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Welcome to the TISPOL Bulletin, 31 March 2015

May I wish you a warm welcome to this latest Bulletin from TISPOL. I am aware that this may be the first Bulletin you have received, but I do hope it will prove stimulating and useful for you.

We are finalising the programme for our [2015 Road Safety Conference](#), and I will look forward to sharing the details with you in the very near future. Do make sure you keep the dates free. We will once again be at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 October.

You can [register your interest](#) right now (without obligation). Then, as soon as we have the confirmed programme and other details, you will be among the very first to receive the information.

Enjoy this Bulletin - and we look forward to staying in touch in future.

Ruth Purdie, TISPOL General Secretary

Better-resourced road policing across Europe is vital to cut casualties



Road deaths fell by just 1% in the EU last year, according to new data released last week by the European Commission. The figures suggest that achieving the region's target of halving road deaths by 2020 will now be much more challenging than previously thought.

TISPOL General Secretary Ruth Purdie said: "The latest figures are very disappointing, and show that member states can't back out of road safety without consequences. So we call on governments to act

now and protect their citizens through better funded road policing, because we know this will lead to immediate improvements in road safety and security.”

Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director of the European Transport Safety Council, said: "We need to see short and medium term action from national governments and from the EU, starting today. Member states can boost police enforcement and that will have an immediate effect."

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By the way, if you have a story or news item you think deserves a slot in a future TISPOL Bulletin, please email media@tispol.org by Thursday 9 April. Thank you.

German event announces first Europe-wide 24-hour Speed Blitz Marathon

Details of the forthcoming European 24-hour Speed Blitz Marathon will be announced at a press conference today by North Rhine-Westphalia Interior Minister Ralf Jäger.

The press conference will be taking place this morning at the Driver and Vehicle testing facility at Graftschaff.

If you would like more details of the Marathon, please email media@tispol.org and we will do our best to assist.

National 'Slow Down' day takes place in Ireland





Traffic police officers in Ireland conducted an intensive national speed enforcement operation for a 24 hours period from 0700 on Friday to 0700 on Saturday. This national "Slow Down" day was supported by Ireland's Road Safety Authority and other stakeholders.

The operation consisted of high visibility speed enforcement activities on both national primary and secondary roads. All speed enforcement technologies were utilised, including all laser handheld speed detection devices, ROBOT vans and Cleartone/Puma in-car speed detection systems. GoSafe vehicles were deployed on the day in speed enforcement zones which provide maximum visibility.

In addition to enforcement, social media sites were actively used to promote the initiative.

Road Haulage Association boss criticises UK motorway service station standards



Standards of the UK's motorway service stations fall "woefully short" of acceptable, according to the Chief Executive of the Road Haulage Association. Richard Burnett is calling on government to consider the state of motorway services an

election issue. "At a time when our industry is facing a massive driver shortage, every issue that affects recruitment is vitally important," Burnett told reporters. BBC Breakfast. "Who would want to take a job knowing that the basics – for example, toilet facilities – are in a shocking state of repair?"

"This industry is heavily regulated and drivers, by law, have to take rest breaks. The current standard of facilities at many official areas is so inadequate that parking in a layby is often a preferable option. This is unsafe for drivers, their vehicles and their loads."

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Ford cars "will slow down" when they see speed-limit signs



Ford is to sell a car that can read road signs and adjust its



speed accordingly to ensure the vehicle is not driving too fast. The speed-limiting tech can be activated via the steering wheel and briefly overridden by pressing firmly on the accelerator. The car company suggests the facility will help drivers avoid fines and could reduce the number of accidents.

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UK: Sifting through the wreckage - who should be responsible for road safety?

More than 130 years after the first cars took to the UK's roads there is still no single independent body that has responsibility for investigating and learning from the collisions that take place on the public highway.

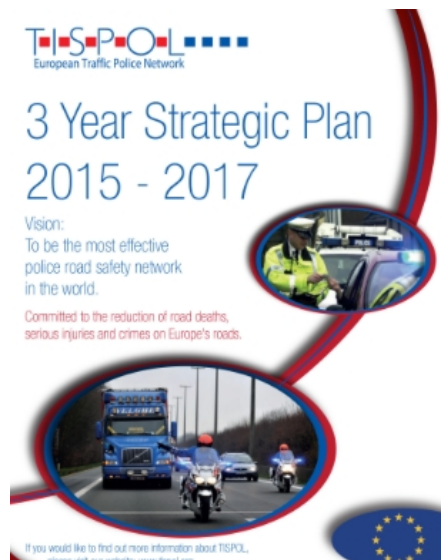
Since 1926 when casualty figures were first recorded almost half a million people have died on the UK's roads. 1,769 were killed in 2013 alone, compared with just 30 people in the air and four train passengers.

But while individual police forces collect statistics about road collisions and look for fault there is no independent organisation that looks beyond apportioning blame to analyse the underlying cause and make recommendations on systemic changes to prevent similar events reoccurring.

The current situation is highlighted in a new report by the Transport Safety Commission.

[Read the full report now >>](#)

Did you miss your copy of our new three-year Strategic Plan?



TISPOL's new three-year strategic plan was recently published, setting out how TISPOL will play its part in reducing deaths, serious injuries and crimes on Europe's roads, and in so doing will be the most effective police road safety network in the world.

If you missed it, you can [download your own copy right now](#) from the TISPOL website.



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