat belts and child restraint use in front and rear seats by motor vehicle occupants, % of new cars with 5 star Euro NCAP rating, % of roads with at least 4 star Euro RAP rating.
- Improve the collection of serious injury data according to MAIS 3+ definition.
- Establish clear institutional roles and responsibilities, with strong political leadership.
- Allocate and guarantee a budget for road safety.
- Demonstrate global leadership in supporting progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals on road safety.
- Develop, improve and enforce road safety legislation based on research, accident and casualty data collection, monitoring and evaluation.
- Recognise that road safety is a cross cutting EU policy objective counting on action of many different parts of the European Commission. Set up a European Road

¹ European Commission Press release (28 March 2017),
https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/road/news/road_safety_encouraging_results_in_2016_en

Safety Agency to, among other tasks, collect and analyse data on collisions, exposure and from in-depth accident investigations to inform new safety policy as well as to evaluate the effectiveness of road safety countermeasures. The Agency should also support the sharing and the application of good practices in road safety management and road safety countermeasures in Member States.

- Commit to work with health authorities to offer high standards of rescue, hospital care and long-term rehabilitation, including psychological support to victims and victim's families, following a road collision.