

# **Work Related Road Safety in the EU**

**Preventing Road Accidents and Injuries for the Safety of Employees**



## Introduction to ETSC

### A science-based approach to road safety policy

- **47 organisations** from across Europe under one unique umbrella promoting science-based transport safety measures at EU level.
- More than **200 experts** contributing to ETSC’s Reviews, Policy Papers, Newsletters, Positions, Lectures, Press Releases, Year Books, etc.
- The European Commission, member organisations, member states and corporate sponsors are funding our work

## ETSC Activities



### Monitoring

EU  
transport safety  
policy

Road Safety Performance Index (PIN) –  
Ranking EU countries' performances

### Bike Pal

Cycle safety



**PRAISE**

Work-Related Road Safety



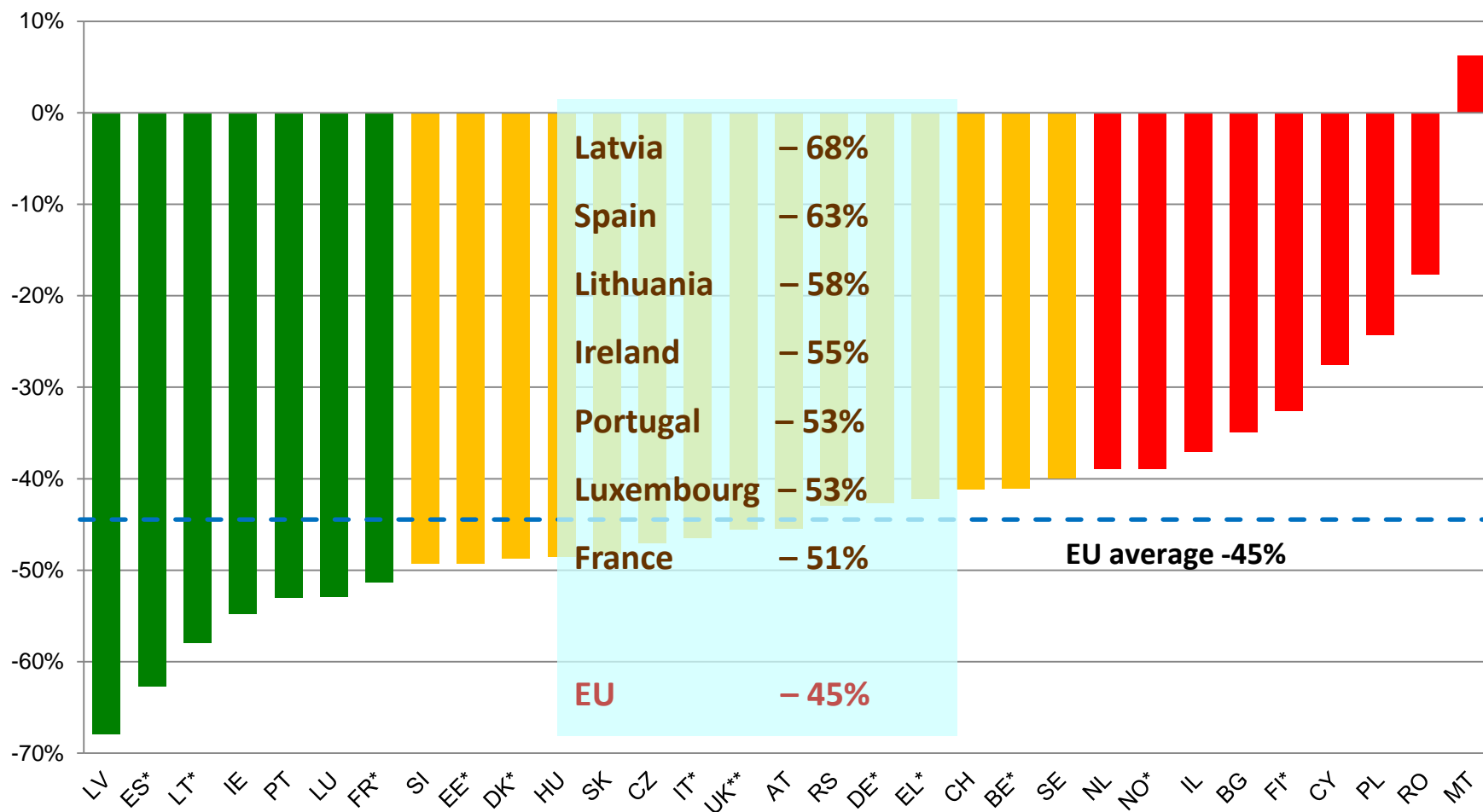
STudents Acting to Reduce Speed



Safe&Sober Campaign and  
Drink-driving policy  
network

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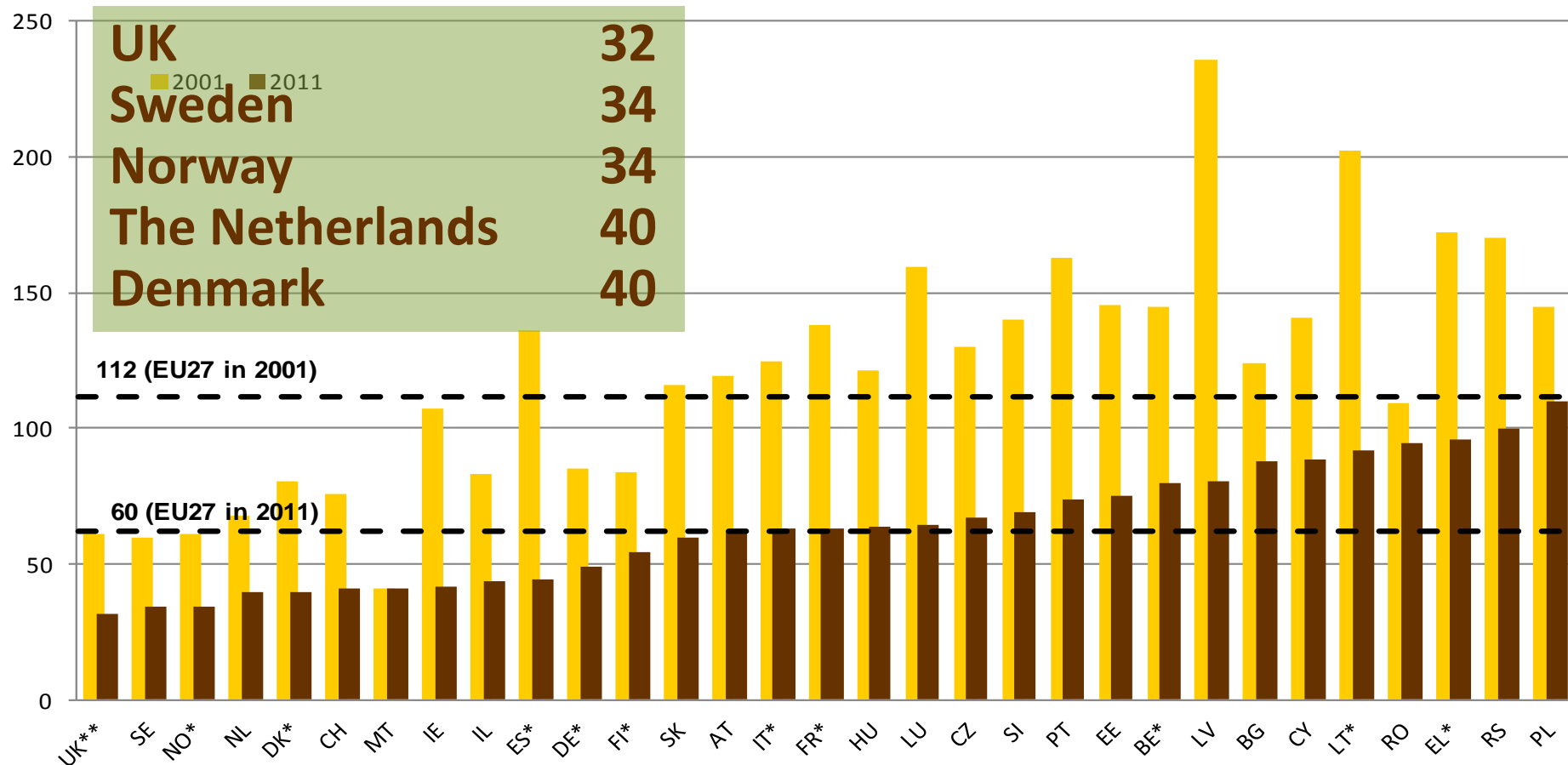
## Percentage change in road deaths 2001 - 2011



