



Annual Report 2017

Strategic Plan: third year report

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Welcome to the Annual Report of 2017. This is the third and final report against our three-year strategy 2015 - 2017. This strategy focused on four principle objectives. We set out to deliver safer and more secure roads and to also ensure that the TISPOL network was effective and efficient in the way it conducts its business and engages with key stakeholders within the road safety arena across Europe. This includes the European Commission, senior government officials within members states, senior police officers, non-government organisations and citizens across Europe.

During 2017 we have evolved TISPOL to a membership network and we now have the committed support of 28 European Countries. Membership continues to grow and we are currently processing new applications. As of 2017, each member country now pays a membership fee in order to sustain and advance the work of TISPOL. We believe this fee gives exceptional value and allows TISPOL to build on its existing achievements in terms of partnership working across Europe to improve road safety. We are grateful to all members who contribute. The data in the following pages gives a small sample of the work we do, and of the benefits our funding streams have brought to road users.

Each member state has a seat on the TISPOL Council and also on the TISPOL Operations Group. This ensures that effective and informed discussion takes place to inform decisions on TISPOL activities. The sharing of good practice, intelligence, information and technical developments remains at the heart of our operational approach and each member state participates in the calendar of operational activities throughout the year. During 2017 we organised 17 key events and operations. This included our 2017 International Conference, Project EDWARD, a road safety seminar in Germany, Operation Trivium targeting criminals on the European road network and enforcement operations which focus on the 'fatal four' (speeding, drink and drug driving, distractions and seat belts).

This year has certainly demonstrated the effectiveness and efficiency of our network, whilst our continuing focus on coordinated operations to reduce death, serious injury and crime on Europe's roads confirms the contribution we have made to safety and security.

Recent EU-wide road safety statistics have shown that for the second year in a row, the number of fatalities on our roads did not fall. Meeting the target of halving the number of road deaths by 2020 will now prove a huge task. We have firmly established our position as key players in addressing this issue. For example, we were in Malta in March, supporting a strategic stakeholder and ministerial conference, organised by the Maltese presidency of the European Union. The event brought together road safety experts, stakeholders, and policy-makers, and gave us the opportunity to showcase our work in reducing death, serious injury and crime, whilst also increasing security on Europe's roads. In October at our own Conference, we brought together police officers, road safety professionals, technical experts and others to discuss current topics in road safety, whilst also celebrating achievements and potential ways forward based on those four objectives of safe, secure, effective and efficient.

The achievements over the three years of this strategy show that TISPOL, the world's largest traffic police network, is an effective and efficient organisation. As we move forward into our next three-year strategy, we will build upon these achievements with the knowledge that as a successful network, we are ideally placed to make a significant contribution to road safety and to assist, guide and advise countries on their approaches to delivering safer, more secure roads.

Ruth Purdie, TISPOL General Secretary

2017 >>
AT A GLANCE

27 countries participated in the 24-hour Speed Marathon on 19 April.

1,237,445 penalties issued either by roads policing officers or through automatic detections, in the two speed operations.

25 million people reached on Twitter during Project EDWARD, 21 September.

welcome



TISPOL President Paolo Cestra reflects on some highlights for the organisation during 2017

Last year, I highlighted the need for me as TISPOL President to continue to develop our network internationally, consolidating the present position in Europe and making the organisation known even further afield. We have had a number of excellent opportunities during 2017 to bring about this development and consolidation. We place high value on our excellent long-term relationship with the European Transport Safety Council, so it was a matter of great pride for me to see TISPOL and ETSC working together as subject matter experts at the Malta Stakeholder and Ministerial Conference in March. We know that we are held in high regard by politicians and policymakers, at a national and European level, and the high-profile role allocated to TISPOL for the Malta event proves that we bring not just expertise but we also add significant value in the vital area of reducing death, injury and crime on Europe's roads.

and drew great support from so many quarters. The initiative had great support including video messages for Project EDWARD, not only from ministers, politicians and road safety stakeholders – but also from ordinary people with their own (sometimes tragic) stories to tell. EDWARD is now firmly in the TISPOL calendar, and I look forward to its continued development and contribution towards casualty reduction – across Europe and beyond.

