# **Road Safety Development**



- The plot shows the number of fatalities in Estonia from 1991 to 2010. However, given the data restrictions concerning mobility data, the period 1997 to 2010 is used in the analyses.
- In general, there is a decreasing evolution in the number of fatalities. Nevertheless, during the last decade, the numbers in 2002, 2006 and 2007 were rather high.





## Vehicle fleet

 The number of fatalities normally depends strongly on a measure reflecting the amount of traffic. For Estonia, vehicle fleet data are considered.



- Yearly data are obtained from Eurostat and are available for the period 1997 to 2008.
- The plot shows a gradual increase over the years, except in 2008.
- There is a significant relation between the development in vehicle fleet and the annual fatality numbers in Estonia.



The vehicle fleet in Estonia has increased from year to year in the period 1997-2007.

### **Fatality Risk**

- The fatality risk is defined as the number of fatalities per thousand (10<sup>3</sup>) vehicles.
- Estimation model technical definition:
  - Latent Risk Model [1,2].
  - Fixed level exposure, fixed slope risk.
- CI: 68% confidence interval.

Smoothed state plots atent Risk Model Estonia (fixed slope risk and fixed level exposure)



 The risk for fatalities in Estonia has reduced from 0.146 per thousand vehicles in 1997 to around 0.034 in 2010.



### Forecasts to 2020

 If road safety is improved at the same rate as previously and the past development of mobility continues, the following is to be expected for the number of fatalities in 2020:



#### Forecast of road traffic fatalities in Estonia up to 2020

Year	Prediction	Lower CI	Upper CI
2011	74	51	107
2012	65	40	108
2013	58	31	108
2014	51	25	108
2015	46	19	107
2016	40	15	106
2017	36	12	105
2018	32	10	104
2019	28	8	103
2020	25	6	103

#### **Disclaimer**

- Statistical forecasting does not offer a definite prediction of what is actually going to happen in the future.
- The estimates are based on the "business as usual" assumption: no principal changes between past and future development.
- Even in these conditions future outcomes are uncertain. This uncertainty is represented in the confidence intervals (plotted in the red margins: 68%; printed in table: 95%).

If RS efforts continue at the same level, the expected number of fatalities in 2020 is 25.



Forecast plots

### **Scenarios**

- The uncertainty about the development of the fatalities observed in Estonia is partly due to the development in vehicle fleet.
- To illustrate that, three point-estimates for fatalities in Estonia in 2020 are plotted assuming three different vehicle fleet scenarios.
  - Reference: continuation of development, i.e.: decrease in the number of vehicles (forecasted value)
  - Scenario 1: increase (forecasted value + 1 standard deviation)
  - Scenario 2: decrease (forecasted value 1 standard deviation)



#### Mobility scenarios

	Vehicle fleet (thousand)	Road traffic fatalities		
Most recent situation:	2544 (2008)	79 (2010)		
Prediction 2020 according to mobility scenarios:				
- Further decrease	2370	25		
- Growth	3274	34		
- Stronger reduction	1716	19		



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