## Where are we now?

Number of road deaths per million inhabitants

No country with more than 110 deaths per million inhabitants



## Work Related Road Safety?

- Improving work related road safety would improve road safety as a whole.
- Road Traffic accidents accounted for 39% of fatal accidents at work in 2005.
- More than one in four fatal accidents at work involved person ‘driving a means of transport or motorized and mobile handling equipment’ (ESAW 2005). European Commission (2005) Causes and Circumstances of Accidents at Work in the EU.

## Who is involved?

- The main types of vehicles involved include light vehicles (42% of cases), heavy good vehicles (lorries, buses, coaches, in 28% of cases) and two or three wheeled vehicles (6% of cases).
- Young workers are particularly affected by fatal accidents involving loss of control of two or three wheeled vehicles, as 13% of workers who died as a result of this type of accident were under 25 years old (for comparison, in 2005 workers aged 18-24 accounted for only 8% of all fatal accidents at work).

## Driving for Work includes:

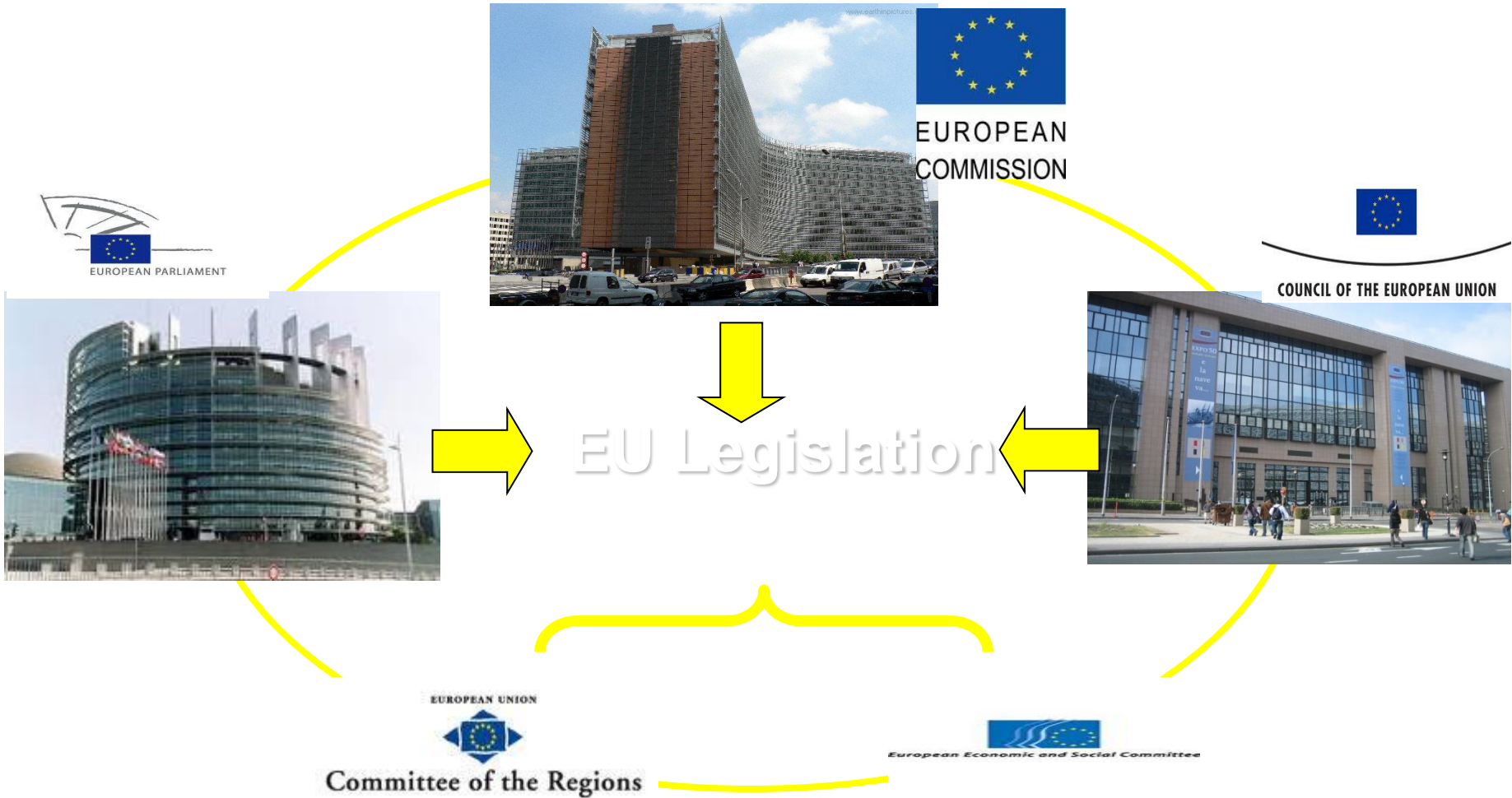
- Professional transport
- Driving whilst at work, for example sales people
- Workers on the roads for example carrying out repairs
- Commuting to work

