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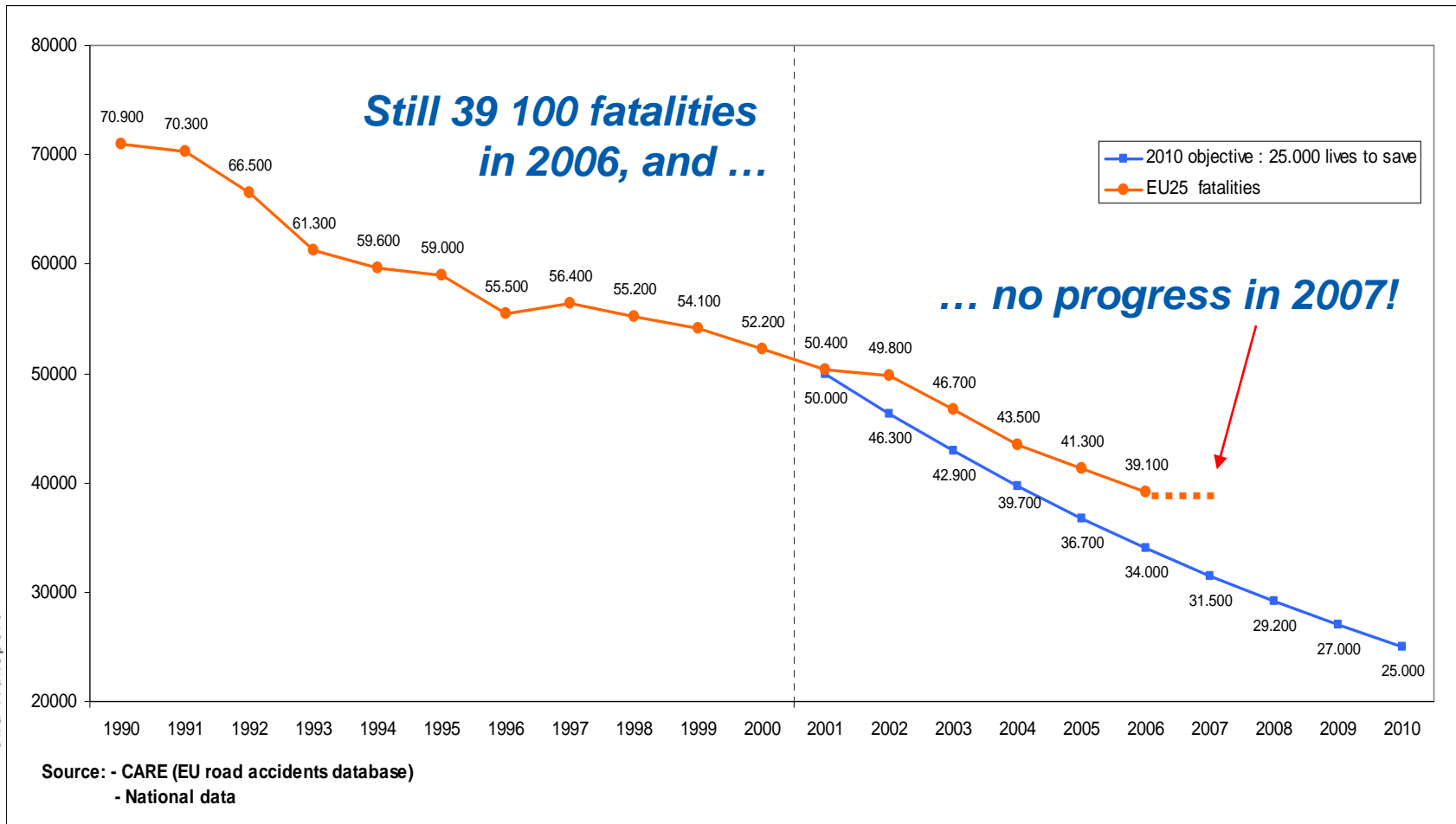
***The European Road Safety policy***



