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## TISPOL appoints new General Secretary



The executive committee of TISPOL, the European Traffic Police Network, has appointed **Ruth Purdie** as General Secretary. Ruth recently retired from Cheshire Constabulary as Assistant Chief Constable. Prior to that, she spent 30 years in the service of North Wales Police.

Ruth Purdie said: "I am excited to be joining TISPOL and to be working alongside so many professionals who are dedicated to such worthwhile and vital tasks. I know there is enormous experience and energy among TISPOL's supporters, and I look forward to playing my part in ensuring the organisation builds on its reputation and resilience in the months to come.

"I should also use this opportunity to pay tribute to the work of everybody involved in TISPOL. I have quickly come to appreciate their dedication and energy in guiding the organisation to its position as a leading European enforcement agency today.

"My pledge is to work with them to ensure TISPOL has the strength and resilience to develop its role as a key player in the fields of road safety and road security across Europe."

## Book your place at the TISPOL Conference

**TISPOL CONFERENCE 2014**  
**30 Sep - 1 Oct 2014, Manchester, UK**

<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>
YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	HOURS	MINUTES	SECONDS



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It's not too late to book your place at the TISPOL Conference. The event is now just two weeks away, so do book as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The Conference offers two days of engaging presentation and discussion, backed up by excellent networking opportunities.

The theme is '**Road Safety in Europe - Achieving 2020 Target**'.

The venue is the **Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport**.

The dates are **Tuesday 30 September and Wednesday 1 October**.

[More details and reservations >>](#)

### Join the Conference conversation on Twitter



If you're already looking forward to the Conference, then there are lots of good reasons to be tweeting about the event. We want the Conference hashtag **#TISPOLConf2014** to be used as much as possible before the doors open. So do tell your followers you're coming to the Conference, as a speaker, delegate or exhibitor, and you'll be doing your bit to raise widespread awareness of the event. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Seatbelts: strong coverage and retweets

We were delighted to receive such strong support for last week's Europe-wide seatbelt enforcement operation. Media coverage was excellent. It's good to feel such all-round positive support for the work carried out by police officers right across Europe.

Thanks also to everyone who retweeted our messages to stimulate conversations about awareness of the importance of wearing seatbelts on every journey.

### VIDEO: TISPOL President Koen Ricour



After two years, Koen Ricour of Belgium is about to hand over the Presidency of TISPOL. We took the opportunity to catch up with him and to ask him about TISPOL's recent successes and developments:

[WATCH THE INTERVIEW >>](#)

## Belgium's Highway Police star in weekly prime time television slot



The work of highway police officers in Belgium is currently featuring on a weekly prime time television slot. Chief Wim Redig of the Highway police department of Antwerp explains: "In addition to our digital presence, we played for some time with the idea to have a look behind the scenes of the federal traffic police of Antwerp, in a spontaneous way.

## Belgium: drug interception success

The Belgian Highway Police last week intercepted a vehicle with 33kg of Heroin on board during an international action against drugs known as Operation Etoile. In all, 123 of the 1446 controlled people turned out in possession of drugs. 20 people were arrested, nine vehicles were confiscated. After a long pursuit, the Highway Police intercepted a French vehicle with 33kg of heroin on board . A total of 319 police and customs officials from Belgium participated in the control action.

## Truck safety operation results

A week-long TISPOL operation focusing on truck safety across Europe led to the discovery of nearly 1,200 illegal immigration and human trafficking offences. The action followed checks on nearly 140,000 trucks across 27 countries between 21 and 27 July.

A total of 44,859 offences were detected, including the following:

- 421 drivers for alcohol and drug offences
- 5,054 offences of exceeding the speed limit
- 5,074 instances of drivers exceeding their maximum permitted time at the wheel
- 939 overweight trucks and 981 insecure loads
- 3,828 immediate prohibitions on trucks, most because of vehicle technical defects

## **More than 500 buses taken off the road in safety operation**

A total of 31,000 vehicles were controlled in TISPOL's cross border bus operation in late July. In all, 27 countries took part, resulting in the detection of 5,722 traffic offences and a further 112 crimes. The offences included 813 cases of exceeding the speed limit, 13 drink-drive detections, 1,094 seatbelt offences and 524 contraventions of tachograph regulations.

Included in the total of 112 crimes were 21 illegal immigration and human trafficking offences, 33 drug detections and 40 other crimes.

## **Our next Bulletin is on 7 October 2014**

We'll be skipping a week until the next Bulletin so that we can bring you all the developments from the Conference. Meanwhile, if you have any stories or images that you think would be of interest to our audience, please email them to [media@tispol.org](mailto:media@tispol.org) as soon as possible. Thank you, and see you at the Conference.

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