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Welcome



Demerit point system in Latvia

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Road Traffic Safety Directorate - short history and background information

- Established in the year 1992 under the Ministry of Transport, called Road Traffic Safety Department, at present Directorate (CSDD)
- Since September 1, 2004, CSDD is state owned stock company
- Total revenue 28.3 million EUR in 2007
- Total number of employees - 650

Basic duties of CSDD

- Maintaining the State Register of Vehicles and Drivers
- Registration of vehicles and pleasure watercrafts
- Examination of drivers of vehicles and pleasure watercrafts and issuing of driver's licenses
- Periodical technical inspections and roadside inspections
- Type approval of vehicles and spare parts
- Road safety audits
- Promotion of safety on the roads
- Drafting legislation related to the road traffic

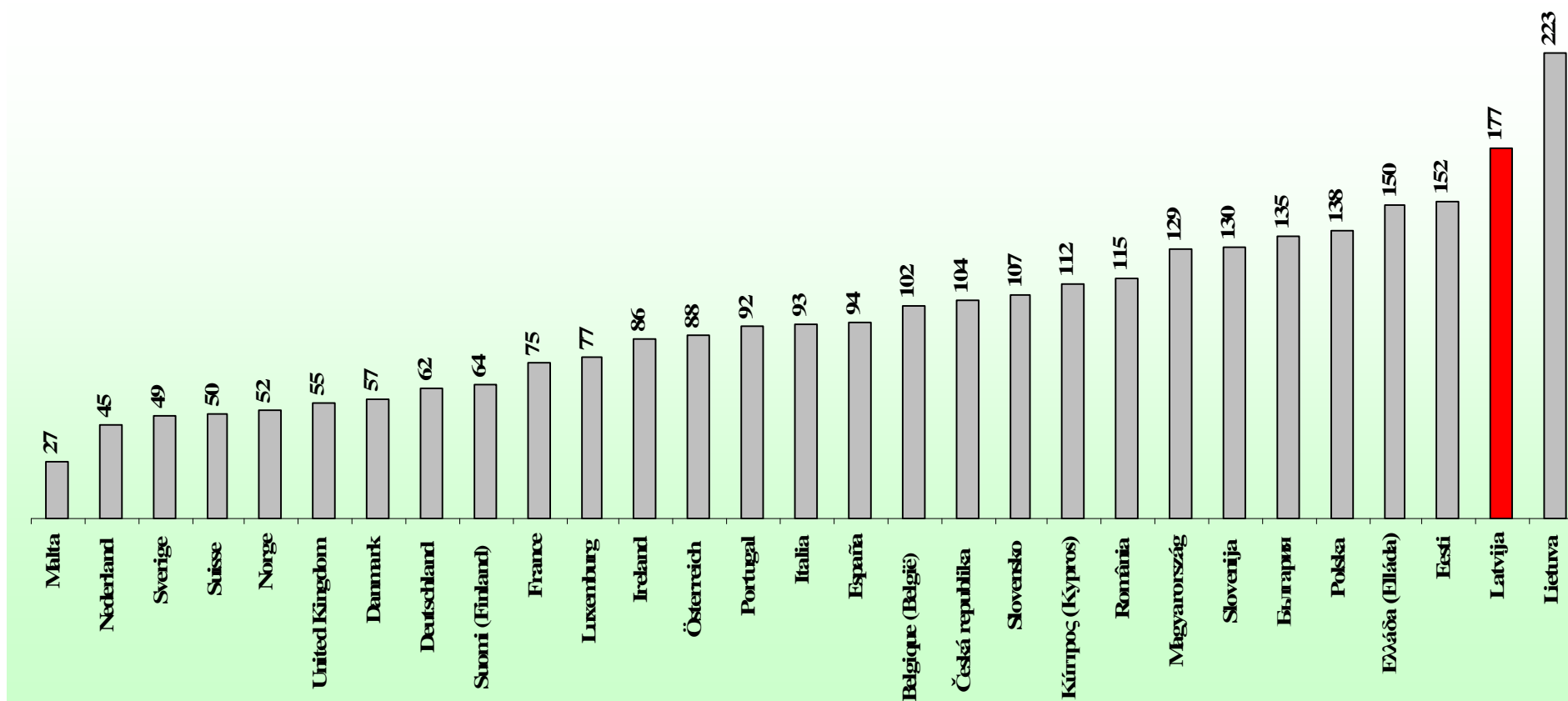


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Killed per million inhabitants, in 2006



