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SAFETYNET

SafetyNet

Project details	
Domain	Accidentology
Duration	from 01/12/2004 until 01/12/2008
Website	http://www.erso.eu/
Other sources	

The EU target of a 50% reduction in fatalities by 2010 will only be achieved by the introduction of the most effective countermeasures. It relies on the existence of basic knowledge of crashes and their causation and the availability of road safety data to monitor and assess performance. The EC has expressed the demand for a "Road Safety Observatory" in its 2001 White Paper and other public documents. This Proposal is for an Integrated Project that meets those demands. When complete the data resources developed within SafetyNet will revolutionise the EU approaches to road safety.

This proposal is for an ambitious and exciting project that will bring together all of the most experienced organisations within the EU to assemble a co-ordinated set of data resources that together will meet the EC needs for policy support. The Road Safety Observatory will enable the Commission to monitor progress towards targets, identify best practise, and ensure that new regulatory and other safety actions will result in the maximum casualty reduction. All data assembled or gathered within the project will be available over the web to the entire road safety community.

The main work areas will be

- Further enhancement and exploitation of Care including extension to the 10 new member states including the CAREPLUS 10;
- A new methodology to gather risk/exposure data and integrate it to datasets incorporating the CAREXPO project;
- The design and implementation of a Europe-wide network for periodical measurements of Safety Performance Indicators;
- Recommendations for independent road accident investigation;
- A new fatal accident database at intermediate level and an in-depth accident causation database
- Provision of a Safety Information System as a gateway for the complete set of information gathered
- Validation and analysis of the data

Potentially the project will revolutionise EU approaches to road safety by the provision of a new extensive publicly available information resource.

Coordinator

• VSRC - Loughborough University Vehicle Safety Research Centre (UK)

Partners

- BAST Federal Highway Research Institute (DE)
- BFU Swiss Council for Accident Prevention (CH)
- <u>CDV Transport Research Centre</u> (CZ)
- <u>CETE Centre d'EtudesTechniques de l'Equipement du Sud Ouest</u> (FR)
- Chalmers University of Technology (SE)
- Dipartimento Idraulica Trasporti e Strade Roma (IT)
- <u>Danish Road Directorate</u> (DK)
- <u>Belgian Road Safety Institute</u> (BE)
- INRETS Institut National de Recherche sur les Transports et leur Securité (FR)
- Institute for Transport Sciences (HU)
- <u>KfV Kuratorium für Verkehrssicherheit</u> (AT)
- Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil (PT)
- <u>Medical University of Hannover</u> (DE)
- <u>NTUA National Technical University of Athens</u> (EL)
- <u>SWOV Institute for Road Safety Research</u> (NL)
- <u>Transportation Research Institute</u> (IL)
- TNO automotive Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (NL)
- <u>TØI Institute of Transport Economics</u> (NO)
- <u>TRL Transport Research Laboratory</u> (UK)
- VALT Traffic Safety Committee of Insurance Companies (FI)