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Dear Colleague,

Last week, members of the TISPOL Executive Committee visited Lithuania, as part of its EU Presidency programme. We participated in a round-table meeting, which was held with police chiefs and other agencies at the Police headquarters. Also present were senior police officers and representatives from the Ministry of Transport and Communications. The meeting was hosted by Lithuania's Deputy Police Chief, Renatas Pozela.

We should commend Lithuania for achieving a 58% reduction in road fatalities since 2001. There is also a determination to reduce casualties further and to improve the deaths per million population. TISPOL is committed to assisting and supporting the Lithuanian Police and its partners as they seek to bring about significant and sustainable reductions in road casualties.

Gintaras Aliksandravicius is the TISPOL Council member for Lithuania. He told last week's meeting that the introduction and development of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) had had a positive effect on policing since its introduction in 2006. In 2010, criminal police information has been routinely added to ANPR as well as the registration numbers of vehicles driven by people convicted of drink drive offences. This, he said, acted as a trigger for police to those who decide to continue driving after being convicted and losing their driving licence.

We are looking forward to the continued development of road policing

within Lithuania and we wish all the partners well as they seek to develop their ambitious programme of casualty and crime reduction in the years to come.

Last week, the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) celebrated its 20th anniversary. On behalf of TISPOL, I would like to congratulate ETSC on this occasion. We value ETSC as a close working partner and appreciate how our ETSC colleagues complement and support the work of TISPOL. They have achieved a lot during this 20 years and made a significant contribution to improving safety in Europe. We look forward to our ongoing excellent relationship and wish ETSC every success for the future.

Finally, a reminder that police officers across Europe will begin a coordinated week of alcohol and drug enforcement on Monday 9 December. If you are involved, please look for opportunities to obtain images and even video footage of the work you do. Please also inform us of any specific actions which are worthy of note. You can do this by sending an email to media@tispol.org. This is all very helpful for TISPOL in its communications.

Many thanks and I hope you enjoy this Bulletin.

Ian Hamill, TISPOL General Secretary

Finland publishes annual road safety report: positive results



Annual Report of Finland's Road Safety 2013



The annual review of Finland's road safety shows that, in 2012, there were many positive developments. The number of people killed or injured in road traffic reached an all-time low. This is a welcome contrast to the past, giving reason to believe that stringent safety targets will be met, and that the number of traffic fatalities will be halved in ten years, by 2020. [>> Read the full report](#)

TISPOL representatives join conference on safer truck parking areas



A Conference on Truck



Parking Behaviour took place earlier this month in Brussels. Experts of Belgium's National Road Authority and the Police came together to discuss the topic of unsafe parking along highways in north-west

Europe. The delegations represented the Netherlands, Belgium (Flemish and Walloon region), the West of Germany, Luxemburg and the UK. >> [more](#)

London cyclists stage lie-down protest at dangerous traffic conditions



More than 1,000 cyclists lay sprawled across a central London road on Friday evening last week in protest at dangerous traffic conditions. In what was described as a 'die-in', protesters blocked roads outside the Transport for London headquarters in a vigil for six cyclists killed in London last month. The demonstration saw riders spread across Blackfriars Road with their bikes strewn around them, while others held candles in tribute to the latest series of casualties.

Around 2,100 fixed penalty notices were issued by police officers in London on the first three days of a traffic safety operation, as part of measures to raise road safety awareness. Another 28 people were arrested for a range of crimes including assault, bike theft and drugs and immigration offences.

The events come as six cyclists were killed in 14 days on London's roads. >> [More](#)

Swiss and German officers conduct joint safety/security control





A total of 34 Swiss police officers from Basel recently organised a control operation on the Autobahn A2, in the direction of Germany. The control lasted from 2230 until midnight, and was code-named 'T(d)runk', because officers checked vehicle 'trunks' for any evidence of crime/theft as well as breath-testing drivers. >> [more](#)

Truck control takes place in Luxembourg



Luxembourg Police Forces under the command of Thierry Fehr, organised a traffic-control in collaboration with German police forces. This control took place in the eastern part of Luxembourg on the N1 (Mertert), close to the German border. The place of the control was located on a large parking area along the N1 near the port of Mertert close to the motorway that links Luxembourg with Trier in

Germany. >> [more](#)

Watch the video: Bernd Heller provides an update on TISPOL's Operational Group



Bernd Heller chairs TISPOL's Operational Group. In this short video, he provides an update of the items currently on the Group's agenda.
>> [Watch the video](#)

Congratulations to the €50 winner from the TISPOL corporate video competition

As you'll be aware, the last two editions of the TISPOL Bulletin have provided an opportunity to enter a competition to win €50. The requirement was to watch the TISPOL corporate video and to let us know how many helicopters were shown during the video. We're pleased to announce that the winning entry, drawn at random from the emails received, comes from Paul Caddick. Paul is based near Brighton in the UK. We'll be dispatching Paul's prize shortly. Meanwhile, do watch out for more competitions during 2014.

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