

COPER II

Issues addressed 2007-2008

COPER II: 2 main files

- Safety: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on road infrastructure safety management, COM(2006) 569;
- Environment: EU Methodology for the internalization of the external costs of transport

Safety – COM (2006) 569

Initial proposal by the European Commission aims at “... ensure that safety is integrated in all phases of planning, design and operation of road infrastructure” through the introduction at EU level of the concepts of:

- Road safety impact assessment
- Road safety audits
- Safety development of the road network in operation
- High risk road sections

Safety – COM (2006) 569

ASECAP actions

- Workshop co-organized with the European Parliament
- Shift from << high risk road sections>> to <<high accidents concentration areas>>
- Shift from <<number of accidents>> as an evaluation index to <<mortality rate>> (i.e. in relation to traffic flow also)

ASECAP is considered a reliable actor in this field
by the EU Institutions

Safety – COM (2006) 569 future actions

- Council of the European Union and European Parliament are negotiating a common text, trying to prevent a full “second reading”
- Theoretically possible an adoption in June, yet some issues are still pending

Internalization of the external costs of transport

- File in between Coper I and Coper II
- ASECAP was invited to attend the European Commission workshops on the methodology, and made our position known, i.e. do not act on the roads only
- The support for the internalization of the external costs (whatever it means) is very strong at political level