The second initiative is Operation Trivium, which first ran in 2013 and has been a key part of TISPOL's efforts to impact on mobile criminality ever since. It was with great pride that TISPOL received a Prince Michael International Road Safety Award at the end of 2017, having consistently made best use of real-time intelligence combined with leading-edge enforcement technology to identify and dismantle sophisticated mobile criminal groups all across Europe. Trivium showcases good practice in cross-border enforcement, as well as the importance of intelligence sharing and the benefits to all sides of effective partnership working. In other words, it perfectly encapsulates those four principles that remain at the heart of our network: safe, secure, effective, efficient.

I know that we are all 100 per cent focused on sharing, learning and delivering together. We are perfectly poised to take full advantage of the many opportunities open to us. Our relationships with governments, industry and stakeholders are better than ever, and I believe we have a really strong team in place to deliver further growth and success in the coming years.

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Another 24-hour speed enforcement marathon in April brought outstanding results, and again it is with pride that I note the participation of so many member countries in this highly effective action. Results submitted by 27 countries showed that the operation involved 10,575 police officers at 8,328 speed control sites. In total, 1,043,477 vehicles were checked during the initiative and 23,097 offences were dealt with. A further 71,801 automatically detected offences were recorded.

I would like to mention two specific TISPOL initiatives that further demonstrate the value we bring. The first is Project EDWARD, the European Day Without A Road Death, which was an outstanding success on social media

22,055 crimes recorded by officers participating in road safety enforcement operations.

178,128 seatbelt violations recorded during two week-long enforcement operations in 2017, supported by **27 countries**.

293,191 trucks and buses checked during operations in February, July and October. **13,111 vehicles** were prohibited.

SPEED

- Operations April and September
- 1,237,445 offences detected

SEATBELT

- Operations March and September
- 178,128 penalties issued

BUS AND TRUCK

- Operations February and October
- 293,191 vehicles checked
- 343,323 offences detected

ALCOHOL/DRUGS

- Operations June and December
- 1,399,650 drivers checked
- 14,681 offences detected

TISPOL Operations Group

The OPG held meetings in Frankfurt (June) and Manchester (October). OPG is without doubt a key selling point for TISPOL. No other organisation is able to coordinate pan European police checks and subsequently report on how many road users offended against traffic rules within a given period of time. These rules are of course important regarding the main causes of fatal and serious collisions. This is the reason why all TISPOL member countries are invited to support the Operations Group.

In the new network, more importance is attached to the OPG because the number of working groups needed to be reduced.

In 2017 there were 12 operations with the main focus on traffic issues, but with the additional opportunity to detect crimes. So road safety work has an impact to crime enforcement, too.

The OPG tries to provide operation results not later than four weeks after each operation. The figures are important for press relations and for reports to governments and the European Commission.

A new operation in 2018 called "Focus on the Road" has been agreed for 2018. This will highlight the increasing problem - and risk - of driving while distracted. Focus on the Roads is scheduled from 17 to 23 September, and will coincide with Project EDWARD (19 September). Another new "Safe Holidays Operation" will take place through the summer.

The TISPOL website forum is a very useful instrument for OPG members to receive rapid answers and advice in traffic issues from all member countries in Europe. The contact person around the topic forum especially in technical terms is Tasos Ashikkis, our Cypriot representative. The forums technique was improved in 2017 so that answers from all members should be available in a period of four weeks.

In September 2017, the TISPOL Road Policing Seminar 2017 was held at the University of Police (HdP) Rhineland-Palatinate in Germany, involving 25 participants from 14 member countries. The varied seminar programme offered useful content for all participants. There was an insight into the possibilities of digital data transmissions of vehicles and their data protection, as well as time devoted to driver distractions and connected cars. Another seminar is planned for August 2018.

Technology Working Group

The Technology Working Group remains as a OPG sub-group, chaired by the Finnish representative Supt Jarmo Puustinen. This group continues its work to identify and collate the various road safety and security enforcement technology and equipment in use and available in Europe for the benefit of TISPOL members. Technology is an important part of successful road policing and the group works to share information and best practice in this area. As technology moves forward, the group's task is to keep abreast of developments and inform TISPOL members.

Tacho Web Working Group

The Tach Web Group has operated since 2005, managed by Martin Bonthuis on behalf of TISPOL and by Gérard Schipper for Euro Contrôle Route. At this moment there are two TISPOL representatives, with five from ECR. Tachograph manipulation detection masterclasses have been a central part of the Group's outputs, and in 2017 two such events took place in Osnabrück. Feedback from those who participated was again excellent. Since the first masterclass in 2008, around 300 people have taken part, including 115 TISPOL participants. The 20th masterclass will take place in 2018.

