



Capacity building and awareness raising seminars

In May 2004 ETSC has organised three capacity building and awareness raising seminars in three different countries within the SEC Belt. The aim of these seminars was to address the needs of vulnerable road users and to get a better overview of the most pressing problems as well as existing policies and measures.

Each seminar lasted for two days and was structured by ways of a questionnaire, a meta-plan discussion as well as working groups within the three areas of "vehicle", "infrastructure" and "behaviour" (see Annex). The participants gave written and oral contributions on the safety of vulnerable road users in their countries.

The 16 SEC Belt countries were grouped and each country was represented by road safety experts with expertise in at least one of the three work areas of road safety work – vehicle, infrastructure and behaviour.

The first seminar was held in Madrid on 5-6 May 2004 and was organised with the support of the ETSC Member Fundación Instituto Tecnológico para la Seguridad del Automóvil (FITSA). The following experts attended the Seminar:

Maria Attard	Malta Transport Authority	Malta
Joao Cardoso	LNEC	Portugal
Dominique Cesari	INRETS	France
Elena de la Peña	Spanish Road Association	Spain
Patric Derweduwen	IBSR	Belgium
Lorenzo Domenichini	University of Florence	Italy
Mario Falzon	Malta Transport Authority	Malta
Dominique Fleury	INRETS	France
Michèle Guillaume	IBSR	Belgium
Gilles Malaterre	INRETS	France
Jesus Monclus	FITSA	Spain
David Sutton	Malta Transport Authority	Malta
José Miguel Trigos	PRP	Portugal
Maria Teresa Sanz Villegas	European Commission	Observer
Jacqueline Lacroix	DVR	Observer



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The second seminar was held in Warsaw on 17-18 May 2004 and was organised with the support of the ETSC Member Motor Transport Institute (ITS). The following experts attended the Seminar:

Dago Antov	Stratum	Estonia
Ilona Buttler	Motor Transport Institute	Poland
Harri Kuusk	Estonian Road Administration	Estonia
Péter Lányi	Ministry of Economy and Transport	Hungary
Jüri Lavrentjev	University of Tallinn	Estonia
Ziedonis Lazda	Ministry of Transport	Latvia
Gundars Liberts	Riga Technical University	Latvia
Irén Papp	Psychologist	Hungary
Franciszek Pietrucha	PROFIL	Poland
Wojciech Przybylski	Motor Transport Institute	Poland
Alvis Pukitis	Ministry of Transport	Latvia
Sándor Vincze-Pap	Autokut	Hungary
Peter Alexander Schmitz	European Commission	Observer
Antonio Avenoso	ETSC	
Franziska Achterberg	ETSC	

The third seminar was held in Brno on 27-28 May 2004 and was organised with the support of the ETSC Member Czech Transport Research Centre (CDV). The following experts attended the Seminar:

Maria Dobesova	Lucido	Slovakia
Charis Evripidou	Police	Cyprus
Yannis Handanos	Transportation Engineer	Greece
Jaroslav Heinrich	CDV	Czech Republic
Panagiotis Kalaitzis	Ministry of Communications	Cyprus
Vratislav Kelnar	CDV	Czech Republic
Josef Mikulik	CDV	Czech Republic
George Morfakis	Ministry of Communications	Cyprus
Aristotelis Naniopoulos	University of Thessaloniki	Greece
Tomaz Pavcic	Roads Directorate	Slovenia
Marko Polic	Ministry of Transport	Slovenia
Milan Rezetka	Transport Research Institute	Slovakia



Robert St'astny	Ministry of Transport	Czech Republic
Anastasios Tsaglas	Ministry of Public Works	Greece
Samo Zupan	University of Ljubljana	Slovenia
Jean-Paul Repussard	European Commission	Observer
Jörg Beckmann	ETSC	
Antonio Avenoso	ETSC	

The contributions of the above-listed experts to the three Seminars were collected and processed by the ETSC Secretariat. They were then incorporated in the policy paper "The safety of vulnerable road users in the Southern, Eastern and Central European countries (the SEC Belt)".

The seminars were regarded as useful by the participating experts. They allowed for exchanging experience, networking, promoting best practice, influencing EU road safety policy making and broadening knowledge about EU policy making. For ETSC the seminars represented an enormous success allowing for a very quick and efficient extension of ETSC's "Pool of Experts" into the accession countries.



Annex: The questionnaire

VEHICLE

1. Does the situation of your country's vehicle fleet have an influence on the safety of vulnerable road users?
2. What is the role of active safety in improving the safety of vulnerable road users?
3. What is the role of passive safety in improving the safety of vulnerable road users?
4. How do you see the poor results of the car industry in the EuroNCAP pedestrian tests? How do you think this could be overcome? Is the idea of an overall rating feasible? Do you think your country should become a member of EuroNCAP and support its further development?
5. Are daytime running lights (for cars and two-wheelers) compulsory/recommended/forbidden in your country? And how do you think they relate to the safety of vulnerable road users?
6. Other issues to be raised

INFRASTRUCTURE

1. What are the latest most important developments in your country in terms of infrastructure and their relation to the safety of vulnerable road users? Are there differences in national and local level activities?
2. What is being done for the treatment of black spots and the creation of forgiving roadsides? What is the state of development of road safety audits and road safety impact assessment in your country?
3. What is the role of national and local authorities in implementing road safety schemes and measures? What are the basic insufficiencies and the ways to face them?

4. Are there any cities that have been known for their particular attention to the problems of vulnerable road users? Have they developed traffic calming measures, cycle lanes, pedestrian-only zones? Are you aware of any example of Zone 30 or Home Zones in your country? Are you aware of any policy for implementing low cost/high return infrastructure measure?
5. What is the role of scarce financial resources in determining a poor infrastructure? Are the solutions known but hard to implement because of financial constraints?
6. Other issues to be raised

BEHAVIOUR

1. What do you think is the role of behavioural measures in the protection of vulnerable road users? Is there a need to modify drivers' attitudes and behaviour?
2. What is the role of national and local authorities for the improvement of road user behaviour? Are the activities of local authorities a good example for the road user?
3. What is the rate of helmet use for riders of powered two wheelers in your country? Do you promote or mandate the use of cycle helmets?
4. What is the role of education in your country? Are you aware of any particular information and awareness raising campaigns in your country targeted to the needs of vulnerable road users? Do driver education and training in your country also include the protection of vulnerable road users?
5. What is the role of enforcement? Are the resources of the enforcement process earmarked to the improvement of road safety?
6. Other issues to be raised