### Recommendation:

- Data collection should be improved including collecting and monitoring “**purpose of journey**”. What is monitored is more likely to be improved.



## The EU actors: Institutions



## Competences of the EU

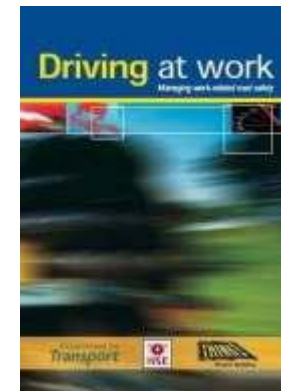
Vehicle safety: **Exclusive competence**

Infrastructure safety and driver behaviour: **shared competence** based on the principle of subsidiarity (Article 5.3 of the Treaty on the European Union).

Under the principle of **subsidiarity**, in areas which do not fall within its exclusive competence, the Union shall act only if and in so far as the objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, either at central level or at regional and local level, but can rather, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, be better achieved at Union level.

## Council Directive 89/391/EEC

- Encourage improvements in the safety & health of workers
- Protection of workers through preventive measures, information, consultation, balanced participation and training
- Evaluate the occupational risks .... and make provision for adequate protection and prevention
- Ensure that all workers receive adequate on-going training
- Applies to all sectors of activity, both public and private
- Assumption that vehicles & roads are part of the workplace



## PRAISE: European project for a Global Issue

**Preventing Road Accidents and Injuries for the Safety of Employees**

Aims:


To advance the knowledge of the need for work-related Road Safety Management.

Examine the work-related road safety standards of EU Member States and carry out advocacy work at the EU level.

**4 committed sponsor  
Since its beginning (2009)**



## PRAISE Deliverables

- Thematic Reports  - Overview & definitions
- Handbook - Modal risks
- Fact Sheets - Employer travel plans & commuting
- Awards - Good practice examples & case studies
- Brunches - EU, national and company level responses
- Country Seminars
- Advocacy

## PRAISE Handbook – Aims

‘to help employers secure high road safety standards for their employees’

‘encourage the exchange of information and promote best practice’

‘improving the safety of European Roads as a whole’

‘identifying and tackling the key risk areas for work-related road transport’





