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### **Road Safety Campaigns in Greece**

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## Road safety records in Europe back in year 2001

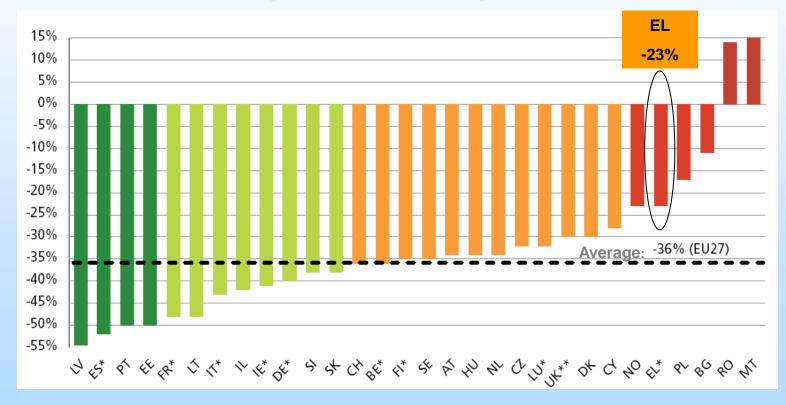
- 54.000 fatalities\*
- Very important social and financial consequences

\*Note: For EU-27 (year 2001)

Target: Reduce fatalities by 50% until year 2010



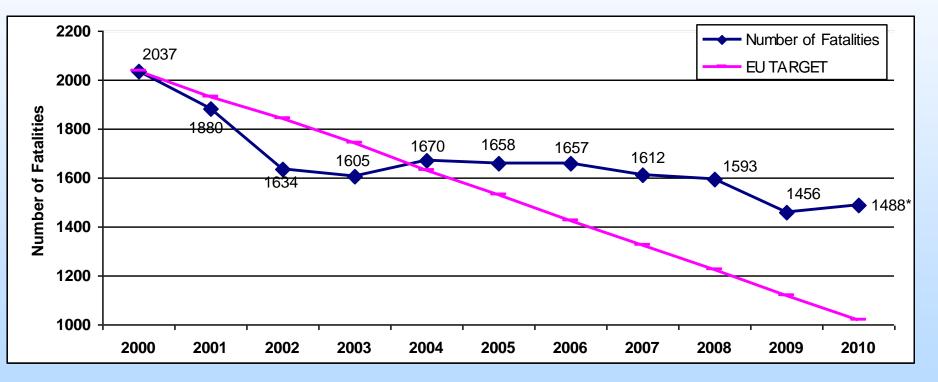
## Fatalities Reduction in EU (2001-2009)



Source: European Transport Safety Council



## Road Fatalities in Greece (2000-2010)



#### •Estimation for year 2010

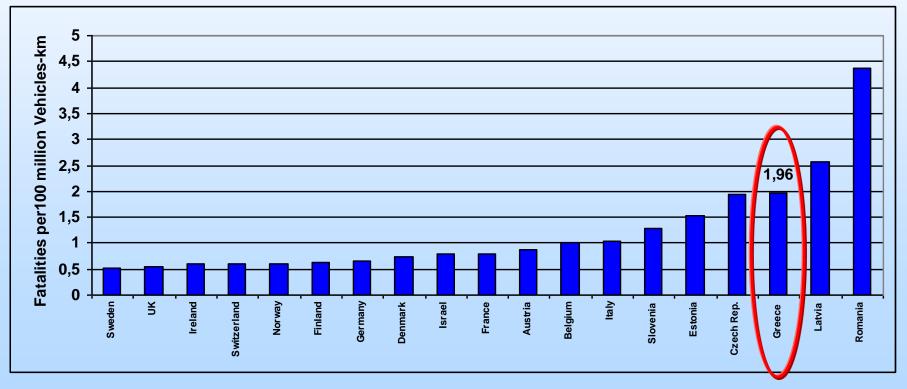
•Source: G. Kanellaidis, G. Giannis, S.Vardaki, A. Laiou "A Road Safety Strategy for Greece "(Conference on Improving Road Safety in the BSEC Region, Ioannina, 2010 – El. Stat. data)



#### **Exposure risk in EU Countries**

#### Average Fatality rate (per 100 million Vehicle -km)

#### For the period 2007-2009



Note: Graph presents only 19 countries, no data available for the others

Source: European Transport Safety Council

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# Strategic Plan for the improvement of road safety in Greece, 2011-2020

Developed by the Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering of NTUA for the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks.

