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WELCOME!



TISPOL is delighted to launch its completed series of country driving guides: useful information for safer journeys abroad

We are very pleased to present TISPOL's completed series of European country driving guides. The guides, meticulously researched by TISPOL in partnership with the traffic police of all our member countries, offer up-to-date detail on specific laws, drink-drive limits, speed enforcement, special rules for motorcyclists and notes on what equipment must be carried on journeys.



We believe the guides are sure to be useful for anyone planning a journey by road in other countries. There are many similarities to traffic law from one country to another, but also many differences. That's why it pays to do your research and ensure you don't fall foul of an unusual law you never knew about.

It's also good to know, country by country, the specific rules regarding carrying children, high-visibility jackets, warning triangles and even spare spectacles. The guides offer clear and simple information on what to do in the event of a breakdown or collision, the number to call in an emergency, specific details on speed limits and explanations of how laws are enforced. The research team members are committed to ensuring that the guides are regularly updated every time there is a change in legislation, as of course we want motorists to be able to rely on the details they find on our website.

Why not take a look at some of the guides right now. You can access them easily via the icon on the [TISPOL home page](#).

LATEST NEWS

Lifesaver debriefing

A debriefing meeting took place on 30 March in London with colleagues responsible for organising the Lifesaver project in five of the six Lifesaver focus countries, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Spain. Unfortunately, due to operational reasons, Portuguese representatives were unable to attend. Comments made in the meeting were very positive about the way the project had been organised and the benefits for police officers in their individual countries.

[Full story](#)

Slovenians visit France in Lifesaver Exchange

A group of four Slovenian police officers have just returned from a three-day exchange visit to Antibes, on the Mediterranean coast of France. The Divisional Gendarmerie Group Unit of Nice (Groupement de gendarmerie départementale des Alpes-Maritimes, southern France) and more precisely the Divisional Road Safety Squadron (Escadron départemental de sécurité routière : EDSR) were their hosts for the educational visit.

[Full story](#)

Belgian Federal and Local police join forces in road safety

The Belgian Federal and Local police have joined forces in road safety matters. With the recent creation of Centrex, a Road Safety knowledge and expertise centre, the police now provide an integrated vision of road safety. The knowledge centre is currently made up of members of the local and federal police forces and will be the contact point for the authorities, external partners and police staff.

[Full story](#)

Heavy snow blamed for 70-car pile-up in Finland

Treacherous conditions have been blamed for a 71-vehicle pile-up on a busy motorway in eastern Finland. The chain collision occurred on Highway 5, near the city of Kuopio.

[Full story](#)

German Minister issues motorcycle safety warning

This year already, 10 motorcyclists have died on the roads of North Rhine-Westphalia, with 166 seriously injured and 310 sustaining slight injuries. The casualty toll, so early in the season, has caused much concern for Minister of the Interior, Ralf Jäger. “Take it easy and familiarise yourself with your bike first,” he appealed to motorcyclists.

“In particular, speeding on rural roads and into blind bends is life threatening for motorcyclists and other road users. Leathers do not have a crush zone. A direct impact with a car or a tree often ends fatally,” warned the Minister.

Last year, 68 motorcyclists were killed and 3,829 injured in collisions in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Swiss driver Buemi supports police safety efforts

Swiss Formula 1 driver Sébastien Buemi has been working with police to promote road safety messages. On the occasion of the latest prevention campaign against speeding, he was quoted as saying: “The road is not my race track!”

This month, 1800 posters featuring Buemi’s endorsement, are being installed in 350 villages across the French-speaking Waadt canton, with the simple message: speeding and wearing no seat belts is dangerous.

Buemi, 22, was born in Aigle, Switzerland. Police spokesperson André Roth says he is sure to have a positive impact on road users and help influence their behaviour.

“We hope that his prominent name and his smile may help to make drivers more aware of the dangers of speeding and not wearing a seat belt,” he said. “Last year, in Waadt canton alone, 36 car occupants died in accidents. One third of these were because of speeding and 11 victims were not wearing seat belts.”

FEATURES

Tirolean Tunnels and Russian Presidents



Colonel Gerhard Holzknicht talks about the specific challenges of traffic policing in western Austria and recounts the challenges of getting Mr Putin and his entourage back from an Arlberg ski resort to Innsbruck Airport

[Read the full article](#)

Rewarding desirable driving behaviour

Driver behaviour can often be changed more quickly and more permanently by rewarding desirable behaviour than by punishing unwanted behaviour. A new fact sheet, published by the Dutch Institute for Road Safety Research, presents what is known about safe road behaviour, gives some recent examples and describes some new developments. [Read the fact sheet](#)

KEEP THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS COMING! TISPOL OFFERS 250 EURO PRIZE IN ITS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We are keen to encourage entries for TISPOL’s ‘Enforcement Photograph of the Year’ competition, which launched in March and will remain open until September. We are looking for the photograph that, in the opinion of the judges, best reflects the work of TISPOL in 2011. The judges will make their decision by late September and will award the prize at this year’s TISPOL Conference, taking place in Manchester on

27 and 28 September. The winning photograph, along with a selection of runner-up photographs, will be displayed at the Conference and will form a key part of TISPOL's communication resources in the future.

You can enter as many photographs as you like, but only one at a time. They must be your original work. They should be high resolution JPeg images, good enough to be reproduced in print as well as on web pages.

Please send your entry/entries to media@tispol.org

Please note that TISPOL would like to consider any photographs received as entries to this competition for possible use as part of its ongoing communication resources. By entering a photograph in the competition, it will be assumed that you agree to this request.

Entries are welcome from anybody with an interest in the subject. Good luck and we look forward to receiving your entry or entries!

FORTHCOMING TISPOL OPERATIONS

April 18-24 SPEED: *please try to send us photographs and any interesting details and examples from your area of responsibility. Thank you.*

June 06-12 ALCOHOL/DRUGS

July 25-31 BUS

August 22-28 SPEED

September 12-18 SEATBELT

October 10-16 TRUCK

December 12-18 ALCOHOL/DRUGS

WORLD BRIEFING

Road safety Chinese style: officials compile footage of dozens of crashes. [Read more](#)

New national traffic police unit set up in South Africa. [Read more](#)

Bangalore road safety concerns. [Read more](#)

UN Economic Commission for Europe: "We drive by the rules." [Read more](#)

Australian road safety targets 'too low'. [Read more](#)

Take the current TISPOL quiz!

There's still an opportunity to see how you get on in our 10-question, multiple-choice quiz. [Take the quiz now!](#)

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