# **PRAISE Handbook - Themes**

## **9 Thematic Reports**

Work Related Road Safety Management  
Programmes

In-vehicle Safety Equipment

From Risk Assessment to Training

Fitness to Drive

Safer Commuting to Work

Minimising In-Vehicle Distraction

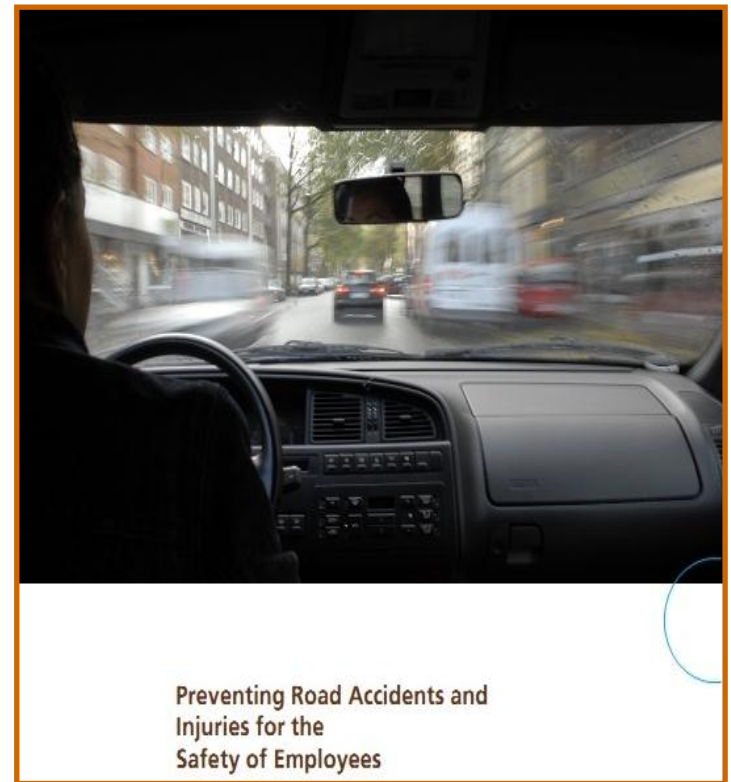
Road Safety at Work Zones

Fatigue: EU Social Rules and HGV Drivers

Driving for Work; Managing Speed

**All reports available in spanish at:**

**<http://www.seguridadvialenlaempresa.com/>**



## Resources & Recommendations



Preventing Road Accidents and Injuries for the Safety of Employees

Safer Commuting to Work



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Road Safety at Work Zones



Preventing Road Accidents and Injuries for the Safety of Employees

Driving for Work: Managing Speed

- Overview & Definitions
- Road Safety Risk
- Possible Solutions
- Good Practice Examples & Case Studies
- EU, National and Employer level recommendations

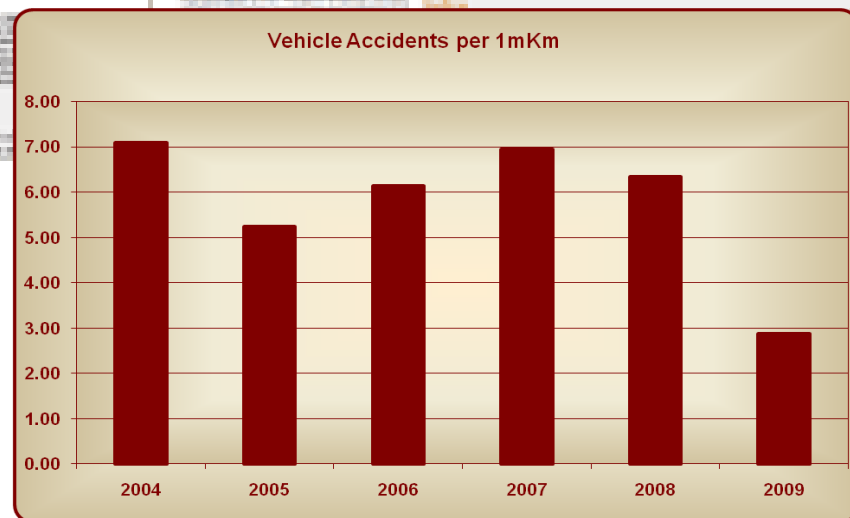
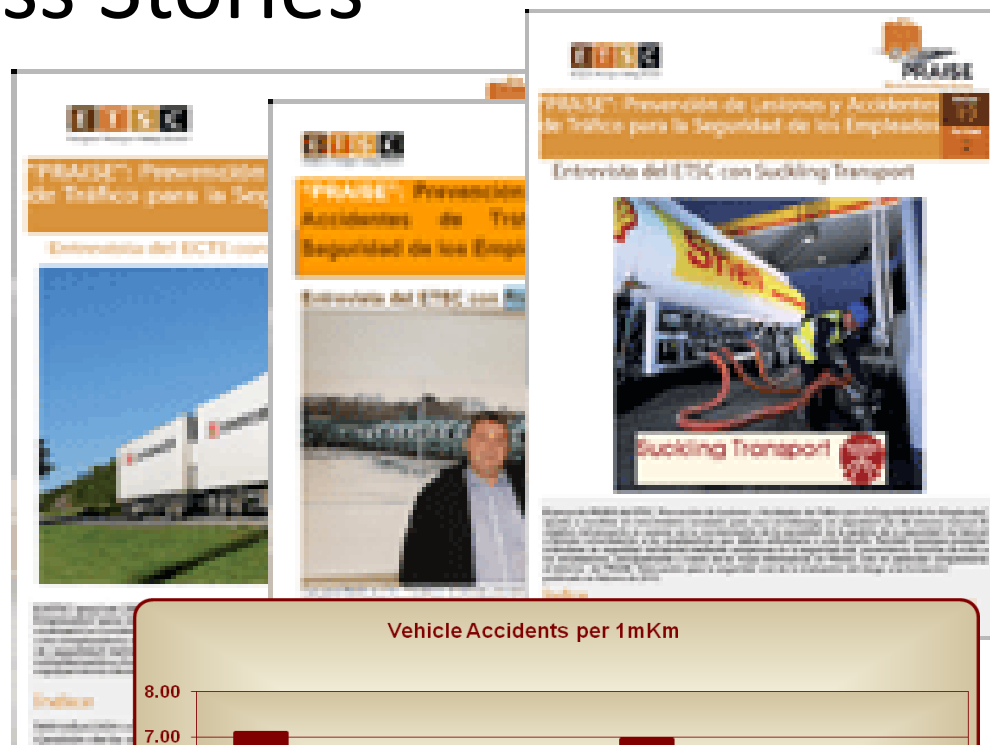


