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## **Workshop in preparation of the mid-term evaluation of Commission road safety policy orientations 2011-2020**

Monday 17 November 2014, 14:00-17:00  
Room Jean Rey, European Commission, Berlaymont building, Brussels

### **Discussion paper**

#### **1. Objective**

This workshop is organised in preparation of the mid-term evaluation of the *Policy orientations on road safety 2011-2020*, to gather inputs and ideas from road safety stakeholders.

You are therefore invited to share your comments and opinions on:

- The Commission road safety work during the first half of the 2011-2020 strategy period;
- Improvement opportunities for the remaining time until the 2020 target year, focusing on the work to be done on EU level, within the EU competences.

You can send your response in writing or share your views during the workshop. Feel free to spread this discussion paper to other stakeholders you think may be interested in contributing.

#### **2. Background**

Commission road safety policy is guided by two main strategic documents: the Transport White Paper and the Policy orientations on road safety 2011-2020. The White Paper sets out the general long-term vision of coming close to zero road deaths, and announces a strategic target of halving the number of annual road deaths from 2010 to 2020. The Policy orientations define in more detail the policy framework and the work planned to be carried out in order to contribute to this ambitious strategic target. The Policy orientations primarily guide the work of DG MOVE and the Road safety unit.

However, road safety is an area which develops substantially over time. The character and scope of the problems change, as road safety regulations and road user behaviours change and technological progress is made. New intelligent transport systems provide a new context for road safety work and the demography of the EU is evolving. It is therefore useful to review the road safety policy framework in order to ensure that it remains relevant, efficient and effective as well as in coherence with other EU policy objectives and with an EU added value.

A mid-term evaluation will assess effectiveness of the work within this area so far and explore possible changes that might be required - whether any areas need more, or less, action at EU

level. The aim of the exercise is to maximise the chances of reaching the strategic road safety target, given the current road safety trends in the EU.

The evaluation will focus on: what has been achieved by the EU and in the subsequent adoption and implementation by Member States; what road safety outcomes and trends can be seen linked to this and in what areas can improvement be made for the period up to 2020.

### **3. Discussion questions: assessing the work 2011-2014**

Please share your views on the following questions:

- Do you believe that EU level initiatives have contributed to the decreased number of road fatalities during the last couple of years? In what areas do you consider EU actions for road safety to have been most efficient and successful?
- Do you see any unintended positive or negative effects produced by Commission road safety initiatives – if so, what?
- Do you believe the same results could have been achieved easier or at a lower cost in other ways (e.g. by soft measures instead of legislation or vice-versa)?
- Do you believe the same results could have been achieved by Member States at national and/or regional level without the EU interventions?
- Do you believe the same or better results could have been achieved by an alternative organisational set-up at EU level (e.g. a separate road safety agency)?

### **4. Discussion questions: reviewing the framework for continued efforts**

Please share your views on the following questions:

- Do you consider the strategic target on 50% reduction of road deaths to still be relevant and realistic with regard to the size and characteristics of road safety problems in the EU today?
- Do you consider the seven strategic objectives of the Policy orientations on road safety still relevant in relation to the current main road safety problems and challenges – should anything be deleted or added to this list?
- Would you propose any additional, realistic measures at EU level (respecting the subsidiarity and proportionality principles and within EU competence) that could address the current/future problems and challenges of road safety in order to contribute to the 2020 strategic target?

For more information or to send your replies in advance of the workshop, contact Susanne Lindahl at [susanne.lindahl@ec.europa.eu](mailto:susanne.lindahl@ec.europa.eu).

You can access all information about the Commission's road safety work via the website [www.ec.europa.eu/roadsafety](http://www.ec.europa.eu/roadsafety).