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TISPOL Bulletin 19 June 2014



Dear
Colleague,

TISPOL is pleased to be supporting our colleagues at the European

Transport Safety Council on the publication of their 8th annual Road Safety Performance Index (PIN) report. The report reveals that there were 26,025 deaths as a result of road collisions in the EU during 2013, with 199,000 serious injuries. Although road deaths have once again fallen, there is concern that the number of serious, often life-changing injuries is falling at a slower rate than the number of deaths.

Figures for the period 2010-2013 reveal that Slovakia made a 37% reduction in total deaths of road users. Spain, Greece and Portugal also made excellent progress, cutting deaths by more than 30% over the same three-year period. In contrast, Finland, Serbia and Sweden only managed to reduce deaths by less than 5%, and in Estonia and Malta there were a few more deaths in 2013 than in 2010.

TISPOL's priority is to work together with ETSC and other stakeholders to ensure that the

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tough European fatality reduction targets for 2020 are met. Furthermore, the topic of serious injuries occupies a key position in this year's [TISPOL Conference](#).

May I use this Bulletin as an opportunity to remind you of the details of our Conference, which takes place on 30 September and 1 October at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport. Our creative team members have put together some very short videos (each lasting less than 30 seconds) with compelling reasons for attending the Conference. I would be very grateful if you could take a look at the first of these, and to share it among all your colleagues and contacts.

[Watch the video now >>](#)

We are busy promoting the Conference via Twitter, and are already making good use of the [#TISPOLManchester](#) hashtag so do make sure you follow us and that you retweet our messages.

It's worth reminding delegates and exhibitors that the costs of attending and exhibiting remain unchanged again. That means it's the seventh TISPOL Conference without a change in price for delegate passes and exhibitor space.

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Do enjoy the rest of this Bulletin, and please pass it on to colleagues and contacts who may be interested in reading it.

Pasi Kempainen, TISPOL
Director

Trivium 2: watch the new video



Police officers from Romania, Lithuania and Poland have once again been working with their colleagues from England and Wales in an operation targeting criminals on the road. Trivium 2 followed on from a similar operation which took place in July 2013, and saw:

- 2825 vehicles stopped
- 371 vehicles seized
- 300 people arrested
- 827 vehicles stopped as a result of ANPR activations

A short video has been made, highlighting the excellent work done by officers involved in Trivium 2.

[Watch the video now >>](#)

TAPA presents award to TISPOL at recent conference



TISPOL has received an award from the Transported

Asset Protection Association (TAPA-EMEA). The award, presented at the TISPOL road security conference in Brussels, recognised the outstanding contribution made by TISPOL to improving road security and sharing good practice across Europe.

TAPA-EMEA Chairman, Thorsten Neumann, presented the award to TISPOL President Koen Ricour and Director Pasi Kempainen.

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Germany: new sirens to boost vehicle safety

Police officers in the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia are now able to use a "Yelp" tone when driving in response mode. The newly-authorised tone can be used in connection with a red flashing light on the patrol car to provide clear advance warning to vehicles ahead. The National Office for Central Police Services in Duisburg has converted all 2,300 patrol cars in North Rhine-Westphalia for the use of the "Yelp" tone in recent weeks.

Malta: new uniforms for motorcycle patrol officers



Police chiefs in Malta have recently introduced a new range of safety equipment for their

motorcycle patrol officers. The full safety uniforms include reinforced jackets, trousers and boots as well as anti-pollution masks, all designed to ensure safety is maximised and risk is reduced.

The Police also took delivery of 10 BMW RT 1200 motorcycles for use by the Traffic Branch earlier this year. A further four BMW 850 models have been assigned to the Gozo Traffic Police.

Belgium: 82 violations in day-long truck check

The Belgian Federal Traffic Police last week staged a large-scale control action to enforce proper cargo securing and to seek out overloading of heavy goods vehicles.

The Police Expert Network organised this action again to contribute to a permanent change in truck driver and employer behaviour. In all, 25 members of the Expert Network controlled a total of 103 vehicles; 82 violations were found.

Repeatedly organising similar large-scale control operations on cargo securing increases the probability of detection and makes the drivers feel they can be checked any day, according to TISPOL President Koen Ricour. "This should in the long term lead to a more permanent behavioural change. It also raises awareness of the dangers of not respecting the rules regarding cargo security," he said.

A total of €25,302 in fines was issued during the eight-hour operation. 58 breath tests were conducted, of which 57 were negative and one was above the limit.

VIDEO: balloon surgery brings revolutionary trauma care to the roadside



London's Air Ambulance crew has become the first team in the world to use a balloon device to control catastrophic bleeding at the roadside. The team now hope this technique will also help prevent deaths and disability from road collisions. The small balloon is inflated inside major blood vessels to stop internal blood loss - a common cause of death after severe injuries.

Experts believe this may be a "major advance" in trauma care outside hospitals.

[Watch the video now >>](#)

UK: London's streets now 'safer than ever', says Mayor

The London Mayor, Boris Johnson, and Transport for London (TfL) have announced that the number of people killed and seriously injured on London's roads fell 23% during

2013, to the lowest level since records began. The figures also show that the total number of road casualties in the city also fell by around 5% to its lowest ever level. The data also shows:

- there were 132 fatalities on London's roads in 2013
- deaths involving powered two-wheeled riders fell by 19%
- cyclist deaths remained the same at 14
- the total number of people killed and seriously injured (KSI) was down 27%
- pedestrian KSIs were reduced by 25% compared with 2012

Ireland: changes to operation of fixed charge penalty system

Ireland's Garda Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan yesterday announced a number of changes to the operation of the Fixed Charge Penalty System (FCPS). The changes are designed to make it easier for the general public to apply for cancellations and provide for stronger oversight of the operation of the system.

The changes include:

- The publication on Garda.ie of a guide explaining how the System's cancellation process works
- Cancellation requests can now be made on a cancellation form, which is publicly available on the Garda website or through the Fixed Charge Processing Office

- The centralisation of the authority to cancel Fixed Charge Penalty Notices at the Fixed Charge Processing Office
- Regular audits are undertaken in relation to the operation of FCPS
- The publication of a revised internal manual outlining changes to internal policies and procedures in relation to FCPS

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Delegate and exhibitor bookings are

now open for our annual conference, which takes place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, on Tuesday 30 September and Wednesday 1 October this year.

The theme for the conference is 'Road Safety in Europe – Achieving 2020 Target' and the speaker line-up includes top-level representatives of the European Commission, Euro Contrôle Route, the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and academic researchers from the UK, Norway, Ireland, Finland and Germany. Additionally, TISPOL President Koen Ricour and other representatives will also be sharing their expertise.

The conference will be chaired by Rob Gifford, Director of the Gifford Partnership and formerly of the UK's Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS).

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