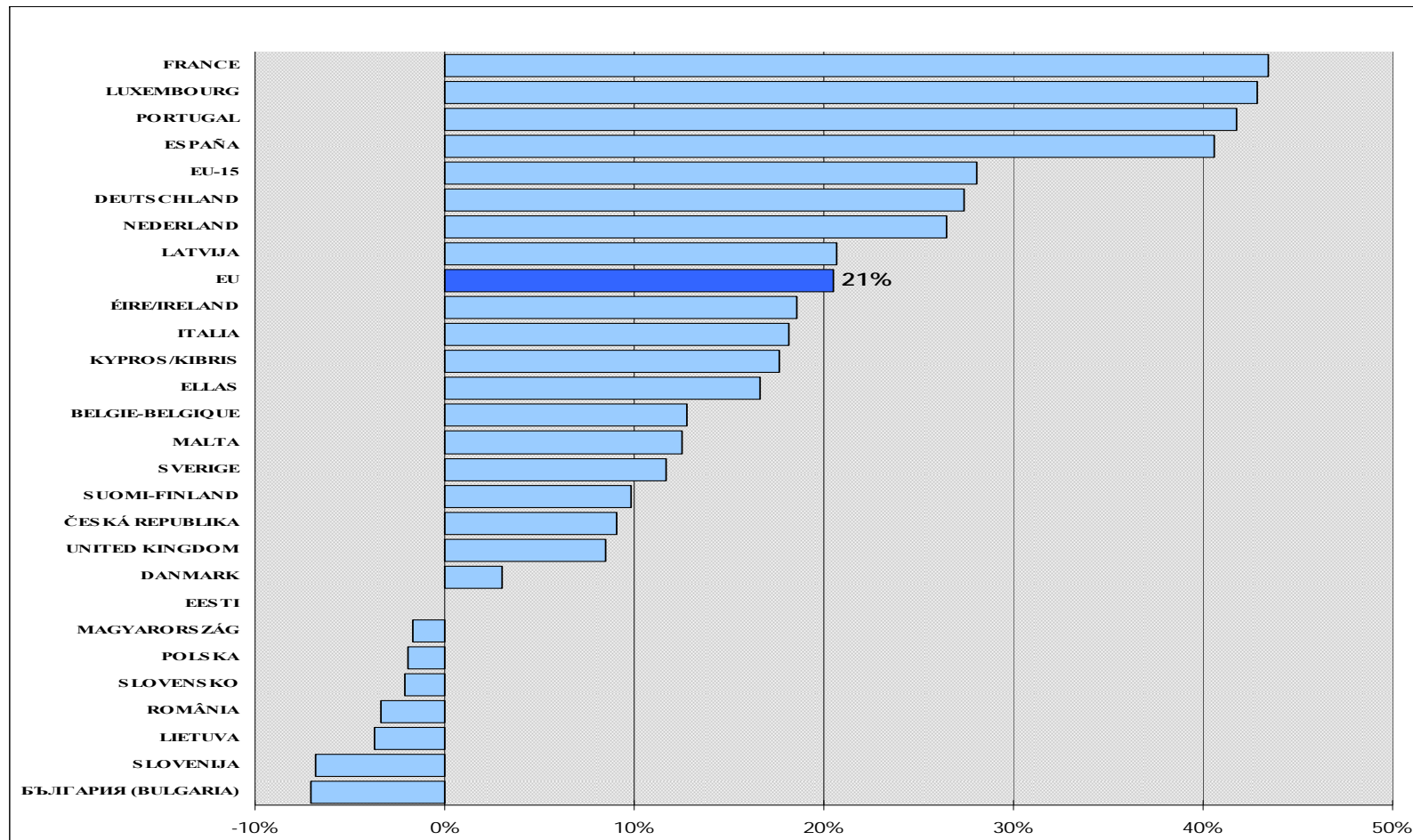
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