



State of Play

# Revision of the Road Infrastructure Safety Management Directive

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## Directive 2008/96/EC OF THE EP AND OF THE COUNCIL of 19 November 2008 on road infrastructure safety management (RISM)

- *It's about*

- Road networks – *increase safety on roads, prevent/avoid accidents, mitigate consequences of accidents*
- Procedures – *audits, assessments, inspections, management*

- *It's NOT about*

- Vehicles
- Maintenance and stability of road constructions (“structural safety”)



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**Scope extension**



**Network-wide road  
safety assessment**



**Enhancing provisions**

- Vulnerable Road Users
- Road markings & signs
- Information & Transparency
- Milestones & Reporting



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### Scope extension

- TEN-T networks
- EU-funded roads
- **+ Motorways**
- **+ Primary roads**
- **Member States may**
  - Exempt primary roads with low risk
  - Include additional roads

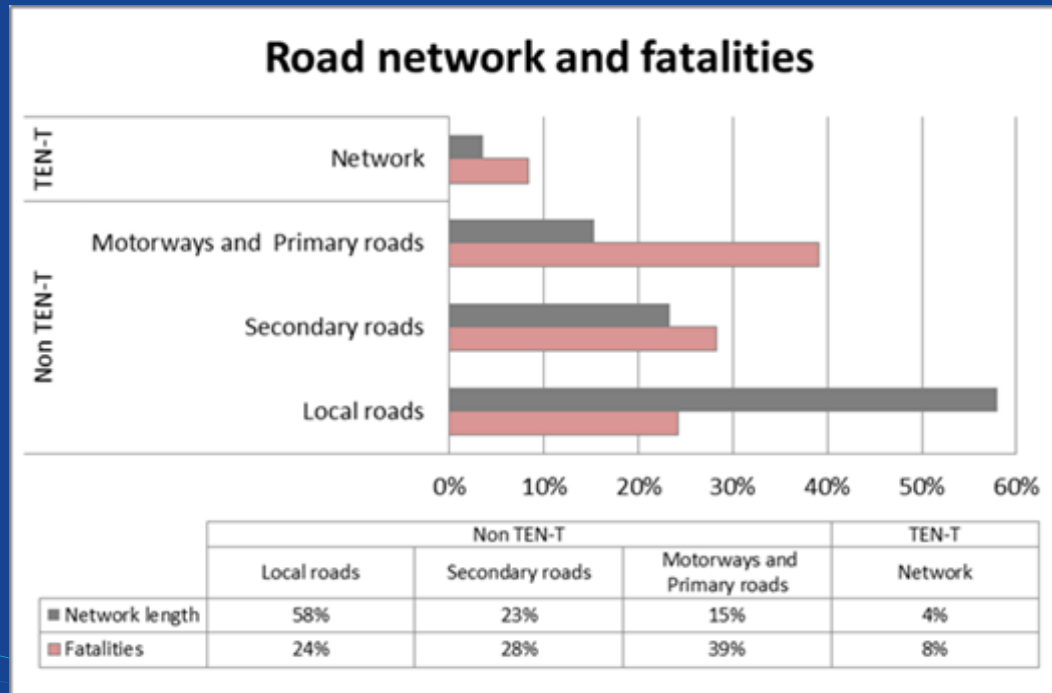
### Network-wide road safety assessment

**Member States to notify  
&  
Commission to publish**

### Enhancing provisions

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# Distribution of fatalities by road type on the EU inter-urban road network\*



\* Based on a sample of 8 MSs



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- **Evaluate accident & impact severity risks**
  - **Proactive** – visual examination of « in-built safety » of roads (» safety rating)
  - **Ex-post** – black spots
- **MS shall**
  - Classify results in  $\geq 3$  categories
  - Ensure follow-up (targeted inspection or remedial action)

1<sup>st</sup> assessment by 2024  
&  
then, every 5 years

Annex III: Indicative elements of network-wide road safety assessments

# Examples of results of a proactive evaluation





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- **Vulnerable Road users**

- **Systematic inclusion** – MS to take account of particular needs in all procedures

- **Road markings & signs**

- **Readability & detectability** – MS to pay specific attention
- **Common specifications**
  - Expert group to assess opportunity (by 2021)
  - Commission to establish Implementing Act
  - MS to complement any existing & new procedure

Human Drivers  
&  
Automated driver  
assistance systems





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### Information & Transparency

#### MS

- On-line system for voluntary reporting by road users of safety-relevant information
- Follow-up remedial action: (a) risk-based prioritised action plan, (b) reasoned decisions

#### Commission

- On-line publication of
  - EU road network map in scope of the Directive
  - Safety level categories of roads
- Guidance on
  - Methodology on road safety assessments & safety ratings
  - Design of « forgiving roadsides » & « self-explaining/enforcing roads »
  - Road design quality requirements for vulnerable road users
  - Reporting of accidents & their severity (Implementing Act)
- Exchange of information & best practices: include training curricula





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Oct

Publication & Entry into force of revised Directive 2008/96/EC

Jun

Experts assessment report  
**Common specifications on Road markings & signs**

Oct

Directive transposed

31 Dec (latest)

MS to carry out **1st road network assessment + categories**  
**+ at least every 5 years**

MS Report to COM  
**Safety classification of network assessed + Update nat. Guidelines**  
**+ every 5 years**

31 Oct

COM Report to EP & Council  
**Analysis of MS reports & implementation**  
**+ every 5 years**

31 Oct



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# Way forward



21 Feb



Concluding Trilogue

« pre-translation » linguistic review

Translation

EP-Plenary adoption

Council adoption

CORRIGENDUM by  
Lawyers Linguists review + expert meeting

EP-TRAN adoption

EP-Plenary endorsement

Council adoption

Signature & publication

Entry into force



## Infrastructure safety: Main elements

- Estimated to save **3200 lives** and prevent **20,700 serious injuries** (2020-2030)

## Revision of the Vehicle General Safety Regulation

- Estimated to save **7300 lives** and prevent **38,900 serious injuries** (2020-2030)



## Financing & Funding

- Focus on rehabilitation of existing roads
- CEF call 2018: 200 million € for road safety and digitalisation
- Preparing launch of « Safer Transport Platform» in cooperation with EIB
- Structural funds – Common Provision Regulation

**Enabling conditions:** “Multimodal mapping of existing and planned infrastructures until 2030 is in place which: (...) (8) Includes assessment of road safety risks in line with existing national road safety strategies, together with a mapping of the affected roads and sections and providing with a prioritisation of the corresponding investments”



# Thank you!



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