STRIDER Conference



A STRIDER (Solutions To Reduce Injury and Death on Europe's Roads) road safety conference was held in Rome on 21 and 22 February. The event, hosted by the Italian Police Senior Officers' Training College, focused on distractions, drink and drug driving, their implications on road safety and on achieving the European 2020 casualty reduction targets. More than 70 delegates attended.

TISPOL President Paolo Cestra was one of the moderators, overseeing a crucial session on aspects of drug driving and the sharing of good practice in enforcement across Europe. Other presentations were provided by officers from Spain,

the Netherlands and the UK.

STRIDER ran from 1 March 2015 to 28 February 2017, and included road safety enforcement operations, seminars, officer exchanges and coordinated cross-border enforcement activity.

Within the STRIDER project, TISPOL's efforts focused on two European regions: the Central and Eastern region (consisting of Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Latvia, Czech Republic and Slovakia) and the Southern and Balkan region (consisting of Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Romania and Slovenia).

The TISPOL 2017 Road Safety Conference



More than 200 delegates came together in Manchester for two days of engaging discussion on the theme of *Safer Roads: Everybody's Opportunity*. The October conference attracted experts from many fields of road safety, all of whom share a passion and enthusiasm for the work they do. Feedback from delegates was once again excellent. Due to the event's success, we have already commenced planning for our 2018 Conference.

A special note of thanks is due to Moyagh Murdock of Ireland's Road Safety Authority for her powerful and thought-provoking keynote address which challenged attendees' attitudes and approach to road safety. Support from another excellent line-up of exhibitors made a great difference to the success of the Conference. Their attendance is vital to a successful event, with the showcasing of new technology and developments on which we all rely.

President's Awards acknowledging outstanding contributions to road safety

Congratulations to three worthy winners of the 2017 TISPOL President's Awards. **Pat Holdsworth** has worked for TISPOL since 2001. During that time she has been



a main contributor to the successful running of the organisation. Her efforts are greatly valued, not only by TISPOL but also by the European Commission and our partner agencies.

Theo Bons has made an enormous contribution to the work of TISPOL and to international police co-operation in recent years. Specifically he helped begin the road safety enforcement operations which remain central to TISPOL's work. With his Dutch charm and upbeat approach to life, he has been an inspiration to everyone who has had the privilege to work with him.

Aidan Reid, former TISPOL President, was commended for his dedication, enthusiasm, commitment and energy during a 37-year career with Ireland's An Garda Síochána that has been dedicated to saving lives on the roads. Aidan has championed the case for roads policing, not just in Ireland but with his tireless work with TISPOL.

We are very proud of all three winners!

IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE OUTPUTS

Thank you for arranging for me to speak at the TISPOL conference. It was a fantastic experience to talk to such an audience and a great opportunity to learn more about road safety and network with other officers and practitioners. Some positives already that may be of interest are:

- I have built on the meeting with the RPU sergeant (Keith White) from Dublin and he is going to visit us for Op DARWEN in 2018 to seek some learning to take back to Ireland to tackle their motorcycle KSIs.
 - I will be sharing my 2017 review with him and my plans for 2018 along with my operational orders etc.
 - Where possible I intend to work with colleagues from North Wales Police and from the Pembrokeshire region of my own force to run a joint operation. I will update you on the first results we get.
 - I have started to arrange a trial for the Alere DDS2 Mobile Test System during the forthcoming drink drug drive campaign. I am particularly keen to look at improving the audit trail of drug testing in serious and fatal collisions with the data provided by the equipment.
 - I am also looking at some of the information gained from the Norwegian presentation to review drug testing we carry out in our force.
 - While at the conference I spoke to a sergeant from Bedfordshire and another from Northumberland RPU sections regarding Op DARWEN and the joint Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) pilot and will be sharing learning with them.
- All in all a useful few days away! I would be grateful if you could pass this on to Ruth Purdie and Colonel Paolo Cestra to evidence the immediate positive effects from the conference and TISPOL.

PS Owen Dillon, Dyfed-Powys Police

secure

Security is another TISPOL objective under the Strategic Plan. TISPOL's Road Policing Model demonstrates the success that can be achieved when security and safety combine. Operation Trivium was launched by TISPOL in 2013 to tackle foreign national offenders who utilise Europe's road network. Trivium has enjoyed significant growth and success during 2017, and is now a pan-European concern, tackling stolen vehicles, theft, ATM attacks, drugs, human trafficking, illegal immigrants, overstayers and many other crimes.