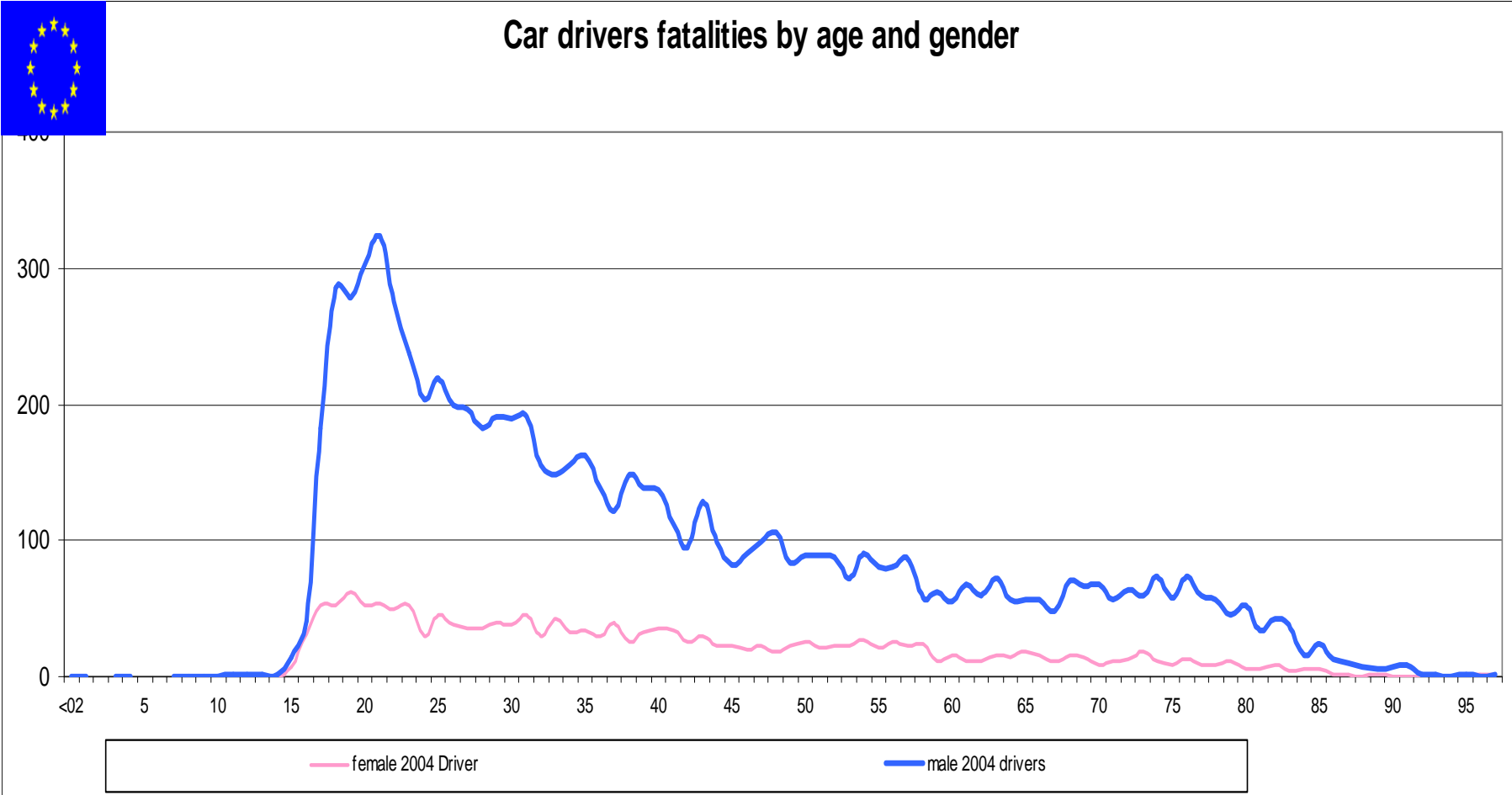
# Fatalities – evolution 1990-2010



