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TISPOL is pleased to offer its full support for new European cross border enforcement legislation, effective from today (7 November 2013). The legislation requires EU Member States to exchange information on drivers who commit traffic offences in other countries. We believe this information exchange will ensure that foreign offenders can be identified and punished across borders. It further improves the consistent enforcement of road safety rules throughout the EU by ensuring equal treatment of offenders.

The legislation covers the four "big killers" that cause 75% of road fatalities: speeding, driving through red traffic lights, non-use of seatbelts and drink driving.

EU figures suggest that foreign drivers account for 5% of traffic but around 15% of speeding offences. Most have gone unpunished so far, with countries unable to pursue drivers when they return home.

We agree with the European Commission that these new rules will have a powerful deterrent effect and change the behaviour of many motorists who may previously have assumed they were beyond the reach of the law while driving in other countries. Estimates show that nearly 500 lives a year could be saved under a system where all drivers have to comply with traffic legislation, regardless of what country they are travelling in.

We fully support the new legislation, as it removes the opportunity to drive away from justice. Cross border enforcement of traffic offences will prove a vital tool for police officers across Europe and will help make a big contribution to the European Commission's aim of halving road deaths by 2020.

We believe the new rules will help raise the profile of road safety across Europe and will prove an effective deterrent to those people who previously assumed they could drive according to their own wishes, rather than according to the appropriate rules, when away from their home country.

In summary, the Directive will make Europe not only a safer place, but also a fairer and more equal place where the same standards of justice apply to all.

The Cross Border Enforcement Directive targets traffic offences with a critical impact on road safety:

1. Speeding

2. Failing to stop at traffic lights
3. Failing to wear a seatbelt
4. Drink driving
5. Driving under the influence of drugs
6. Failing to wear a safety helmet (for motorcyclists)
7. Illegal use of an emergency lane
8. Illegal use of mobile phone while driving

I look forward to observing the progress of the new Directive, and the contribution it makes to saving lives on Europe's roads.

Ian Hamill, TISPOL General Secretary

European Commission publishes its latest Road Safety Newsletter



Today sees the EU reach a road safety milestone, with the passing of the deadline for transposition into Member State law of the requirements of Directive 2011/82/EU. This facilitates the cross-border exchange of information on road safety-related traffic offences so as to ensure that drivers are punished for offences committed abroad.

The topic is covered comprehensively in the latest edition of the European Commission's Road Safety Newsletter. Click [here](#) or on the image to download your copy.

Watch the brand new TISPOL video: and win a €50 prize...



Here's your chance to win a €50 prize, simply by watching the new TISPOL corporate video. This short presentation sets out who we are and



what we do. We would very much like you to play the

video to colleagues and contacts who may appreciate finding out more about our work in road safety and transport security.

Click [HERE](#) or on the image above to watch the video on the TISPOL website. The video lasts less than six minutes.

Then, all you have to do is answer this one question: ***How many helicopters are shown in the video?***

Send an email to media@tispol.org with your answer. Make sure it says 'Video Competition' in the subject line. We will pick the winner at the end of November, and the prize will be sent before Christmas.

Good luck!

Don't forget to download your copy of the latest TISPOL News



The most recent edition of TISPOL News is still available for you to **download** from the TISPOL website. Inside, you will find an interesting line-up of stories and photographs from recent TISPOL events and operations, as well as specific items from TISPOL member countries.

We are inviting you to put forward your thoughts on how best to maintain the momentum of drink-driving education and enforcement, as well as presenting an illustrated spotlight on road

policing initiatives close to Heathrow Airport in London. We hope you will enjoy this, and all the other items in this edition.

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Portugal and Spain conduct joint border enforcement operations



During the last TISPOL "Truck and Bus" operation, that took place between 7 and 13 October, the Portuguese Guarda Nacional Republicana and the Spanish Guardia Civil carried out nine joint cross border road policing operations. Officers

of both Forces acted through coordinated spot checks controlling heavy goods and passenger vehicles. There 541 vehicles were controlled resulting in 110 violations detected. >> [Read more](#)

Finnish officers benchmark the Netherlands 'Flexible Intervention Team' approach



Utilising TISPOL's network and working methods, the Chief of the Finnish National Traffic Police (NTP) Kari Rantala led a Road Policing expert group to the Netherlands to learn more about the Flexible Intervention Team (Flex Team) approach used there. "Finland is on the process of implementing the Road Policing model where traffic police officers are paying even more attention to other criminality on the roads through road safety work. In this process it is crucial to know how our colleagues have coped with challenges they have faced during the change of course," said Chief Rantala. >> [Read more](#)

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