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In this edition, I am pleased to provide a link to the latest edition of our newsletter, **TISPOL News**. In it you will find updates from TISPOL's activities in recent months, as well as some interesting features connected with our road safety and transport security work across Europe.

We would also like to encourage you to contribute thoughts, opinions, suggestions and comments that might help fuel a healthy debate on future alcohol

enforcement and education strategies. Details are on page 9 of the newsletter, so [do view or download your copy](#). There's also an article on the safety and security aspects of road policing at Heathrow Airport on pages 6 and 7, which I hope you will find interesting.

Thursday 7 November is the deadline for the Cross Border Enforcement Directive to be brought into use across Europe. We have always supported this, and are hopeful that it will make a significant contribution to reducing death and serious injury on Europe's roads. Figures from the European Transport Safety Council prove the value of vigorously enforcing the law where the 'three killers' are concerned.

- If average driving speeds dropped by only 1 km/h on all roads across the EU, more than 2,200 road deaths could be prevented each year.
- If, as estimated by the EC, 25% of road deaths occur in drink-driving accidents, then at least 7,500 deaths could be prevented if all were to drive sober.
- If 99% of occupants wear a seat belt then 2,500 deaths could be prevented.

We plan to provide a more detailed briefing on this topic in our next Bulletin.

We always look for good opportunities to demonstrate the benefits of

the road policing model. The focus of a recent speed enforcement campaign saw more than 720,000 drivers detected during a seven-day period, but also allowed officers to make additional checks and detect more than 3,000 crimes. This smart combination of road safety and transport security is central to TISPOL's strategy in the years to come.

Kind regards,

Ian Hamill (General Secretary)

Germany: first nationwide 24-hour speed 'blitz marathon' results and analysis



The Ministers of Home Affairs in Germany have reviewed the first nationwide 24-hour Blitz marathon, which targets drivers exceeding speed limits on the country's roads. Throughout Germany, almost 15,000 police officers checked speed at more than 8,600 locations. Despite extensive media coverage and the publication of all check locations, more than 83,000 out of 3 million controlled car drivers drove too fast. [>> read more](#)

Joint investigation of Baltic luxury car thefts



An organised crime network originating in and operating from Lithuania and specialised in the theft of luxury cars from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania has been dismantled. In total, 99 thefts were committed. In Estonia, 25 people were convicted in relation to 56 thefts, while in Latvia, 43 thefts were committed. The amount awarded in victim compensation is almost EUR 550 000 >> [read more](#)

Finnish police make road safety award



The Finnish police have for the second time granted a road safety award. This year the award was given to Helsinki Road Safety Association, which has for a long time been widely involved in road safety and traffic matters in Helsinki. The Association was founded in 1989 and its goal is to encourage all road users to act safely, through advice and training.

Shown in the picture are Matti Hänti; Chief Inspector, National Police College of Finland and Kari Rantala; Chief of the National Traffic Police handing over the award to Satu Lehtinen, Executive Director of Helsinki Road Safety Association. >> [read more](#)

Theft and road rage incidents from Malta

A 30-year-old man from Ghaxaq in Malta was jailed for two years and had his driving licence suspended for a year after he admitted to a series of charges, including stealing a van and driving dangerously. Another man was jailed for one month after he was found guilty of punching a woman in the face, in a road rage incident >> [read more](#)

VIDEO: interview with TISPOL President



Koen Ricour talks about the achievements of his first year as TISPOL President and looks ahead to the challenges of the year to come. "I think our goals stay the same," he told us. "Road safety is still



number one for us because too many people are still losing their lives on Europe's roads.

"But we are also making best use of resources to focus on transport security as well. This has proved a big step forward for us and we look forward to going further in this direction during the months to come." >> [Watch now](#)

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China: video shows truck skid and crash



This video shows a Chinese truck losing control on a busy freeway. Watch how the vehicle hits the guard rail several times several times, and swings violently from one side to the other, most of the time on two wheels. Rescuers described as 'miraculous' the fact that the driver did not hit any other vehicle, and there were only minor injuries to a passenger in the truck. The driver said he had lost control because he had braked too abruptly.

Polish police detain German thief after cross-border pursuit



Last Thursday, traffic police in the Polish city of Sulęcín were deployed to the K92 highway, where the driver of a VW Caddy was reported to have committed an offence. A pursuit began, and the Caddy driver was described as endangering >> [read more](#)

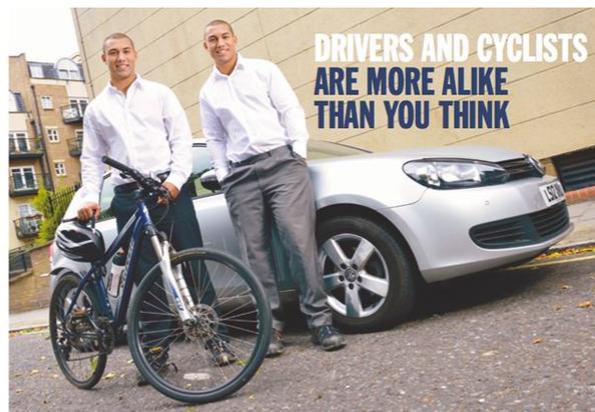
Cycle safety campaign launched in key UK

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A campaign which has blazed a trail to raise awareness of cycle safety in London is being rolled out in cities across the UK, Road Safety Minister Robert Goodwill has announced. The poster campaign which aims to cut the number of cyclists killed or injured will target road users in five cities – Leeds, Manchester, Bristol, Birmingham and Cambridge.

The number of cyclists killed in Great Britain increased from 107 in 2011 to 118 in 2012 and the five cities have been chosen because they have the highest rates of accidents involving cyclists outside of London.

The innovative posters, which were first used in London during the summer, use striking images to warn both motorists and cyclists to watch out for each other; for instance, as drivers open vehicle doors, at junctions or on narrow roads >> [read more](#)

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