## Progress by Country (2007 vs 2001): contrasted results



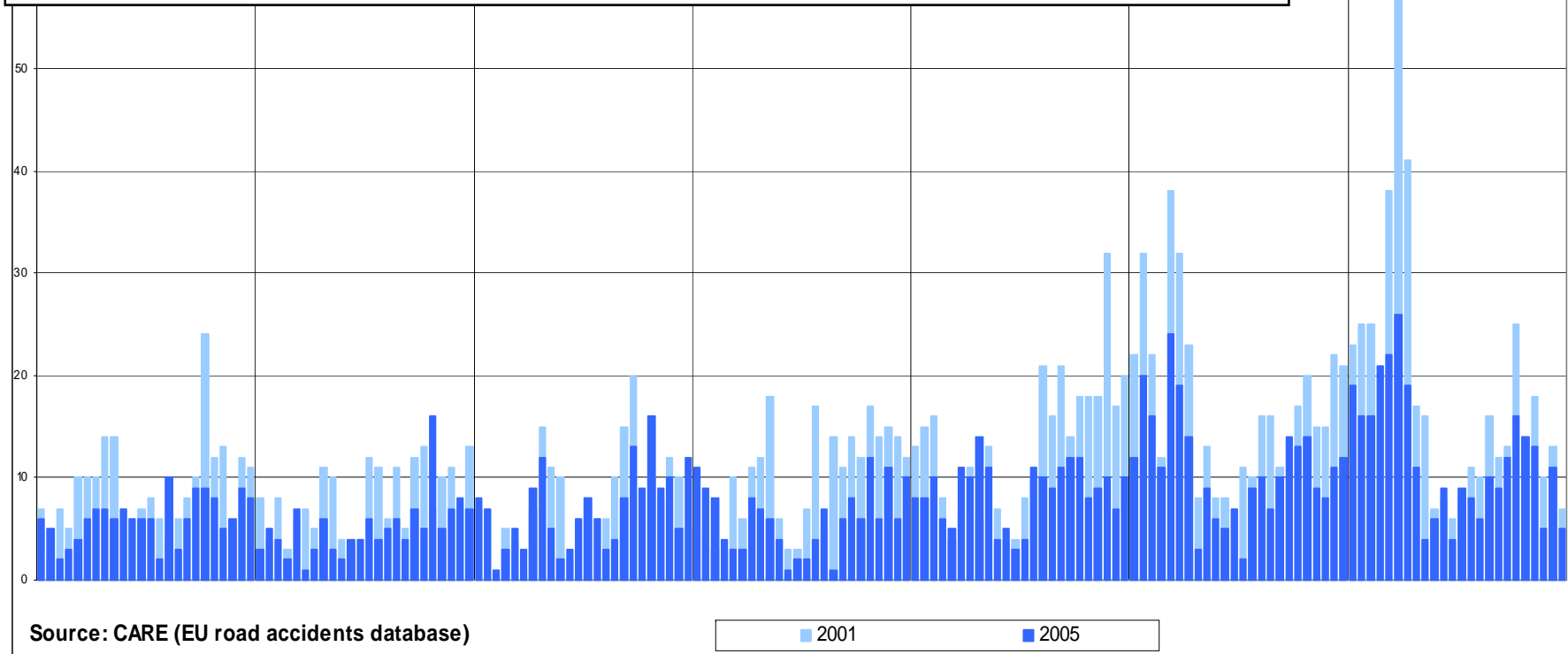
# CAR DRIVERS



## But ... big progress in France

### France – age group 18-25

2001 : 2031 fatalities  
2005 : 1346 fatalities (- 33.7%)



# INFRASTRUCTURE

## Road Infrastructure Safety management

### Objectives

- *Integration of safety in all phases of planning, design, construction and operation of road infrastructure*
- *Common high level of safety of roads in all EU Member States*
- *Funding of more efficient construction and maintenance of roads.*



***Legislative proposal will be soon adopted***

## VEHICLES

- *Front protection of vulnerable users (2<sup>nd</sup> proposal now in preparation)*
- *Blind spot mirrors: for existing trucks (Dir. 2003/97) & new trucks (Dir. 2007/38)*
- *Generalisation of the use of seat belts (incl. in coaches) & of child restraint systems (Dir. 2003/20)*
- *”CARS 21” - dialog with the automotive industry  
(a ‘road map’, no directives)  
Day time Running Lights (DRL)*

