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Dear Colleague,

Last month, TISPOL co-ordinated a cross border operation which took place in respect of European cross border long distance buses in Belgium, France, Hungary, Netherlands, Romania and UK.



Almost 4,000 vehicles were controlled, resulting in 40 cases of irregular immigration being detected. Additionally, there were nine cases of possession of a weapon (two of which were firearms), five drug seizures, six cases of smuggling, the arrest of three people wanted on warrant, two cases of forged documents (passport), two stolen cars, one case of human trafficking, as well as other crimes and road traffic related offences.

This was a successful, information-led, cross border road policing, multi-agency enforcement operation with six TISPOL member countries, Europol and other agencies taking part. The planning and co-ordination, and the clear lines of communication allowed for an efficient information flow during the operation.

[Read a full account of the operation, as well as the country-by-country results.](#)

We will be looking at conducting more long-distance European bus operations of this kind, and we plan to expand the number of TISPOL member countries taking part. This type of operation illustrates TISPOL's commitment to work with appropriate stakeholders to enhance the safety of European citizens.

In other matters, I do hope you will spare a few minutes to take a look at the excellent line-up of new videos we are able to bring you in this edition. One focuses on the recent 24-hour speed enforcement 'Blitz Marathon' in Germany; while there is a shocking near-miss from an unmarked police patrol car in Norway. Both are detailed below. Additionally, there is a [second report featuring TISPOL's German Council member, Bernd Heller](#), and an [interview on ways to confront and challenge driver behaviour](#); this was conducted in Brussels recently with Kris Verbeek of Belgium's Road Safety Institute.

I hope you will find these videos, and the other content, both interesting and useful.

Ian Hamill (TISPOL General Secretary)

Good practice in victim support

TISPOL President Koen Ricour describes the recent two-day seminar on the theme of traffic victim support, during which Highway Police set out to share good practice.

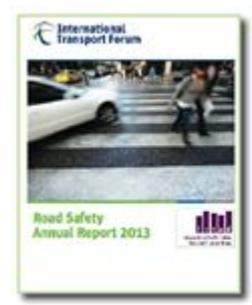
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IRTAD road safety report published

The comprehensive annual report from the International Road Safety Forum is sure to be of interest. 2012 will mark a record year, with figures showing the lowest fatalities on record for most OECD-IRTAD countries.

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Germany's latest Blitz Marathon: results

More than 26,000 speeding offences were detected in the 24 hours of Germany's most recent Blitz Marathon (4 and 5 June). The initiative was planned with overwhelming public support.

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Video: Michael Frucht on the Blitz Marathon

If 24-hour intensive speed enforcement initiatives are working in Germany, then they can work elsewhere, says senior police officer from North Rhine-Westphalia.

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Introducing this year's Conference Chair

Noel Brett, Chief Executive of Ireland's Road Safety Authority, will be in the chair at this year's **TISPOL Conference in Manchester (1 and 2 October)**. He talks about what this means to him, and about current road safety issues in Ireland.

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Video: Norway truck in shocking near miss

This short video captures the moment a quick-thinking Norwegian traffic police officer had to take action to avoid a catastrophic head-on collision with an overtaking foreign truck.

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