## Fact Sheets: Success Stories

Case Study of a company/  
organisation  
Interviews  
Lessons and illustrations of the  
thematic reports

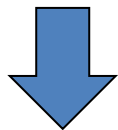
9 Completed:  
-Large/Int companies  
-SMEs

Suckling Transport



## European PRAISE Competition

- Annual Award to employers (SME and larger) for outstanding contribution in the field of work related road safety.
- 70 applicants and 5 Winners



- Recognition of efforts
- Press coverage
- Exchange of best practice with other companies at an event in Brussels
- New business opportunities
- Employee satisfaction



## 3 PRAISE European events, Brussels

- Roundtable Debate
- Press Work
- Launch of the thematic reports and handbook
- Presenting the awards to the PRAISE competition winners.
- Reached 300 participants

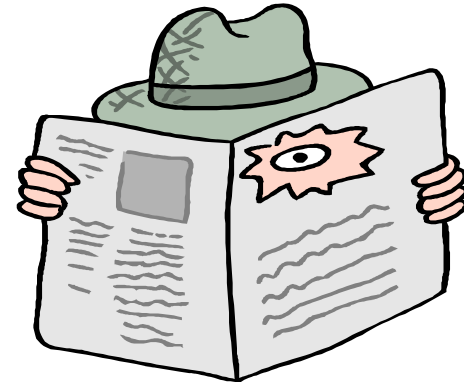


## 10 PRAISE Country Seminars

- Discuss work related road safety with experts in MS
  - Promote co-operation between actors.
  - Large and well attended audiences reaching a total of 500 participants
- Poland (2009)
  - Spain (4 - 2010/2012)
  - Greece (March 2011)
  - Germany (June 2011)
  - UK (November 2011)
  - France (March 2012)
  - Portugal (Oct 2012)

## Press and Communications

- Press Release Launch for every Seminar
- Press Release Launch for Award Winners
- Coverage in different specialist and general press
- Dissemination of PRAISE thematic reports, case studies, invitations to seminars to a new network of 3000 work related road safety contacts in the ETSC database.