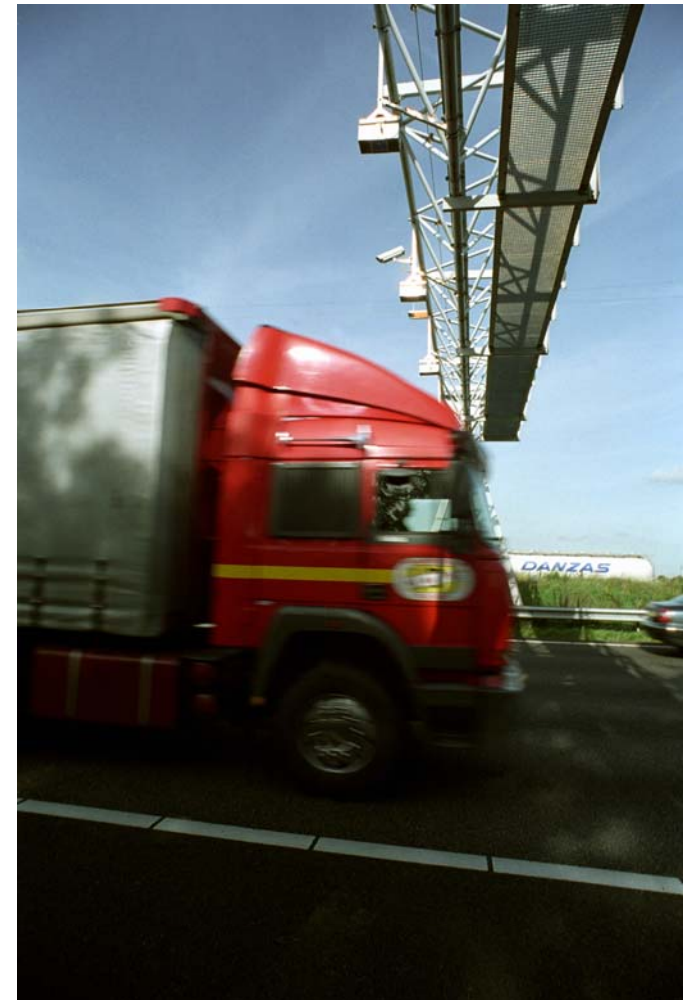




## BEHAVIOUR

### Professional driving: legislation in force

- *Initial and periodic training of truck & coach drivers (initial training of coach drivers: Sept. 2008; of truck drivers: Sept. 2009)*
- *Digital tachograph*
- *Driving time and rest periods*





# BEHAVIOUR

## Driving Licence (3<sup>rd</sup> Directive)

Legislation adopted on 20 December 2006, in force 19 January 2013



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From 110 models...

... to a single model

## Driving Licence: what's new?

- *Anti fraud measures : credit card size, administrative validity 10 years only (up to 15 years possible), one licence only for each driver, optional microchip*
- *Harmonization of the periodicity of medical checks for professional drivers (5 years)*
- *Minimum requirements for the training of examiners*
- *Better harmonization of categories*

