

## Transport Safety Lunch

# Vulnerable riders

## Safety implications of motorcycling in the EU

Welcome: Prof. Herman De Croo, MP, Minister of State, President of ETSC

Speakers: Graziella Jost (ETSC PIN Programme manager), Martin Winkelbauer (Austrian Road Safety Board), Jacques Compagne (ACEM, the Motorcycle Industry in Europe), John Chatterton Ross (FIM, Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme), Isabelle Kardacz (European Commission).

Chairman: Antonio Avenoso (ETSC)

The growing share of powered two-wheeler (PTW) users in road deaths is a serious road safety problem in Europe. In 2006 at least 6,200 motorcycle and moped riders were killed in road crashes in the EU25. While representing 16% of the total number of road deaths, they accounted for only 2% of the total kilometres driven.

While this figure is shocking in itself, there is also an unacceptable huge country-by-country variation in the rider/driver risk ratio between the safest and most dangerous countries for motorcycling in the EU.

In light of the EU target to halve the number of road deaths by 2010, ETSC is organising a Transport Safety Lunch to discuss ways of better protecting motorcyclists in Europe.

- What is the current situation of PTWs safety in the EU?
- What can generally be done to increase safety of PTWs on Europe's roads?
- What is the role of PTW manufacturers in improving their safety?
- What is the role of PTW users? Should PTWs and their users be integrated in transport and safety plans with strategies recognising their specificities and needs?
- What are the main actions the EU has undertaken or is planning to undertake to reduce the risk of this category of road users?

ETSC invites you to discuss these and other questions at a Transport Safety Lunch in Brussels. A new ETSC Review on the safety of powered two-wheelers will be launched on the same day.

ETSC's Transport Safety Lunches are the site for openly debating promising and successful European approaches to prevent both accidents and injuries in transportation. They bring together decision makers from the transport sector in Brussels, thus establishing a platform to exchange information and views for all those interested in transport safety.

Following a buffet lunch the experts provide the audience with an insight into innovative transport safety work. By addressing the most pressing problems they are paving the way for sharing knowledge and experience of how to best reduce transport-related accidents and injuries. The debates will explore possibilities of how key actors can develop the political and organisational leadership that it takes to implement effective safety schemes.

The Events provide good opportunities for both public authorities from all EU countries and private companies from all transport sectors to present their technical and organisational measures for the improvement of safety and security within the different modes of transport.



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## **ETSC's Transport Safety Lunch**

On 26 May 2008, 12.30

### **Vulnerable riders - Safety implications of motorcycling in the EU**

At Hotel Crowne Plaza Europa, Rue de la Loi 107, B-1040 Brussels

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**Free of charge  
Limited seats**

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