- Adoption of the new EU target for reducing the number of road deaths by 50% by 2020 comparing to those in 2010.
- Intermediate and other specific targets will also be set.
- Scientific Responsible: Professor G. Kanellaidis



### Causes of Low Road Safety Level in Greece

A combination of three parameters:

- High percentage of unsafe road network
- Driving Behavior (e.g. speeding and aggressive driving)
- Lack of establishment of an effective legal framework

### Are motorways safe?

### **Safety Indicators in Attica Tollway**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of Fatalities	10	14	15	5	11
Fatalities per 100 million VKM	0,7	0,9	0,9	0,3	0,7
Number of Motorcycle Fatalities	3	9	11	3	7
% of Motorcycle Fatalities	30%	64%	73%	60%	64%
% of Motorcycle Traffic	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	2.9%	3.2%

#### The future of Motorways in Greece:

2500 km of New or Upgraded sections in the pipeline





### Review of the Road Safety Measures in Greece

- The effectiveness was limited
- Disaggregated Responsibilities
- Little political engagement (e.g. enforcement)
- Absence of assessment of the road safety plans
- Lack of coordination
- No one is accountable

### New Legal Framework for Road Safety in Greece

- Establishment of National Road Safety Council (NRSC) A body that incorporates all the organizations involved in Road Safety, with the active participation of HITE.
- Establishment of General Directorate in the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks
  All the road safety related services are appointed to this Directorate.
- Reinstatement of the Inter- Ministerial Committee for Road Safety and respective Secretariat.

### The role of Hellenic Institute of Transport Engineers (HITE)

- HITE is a scientific association and its members are among others actively involved in Road Safety.
- HITE's scope is to participate actively to the dialogue for road safety and to offer relevant public consultations with its scientific and technological knowledge.



- Participation to the NRSC and submission of proposals.
- Establishment of Road Safety Scientific Committee within HITE.
- Organization of Road Safety Conferences.
- Co-organization with other entities of various Road Safety activities and campaigns.



### Actions of HITE (2/2)

- Co-organization with the city of Athens RSI of «Informative Campaigns for Road Safety».
- Co-organization with RSI "Panos Mylonas" of the «Partnership for the Safety and Culture on the Road».
- Cooperation with various entities including NTUA, CERTH, Traffic Police etc
- Partnerships for awareness campaigns with other institutes and corporate entities.

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### Safety campaigns on motorways in Greece



#### Campaigns by Attica Tollway on annual basis



## Safety campaigns on motorways in Greece





Attica Tollway in cooperation with RSI "Panos Mylonas" organized "Nights without Alcohol"



## Safety campaigns on motorways in Greece





Attica Tollway organized campaigns tailored for Teenagers

## Safety campaigns on motorways in Greece





#### Educative campaigns for Children by Attica Tollway

### Safety campaigns on motorways in Greece



#### Educational Book





Educational DVD distributed by Attica Tollway in cooperation with HITE and Road Safety Committee

Guidelines for motorcyclists by Attica Tollway in cooperation with California Superbike School

## Safety campaigns on motorways in Greece



Leaflets for Professional Drivers

## Safety campaigns on motorways in Greece







#### Massive Distribution of Road Safety Gadgets

## Safety campaigns on motorways in Greece

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#### Educative Leaflets by Moreas Motorway



- Road Safety campaigns carried out in Greece have limited efficiency due to limited action on the strategic target plan and the non existence of a coordinating "umbrella" agency.
- The strategic plan developed by NTUA shall be the main target.
- Coordination of continuous implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the road safety actions according to the Strategic Plan are vital to reinforce the plan's effectiveness.
- Accountability of all involved parties in order to obtain engagement.



## Thank you!

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