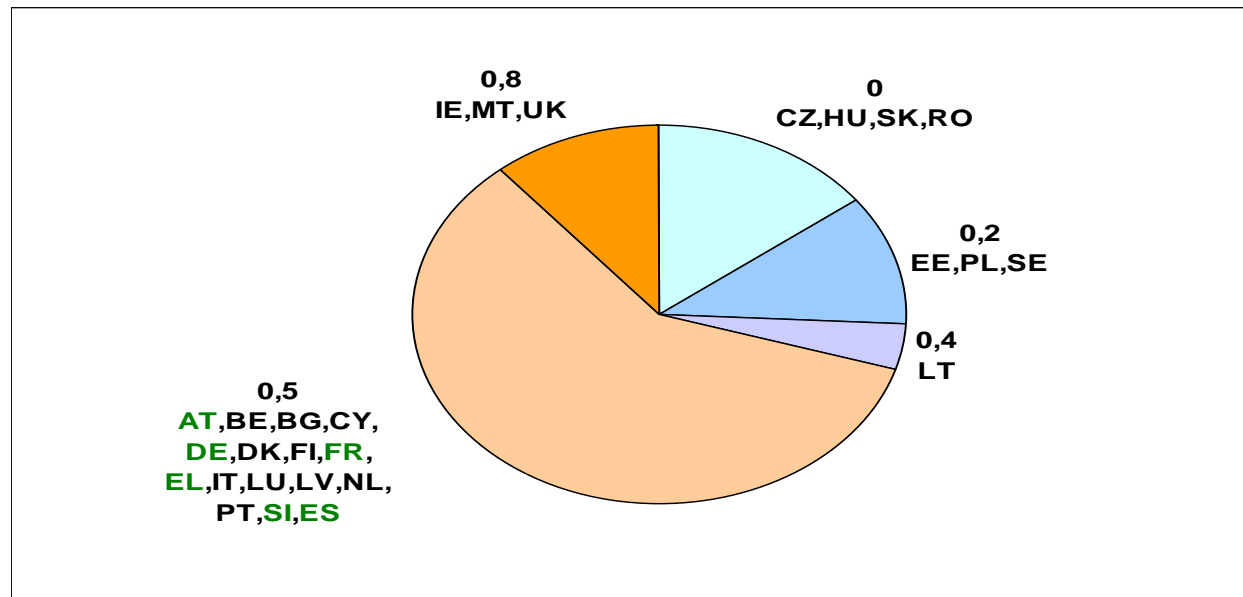
## BEHAVIOUR

### Driving under the influence (alcohol and drugs)

- *Alcohol : nearly 1 accident in 4 still can be attributed to excessive alcohol consumption*
- *Prevalence of drug and medicine consumption in accidents can reach 15%*
- *Reduction of the number of accidents under the influence of alcohol and psychoactive substances is therefore imperative*

## Blood alcohol limit (BAC): no European harmonisation

- *BAC limits, more harmonised within the EU to provide a clearer and more consistent message to drivers*



- » In some MS: also a **lower** BAC limit for some groups of drivers (novice or professional drivers): 0,0 mg/ml (**SI**, **DE** dangerous goods vehicles), 0,1 mg/ml (**AT**), 0,2 mg/ml (**EL**, **FR** for bus drivers) and 0,3 mg/ml (**ES**)

## Influence of alcohol, drugs and medicines (DRUID)

- **Research project “DRUID”**: 4 y., EC contribution = 19 M €, 37 partners in 18 Member states
- **Expected outcome**
  - » **Fixing thresholds defined for driving a power-driven vehicle.**
  - » **Evaluation of the best tracking devices.**
  - » **Define strategies of driving bans and rehabilitation schemes for drivers.**
  - » **Define the doctors' legal responsibility.**

## The European Road Safety Charter

- *The extension of the “shared responsibility” concept to civil society*
- *1000 signatories so far, committed to concrete and measurable actions*
- *Commission creates awareness and makes commitments public*
  - *Logo*
  - *Awards*
  - *Presentations*
  - *Reports and newsletters*

[http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/transport/roadsafety/charter\\_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/transport/roadsafety/charter_en.htm)





## European Road Safety Days

### *1<sup>st</sup> European Road Safety Day: Brussels, 27/4/2007*

- *Coordination with the 1<sup>st</sup> global road safety week (UN)*
- *Focus on Young drivers*

### *2<sup>nd</sup> European Road Safety Day: Paris, 13/10/2008 (Espace Grande Arche)*

- *“Road Safety in our Cities”*

## The European Road Safety day in 2008

- **Exhibition (stands)**
- **Conference**
  - » **Key-note speeches (French Minister of Transport & Vice-President of the European Commission); presentation of a scoreboard**
  - » **3 sessions:**
    - **the users' opinion (PTW riders, cyclists, pedestrians, disabled people, car drivers, ...)**
    - **the improvement in the planning of the cities**
    - **the improvement of the users' behaviour (education, exchange of good practices, role of the police, ...)**

## Conclusions

- **Globally, the EU should strengthen its efforts to reach the “50%” target by 2010**
- **Integrated approach & shared responsibility:**
  - » **Good co-operation of various Gov<sup>t</sup> Dep<sup>ts</sup> (Justice, Transport, Police, Health) is necessary**
  - » **More commitment from the “civil society” (European Road Safety Charter: 1000 signatories)**
- **Development of the European Road Safety Observatory**
- **4th European Road Safety Action Programme (2011-2020) to be prepared in 2009**





***Thank you for your attention!***

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