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EC Transport Commissioner visits TISPOL Multi Agency Control Operation at the France/Belgium border:

Report by TISPOL General Secretary Ian Hamill

IT WAS a great pleasure having the opportunity last Thursday to escort EC Transport Commissioner and Deputy President Siim Kallas around a busy **Multi Agency Control Operation** taking place at Rekkem on the Belgium/France border. In the photograph, TISPOL President Koen Ricour and I are explaining some of the work going on during the Operation. TISPOL Past President Pasi Kemppainen is also pictured.

Mr Kallas said: "The European Commission is strongly committed to promote the enforcement of road safety rules. Too many Europeans are still victims of reckless drivers who do not respect rules on driving times, technical road worthiness, speed and alcohol. Co-operation among police at European level is a powerful tool to prevent such behaviour and I am very pleased that TISPOL has organised - with support from the European Union - this concerted control action. We are all committed to one and the same objective: the reduction of death and serious injury on EU roads."

The Operation was attended by police officers from 28 European

countries (27 EU Member States and Norway) who were taking part in an exchange programme, organised by TISPOL, hosted by the French National Gendarmerie and funded by the European Commission's Prevention of and Fight Against Crime Programme (ISEC).

Full details of the Operation, with results, can be found on the [TISPOL website](#). There is also a video capturing the highlights of the day, which I hope you will make time to view.

'Operation Light Up': Irish safety initiative



A safety initiative entitled "Light Up" took place across Ireland on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st February. Its aim was to address the significant issue of defective, broken, missing or inappropriate use of vehicle lighting. Garda members specifically targeted and intercepted drivers who had defective lighting, or were using them inappropriately, on their vehicles. >> [More](#)

How technology can make road transport safer

A video interview with Neal Skelton of ITS UK, who considers the appropriate role of technology in a modern transport system and what benefits it can bring - in terms of safety and security - for those on the move. "Of course," he says, "most motorists may be completely unaware of what technology might be at work and where it is hidden. The only time they may come into contact with it might be one something untoward happens." >> [More](#)



'Crash for cash' men jailed in UK

Four men have been jailed in England over the first recorded fatal crash-for-cash car accident, which led to the death of an innocent driver. 34-year-old Baljinder Kaur Gill died when her Ford Fiesta, which had been hit by one of the vehicles used by the gang to stage the £20,000 insurance scam, was hit again by a van as her car sat stationary in the outside lane of a busy dual carriageway to the north-west of London. [>> More](#)

ICADTS study: German drink-drive re-offending

Recidivism rates of first-time and repeat drink-driving offenders in Germany who had to submit to a medical-psychological assessment (MPA) and, in some cases, attend a driver improvement course were observed for a probation period of three years. This is just one of many items included in the latest edition of the ICADTS Reporter, the journal of the International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety. [>> More](#)

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