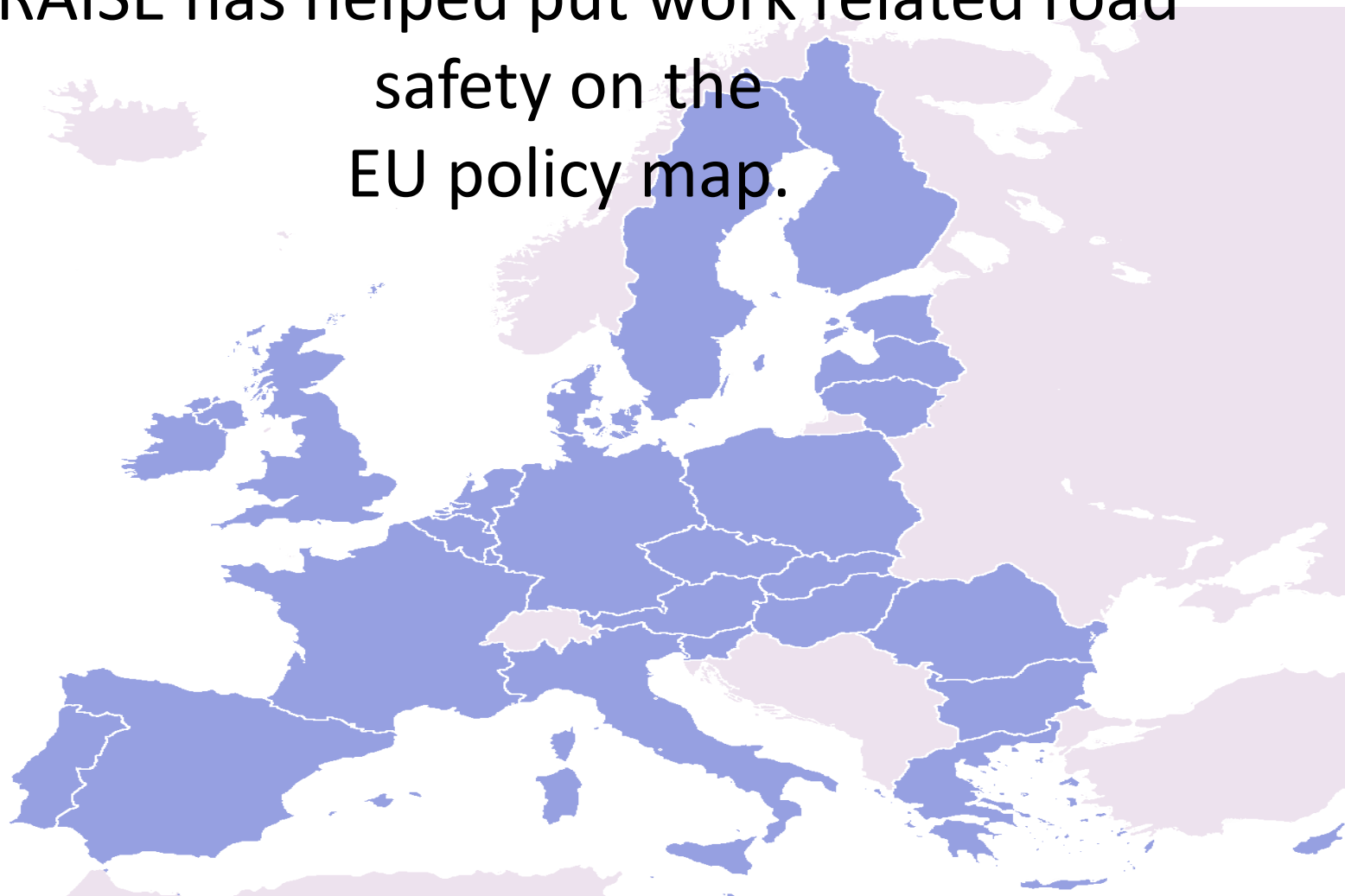
## Things are changing!!!

- Integration of road safety measures into next Community Strategy for Health and Safety Strategy at Work
- Council of Transport Ministers included Work related Road Safety in their Conclusions of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010
- Work related Road Safety included in the EP Report on Road Safety 2011-2020 (the “Koch” Report).
- The EC will start developing non-binding guidelines on Work Related Road Safety. PRAISE documents will likely be used as a reference base.



## Next Steps..

PRAISE has helped put work related road safety on the EU policy map.



## PRAISE II

### •Protecting Our Workers on European Roads

Aims:

- To disseminate the knowledge on work-related Road Safety
- 6 New topics: light vehicles, buses, taxis, SMEs,
  - Management Engagement, procurement
- Promote adoption of the ISO Std 39001
- More case studies and country seminars





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