THE ROAD SAFETY POLICY IN SPAIN

Paris, 26th September 2008
1. GENERAL DATA

Spain:
- 500,000 km².
- 44 million inhabitants.

Total vehicles:
- 30.3 million.
- 5 M. increase from 2002 to 2007.
- Increase of 1M per year (4% a year).

Total drivers:
- 24,7 million.
- 2.5 million increase from 2003 to 2007.
- Increase of 500,000 per year (2.5%).

Movements:
- Increase by 4.5% a year.

Attention to motorcycles:
- 2,300,000
- An 800,000 increase in last 5 years
- A 160,000 increase per year (10.6% a year)
2. THE ROAD SAFETY POLICY

PREVIOUS CONDITIONS

- Political priority
- Road safety awareness
- Victims association

2003. EUROPEAN ACTION PROGRAMME

Concentrating efforts on the basic road safety elements:

- Alcohol and driving.
- Safety belts and helmets.
- Distractions.
- Speed.
- Re-offenders.
### 3. THE POLITICAL PRIORITY

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4. AWARENESS ON THE AMOUNT OF VICTIMS

- Opening the debate across the media.
- Variable information panels.
- 15 M euros every year for awareness campaigns.
5. VICTIM ASSOCIATIONS

- The promotion of victim associations.
- Encouragement and participation of the victim associations.
- Road violence forum (annual).
- World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.
- Monument in memory of innocent victims in traffic accidents: “Against indifference and oblivion”.
- Subsidies to the projects by the associations.
6. ALCOHOL AND DRIVING

Preventive controls on 20% of the total drivers.

- Positive results: reduced from 4.3% to 2.4%

It is a crime from 0.6 onwards.

The promotion of an Alternative Driver.

The promotion of alcohol-free beer.

Fatalities (drivers) with over 0.3 g/l blood alcohol content.

- Year 2003 34.7%
- Year 2006 28.8%
7. SAFETY BELTS AND HELMETS

This means the difference between killing yourself or not.

Special control and surveillance operations.
- 2 per year, with a duration of 15 days.
- All the police forces and an Awareness Campaign.

Promotion of the purchase of vehicles with acoustic and light warning.

Level of use:

The use of the seat belt has increased by 10 points, both on roads and in urban areas, after the introduction of the Driving Licence with Points.
8. DISTRACTIONS

40% of deadly accidents are due to driving out of the road.

An inadequate speed leads to greater distractions.

Examples:

- Mobile phones
- Navigators
- Smoking while driving
- Headphones
- Drowsiness
9. SPEED

The Plan for the installation of fixed radars.

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- Control of average speeds in 2009.

The promotion of speed limiters.

Results: The decrease in average speeds is at around 3 to 4 km/h according to the type of road.
10. RE-OFFENDERS

PENALTY POINT SYSTEM
Start-up on 1st July 2006.

Licences withdrawn: 11,778
Points withdrawn: 4.8 mill.

81% MEN
19% WOMEN

Speed 41%
Seat belt 18%
Alcohol 9%
Mobile phone 8%
### 11. DEVELOPMENT OF THE FATALITIES

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<td>3,841</td>
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<td>3,652</td>
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<td>3,367</td>
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<td>3,082</td>
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Variation 2007/2003:
- Road: -31.21%
- Urban Area: -19.37%
- TOTAL FATALITIES: -29.19%

Spain has set itself an interim target of a reduction by 40% for the period 2003-2008.
11. DEVELOPMENT OF THE FATALITIES

Significant drop of the number of accidents and fatalities.

In 2008, a reduction by 51’3% when compared with summer 2000.

The Regional Road Safety Plans.

The Municipal Road Safety Plans.
WORK THEMES 1

The promotion of the preparation of Municipal Road Safety Plans
- 2007 Publication of the standard urban road safety plan.
- 2008 Preparation of plans in five representative cities.
- 2012 Obligatory for cities with over 50,000 inhabitants.

Taking road safety to companies
- 2008 The inclusion of road safety education in the permanent training plans for workers.
- 2009 The inclusion of road safety in collective negotiation.
- 2010 The promotion of company road safety plans.
WORK THEMES 2

The improvement of safety on motorcycles.

2007
- Preparation of Motorcycles Safety Plan.

2008
- Improvement of access to mopeds.
- Exam for obtaining the moped licence.
- Raising the age for mopeds to 15 years old.
- Inclusion of driving tests.
- Awareness campaigns.

2009
- The promotion of ABS on motorcycles.
- 2,000 km of safe guardrails.
2009  New law on sanctionary procedure

Objective: To avoid impunity and reduce the handling time

- Includes the electronic address, this being forceful for companies and recommended for private individuals.
- Update of the offences and fines.
- Update of the penalty point system.
- Better adaptation to the automatic offence detection systems.
- Vehicle intervention measures.
WORK THEMES 4

The inclusion of emission reduction and energy savings criteria in traffic management

2008

- Tax bonus in terms of the emissions.
- Awareness campaign on efficient driving.
- Inclusion in the syllabuses of the driving test.

2009

- Speed reduction in the areas of large cities.
- The promotion of safe and efficient driving schools.