

EU cooperation on ARSO

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Policy context

- Joint communication (2020): Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa
 - Commitment of the EU to contribute to the smart and safe transport anchored under the partnership for digital transformation.
 - Cooperation on the strategic corridors ... and improve sustainable, efficient, and safe connectivity between both continents,
- Africa-Europe Alliance: Task Force on Transport and Connectivity, 2020
 - o 13 Recommendations of the **Road Safety** cluster covering all pillars and safe system approach
 - #1 Create an African Road Safety Observatory (need for better, more comparable national data)
- Work in partnership with other bodies
 - o EU Delegations in Africa, AU, UNECA, UNRSF, World Bank, FIA, ADB, WHO, ITF



EU support for road safety

Examples of EU funding to date

- SSATP African Transport Policy Programme (international partnership) 3rd Dev. Plan 2015-2021
- Initiatives through EU Delegations in Africa, covering various pillars
 - Lead road safety agencies (Kenya, Nigeria)
 - Strengthening of the Accident Data Bank (Niger)
 - Road user behaviour (Senegal)
 - Training of professional drivers (Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya)
 - Road safety audits (Côte d'Ivoire and the Gambia)
 - Post-crash assistance training (Cameroon)

For new Programming period 2021-2027 ...

- Global Gateway with large-scale support for safe infrastructure in strategic corridors
- NDICI funding for specific road safety initiatives and embedding road safety in other initiatives (Health, Education, Digital, Smart and Green Cities)
- SSATP 4th Development Plan 2022-2026 with thematic area on road safety



EU support to ARSO and data-related initiatives



- One of pillars "Road Safety Knowledge and Data"; Laid ground for ARSO
- Support study for future ARSO, 2021
 - Study on institutional arrangements and sustainable funding of the ARSO
- SSATP 3rd Development Plan 2015-2021
 - Road safety one of the pillars. Improved capacity for African countries with focus on data collection and management; including support for the establishment of ARSO
- UN Road Safety Fund (EU is a contributor) 2019-2020
 - Example of strengthening data collection in Cote D'Ivoire and Senegal



<u>Future</u> EU support to ARSO and datarelated initiatives



- Horizon Europe (EU R&I programme) call 2021
 - Radical improvement of road safety in Africa through safe system approach (EUR 8 million; work to begin Q3 2022; some data-related aspects)
- NDICI (EU Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument)
 - Work Programme 2022 foresees support for the EU-AU TF recommendations including funding for ARSO (technical assistance, pilot work in countries)
- SSATP 4th Development Plan 2022-2026
 - includes support for operationalisation of ARSO
- Working with EU delegations in Africa and additional contribution to UNRSF
 - Road safety initiatives on data-related projects to improve collection/quality



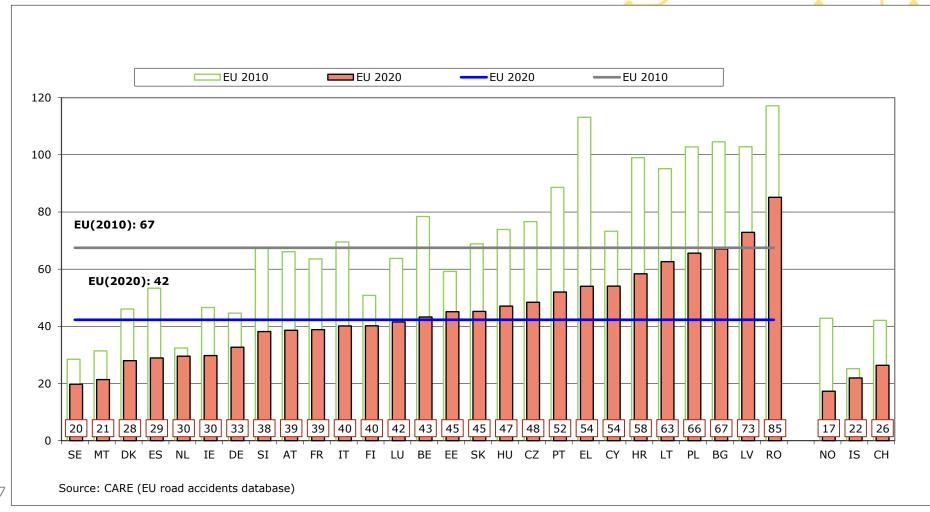
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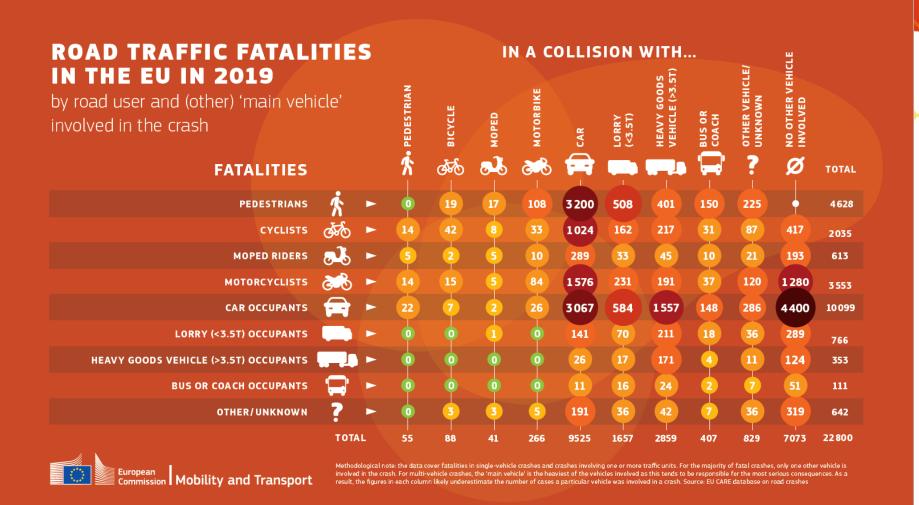
- ERSO draws heavily on CARE, a database with disaggregated data on all road crashes (resulting in death/injury) in 27 EU countries since early 90s.
- ERSO provides an evidence base composed of statistical reports, country profiles, thematic analysis and KPIs which allows us to
 - i) measure progress by countries towards reducing deaths and serious injuries on EU roads
 - ii) better identify and quantify road safety problems
 - iii) develop and evaluate the effectiveness of road safety measures at EU and national level
 - iv) to facilitate the exchange of experience between countries
- ERSO is managed by the European Commission but analytical work largely outsourced through a public tender

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EU 2020 Road Safety Statistics

Trend in road fatality numbers per million inhabitants by country, 2010-2020







EU KPIs – first results Q4 2022

	Indicator	Definition
1	Speed	Percentage of vehicles travelling within the speed limit
2	Safety belt	Percentage of vehicle occupants using the safety belt or child restraint system correctly
3	Protective equipment	Percentage of riders of powered two wheelers and bicycles wearing a protective helmet
4	Alcohol	Percentage of drivers driving within the legal limit for blood alcohol content (BAC)
5	Distraction	Percentage of drivers NOT using a handheld mobile device
6	Vehicle safety	Percentage of new passenger cars with a EuroNCAP safety rating equal or above a predefined threshold
7	Infrastructure	Percentage of distance driven over roads with a safety rating above an agreed threshold
8	Post-crash care	Time elapsed in minutes and seconds between the emergency call following a collision resulting in personal injury and the arrival at the scene of the collision of the emergency services

