

## Proposal for the new road safety program of the European Commission

Sicurezza e Ambiente S.P.A. active in road safety activities suggests that the European Commission to assess this proposal for the next road safety programme.

As you know all the road accidents cause many deaths and injuries as well as **serious damage to road safety and to the environment** due to spillage of liquid pollutants (liquid lubricants, fuels, coolants, etc. ...) and solid debris (pieces of glass, plastic, metals and residues of bodywork, etc. ...).

In particular how are rescued people (emergency medical) and vehicles (mechanical aid) involved in road accidents, so should be provided relief to the safety road , creating what might be called breakdown service or assistance to the road.

**“Assistance to the road”** means the implementation of actions to restore safe road consisting of:

- aspiration of liquid pollutants (and not only scatter)** spilled from the vehicles by the accident with appropriate instruments;

- dry road** ;

- removal of solid debris**, non-biodegradable, scattered on the road following the accidents;

- disposal of waste and toxins** removed from the accident site;

- restoration of road surface, signage and road safety measures damaged**.

This objective should be for us a priority because only in Italy for around 7% of accidents (source: ISTAT) is caused by the failure or imperfect repair of the road.

For these reasons, to reach the goal of the EU to reduce by 50% the number of fatalities within this decade, **the Commission is invited to consider this proposal requires Member States to adopt these road safety measures** by including in the programme an obligation requiring Member States to restore the roads removing toxic materials and solid waste scattered by a road accident. Finally we stresses that **no European standard provides such an obligation on Member States** despite the seriousness of the issue and the dangerous consequences.

Best regards ,

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