HRH Prince Michael presents Operation Trivium team with International Road Safety Award

Operation Trivium won TISPOL a 2017 Prince Michael International Road Safety award. For the past four years Trivium has targeted foreign national offenders who utilise the UK's road network. Results show a clear record of sustained effectiveness over several years, with an exemplary use of police resources and international cooperation.

At the Award Ceremony in London, attended by the road safety minister and a number of international leading road safety professionals, HRH Prince Michael acknowledged the outstanding commitment that Op Trivium has made to tackling road safety issues and presented the team with his award.

Launched in 2013 by TISPOL, Op Trivium brings together UK police forces and law enforcement agencies together with European partners to focus on mobile criminality and enforcing road safety. Recent operations have utilised a central command centre based in The Hague which enables real-time information sharing between officers to identify individuals and vehicles who utilise the road network but do not abide by UK road traffic legislation and negatively contribute to road safety issues.

To date, the operation has stopped 64,972 vehicles and issued 40,810 enforcement actions including safety advice, penalty notices, 4,348 vehicle seizures and 4,336 arrests.



Operation Trivium 9, UK results

Total vehicles stopped: **6336**

Vehicles seized: **232**

Total number of people encountered: **6254**

Arrests: **183**

Enforcement actions: **3879**

Intelligence submissions: **273**

ANPR-activated stops: **516**



Operation Trivium 8

15th May - 19th May 2017



Total Vehicles Stopped

6325 

Total Number Of Vehicles stopped That Were Driven By Foreign Drivers

1990 

Total Vehicles Seized

239 

Total Number of People Encountered

7550 

Total Number of People Arrested

181 

Enforcement (penalties issued, advice & other)

3866 

Intelligence Submissions

331 

Trivium has proved to be a very effective method of targeting foreign criminals using our road network, deploying our resources in a focused manner and working in partnership not only among UK forces but with colleagues from other Nations to catch criminals.

Chief Constable Suzette Davenport, Gloucestershire Constabulary



TISPOL
European Traffic Police Network



O p T r i v i u m

#PROJECTEDWARD EUROPEAN DAY WITHOUT A ROAD DEATH



The second European Day Without A Road Death (Project EDWARD) took place on Thursday 21 September. As an awareness-raising initiative, Project EDWARD achieved great success. Media attention was significant, and we know there were reports and interviews on a great many TV and radio stations across Europe.

Our social media activity (particularly on Twitter) was very successful:

Total Unique Twitter Reach for #ProjectEDWARD: **25 million**
This compares with **19.5 million** in 2016.

8,813 Twitter posts during the 48-hour period covering Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 September.
#ProjectEDWARD trended **number 1** on Twitter in Ireland,

number 4 in the UK and **number 5** in Germany. We also trended in Spain and other countries.

Thank you to TISPOL President Paolo Cestra for organising the Project EDWARD seminar and round-table discussion in Rome. Also, thanks to the speakers and to those who participated.

A big thank you to **Road Safety Support** and **Westcotec** for their support of Project EDWARD in 2017.

And thank you to the following organisations and individuals who were among the top 10 Tweeters: @GoSafeCymru, @fatal4uk, @RoadSafetyPic, @SgtTCS, @Pekese Seguro, @SteveOConnell88 and @VolkerOrben.

2017 Europe-wide speed marathon

Police officers across Europe conducted their latest 24-hour 'speed marathon', from 0600 on Wednesday 19 April to 0600 on Thursday 20 April 2017, as part of TISPOL's week-long speed enforcement operation.

The innovative aspect of this operation is the community and media partnership, built up by the use of social media and the other traditional media forms. This successfully demonstrates an aspect of partnership working encouraged by TISPOL.

The operation involved **10,507 police officers**, and 16 countries provided results from **8,281 speed control sites**.

1,042,493 vehicles were checked during the initiative and **19,615 offences** were dealt with. **62,142** were automatically detected offences.



efficient introducing the TISPOL Network

On 1 March 2017, a new restructured TISPOL Network came into being, designed to be more efficient and self-supporting with a modest fee charged to each member to allow us to continue our valuable work. Countries benefit from membership of the largest traffic police network in the world, currently consisting of 28 members. A seat at the Council and on the Operations Group forms part of the membership, and there is also the following line-up of benefits:

- access to conferences, seminars and training on road safety and security
- access to the forums, presentations and networking.
- an annual report
- two newsletters per year, focusing on the work of TISPOL and the sharing of good practice
- participation in the calendar of TISPOL operations
- representation and advocacy at the European Commission
- seminars, conferences, working groups and specific consultation on road safety and security
- a strategic plan and action plan for delivery of road safety across Europe

The TISPOL Management Team is small but highly efficient. The General Secretary is supported by the Finance Director, with additional assistance provided in the fields of IT, website and media. TISPOL provides independently audited financial details,

ensuring scrutiny and management of the collective membership fees from all member countries.

