



## TISPOL Bulletin, 18 December 2012

Dear Colleague,

Many of us will be focused in the days to come on the task of collating and analysing the results from last weeks Alcohol and Drug Enforcement operation. I am sure that there were many challenges during the seven days of the operation - not least of which being the cold, snowy weather that affected many parts of Europe. We will bring the full results early in the New Year.



In the meantime, please [send any stories and pictures](#) for us to include in future Bulletins, on the website and in the next edition of the TISPOL News, which will be published next month. We are grateful for all contributions - and would like to say a special thank you to everyone who regularly sends us updates and images. You know that we do our best to use everything you send - and in a timely manner.

Might I encourage you to take a look at a [new, short video which we shot only last Tuesday night in Dublin](#). The video clearly shows the effort and resource put into a large-scale 'Mandatory Alcohol Test' on a busy street in the city. I am told that nearly 200 people were tested (car drivers, motorcyclists, bus and van drivers) during the hour-long operation. We take as good news the fact that there was not a single positive test provided - and this backs up [new statistics from Ireland](#) that show the success of their decision to introduce a lower alcohol limit for drivers in October 2011. The detection rate in 2007 was one in 25. Today it stands at one in 49, with far more detections now taking place.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Antonio Avenoso and our colleagues at the European Transport Safety Council, who were recent winners of a highly-coveted [Prince Michael International Road Safety Award](#), as well as to all the other recipients. Well done on achieving this sort of recognition for your work.

Finally, as this will be the last Bulletin of 2012, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this year. Have a wonderful, peaceful Christmas and a happy, safe 2013. We will be in touch again with our first Bulletin of 2013 on Tuesday 15 January.

**Ian Hamill, TISPOL General Secretary**

### Ireland drink-drive analysis published

In October 2011, the Irish government reduced the drink-drive limit to bring it in line with other European countries. Analysis of the first year's drink-drive figures has just been published.

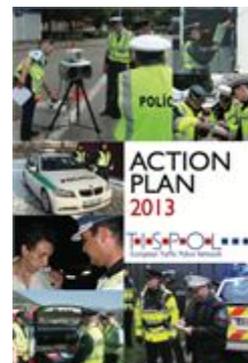
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Download your copy of TISPOL's Action Plan 2013. As well as setting out our priorities for the year, the Action Plan also has a calendar with details of all our enforcement operations.

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### 24-hour enforcement, Portugal and Finland



### Winter weather: German examples



Good practice from Germany led to the implementation of 24-hour speed enforcement 'marathons' across Portugal and in Finland - with widespread public support.



Driving with no tread left in tyres is dangerous and illegal. Read how one driver was forced by his employer to use worn out tyres as no others were available.



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### Rise in fatal crashes involving animals

Figures from the UK's Department for Transport show a sharp increase in the number of fatal crashes involving wild animals, particularly deer and sheep.



### Video: Mandatory Alcohol Test, Dublin

Last Tuesday evening, TISPOL was on hand to observe as officers conducted an hour-long alcohol control, in which 200 drivers were tested.



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