Additionally, we have been able to support our members in the following ways:

- involvement and social media support for Project EDWARD
- travel and costs for Executive Committee meetings in Rome and Frankfurt
- a high-level Seminar in Rome for Project EDWARD
- support for the Operations Group meetings in Frankfurt and Manchester, as well as for the Council meeting in Manchester
- costs for the Road Safety Seminar in Germany
- other website, forum and social media support
- Tacho Web Group support: specialist training for officers across Europe in respect of tachographs. Training took place in June and October 2017
- support for member countries choosing to take part in Operation Trivium, October 2017
- re-instatement of the Technology Group as part of the Operations Group structure



Strategy 2018-2020

Our Strategic vision is: **a safe European road system increasingly free of death and serious injury.** We acknowledge the immense challenge we and our road safety partners face as we seek to achieve the target set by the European Commission of a 50 per cent reduction in road deaths by 2020. There has, after all, been a drastic slow-down in the reduction of road deaths.

We know the importance of enforcement in reducing road death and serious injury, and we are committed to ensuring that Europe has the world's safest roads. We will ensure in our new strategy that the principles of the Safe System are included. Working with the right partners, we will prioritise the 'fatal 4' offences, and will organise our objectives to promote safe roads, safe speeds, safe vehicles and safe road users.



TISPOL online in 2017...

20,069



unique visitors to the TISPOL website

33%

of visits to the website from mobile phones and tablets

71,043

page views from these visitors

142

The number of different countries whose residents visited the TISPOL website

178

contributions to the TISPOL Forums, sharing knowledge, best practice and ideas across Europe

#ProjectEDWARD

8,813

Twitter posts between 19 and 21 Sept

25 million

unique reach

1,4,5

Trending in Ireland, UK, Germany

5642

Twitter followers (at 4 Jan 2018)

#TISPOLConf2017

700

Twitter posts

455,000

unique reach

903

Facebook 'likes' (at 4 Jan 2018)

7.9%

Year-on-year growth in the TISPOL Bulletin mailing list (from 6,780 in Jan 2017 to 7,284 in Jan 2018).

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Users of TISPOL's Project EDWARD website, which was available in 18 languages.

We're proud of our growing following on social media. We put a lot of effort into being effective in this area. We're firmly convinced that social media has a vital role to play in TISPOL's work reducing death, injury and crime on the roads of Europe.

Website visitor stats: Google, TISPOL Forums: TISPOL Website
Twitter information: Enbecom, Twitter and partners

2018 OPERATIONS MEETINGS CONFERENCES

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TISPOL DURING 2018

QUARTER 1

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

26 Truck and Bus Operation
to 4 March

MARCH

12-18 Seatbelt operation

QUARTER 2

APRIL

16-22 Speed operation
19 24 hour Speed Marathon

MAY

14-20 Truck and Bus Operation
(EST, UK, FIN, PL, HR)

JUNE

4-10 Drugs and Alcohol Operation

QUARTER 3

JULY

01 Operation Safe Holiday
(to 31/8: E, BG, D, SRB, BG, L, CY, UK)
23-29 Truck and Bus Operation
(UK, CH, RO, SRB, E)

AUGUST

06-12 Speed Operation

NEW!

SEPTEMBER

17-23 Focus on the Road Operation
19 Project EDWARD

QUARTER 4

OCTOBER

9-10 Conference (Manchester)
10 Council Meeting (Manchester)
15-21 Truck and Bus Operation

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

10-16 Drugs and Alcohol Operation



Check out details of all TISPOL events at www.tispol.org

Thank you for your support through 2017. Please continue to work with us during 2018.

- **Support our events**
- **Attend our Conference as a delegate or exhibitor**
- **Take part in our operations**
- **Read and share our Bulletins**
- **Make use of our website**
- **Demonstrate your willingness to work with us, so that together we can continue to improve road safety and security for all European citizens.**

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