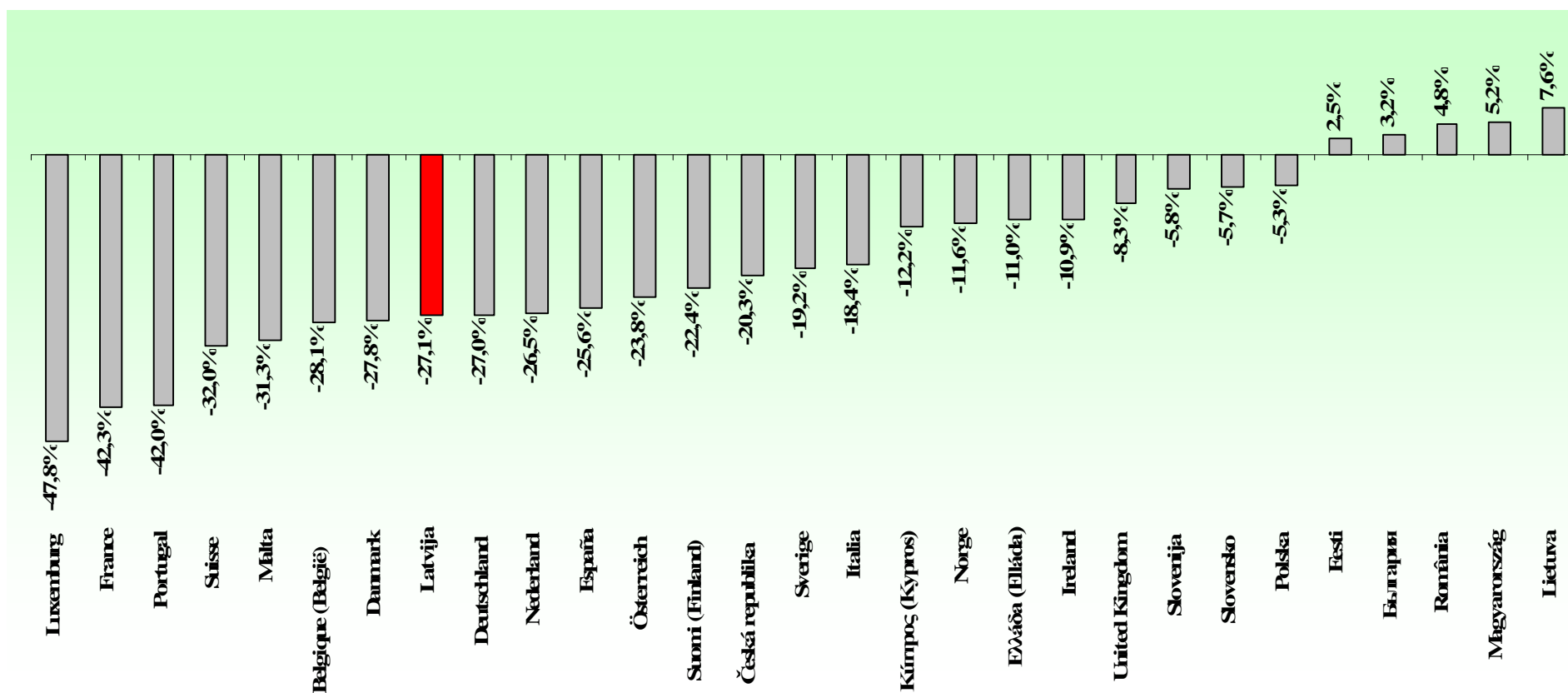


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Percentage changes of killed from 2001 till 2006 in EU



Main measures to improve driver's behavior

- **completely revised system of administrative penalties**
- **introduction of demerit point system**
- **measures against drunk driving**

Main characteristics of penalty system

- detailed description of offences
- fixed penalties for unimportant offences
- possibility to use automated enforcement methods
- penalty for aggressive driving
- significant increase of fines

Demerit point system

- **1 – 8 demerit points for single offence according to the offence severity**
- **Demerit points valid for 2 years (5 years for drunk driving)**
- **Maximum number of demerit points:**
 - **10 demerit points for novice drivers**
 - **16 demerit points for experienced drivers**

Examples of demerit points registered for offences

Offence	Penalty (EUR)	Penalty points
Parking offences	15	0
Positioning offence (driving in wrong line)	30	1
Speeding 20 – 30 km/h above allowed limit	30	1
Speeding 40 – 50 km/h above allowed limit	60	3
Driving under red light	30 - 150	4
Aggressive driving	100- 300	6
Driving under influence of alcohol 0,5 -1,0 mg/ml	220- 440 Disqualification 3-6 months	8



Measures of driver's behaviour improvement

- 4 demerit points - written notification suggesting to drive more carefully
- 8 demerit points - letter recommending to participate in driver improvement courses (possibility to reduce 2 points)
- 10 demerit points – 1 year disqualification in the case of novice driver
- 12 demerit points – mandatory theoretical test (2 points reduced if the test is passed, 2 points added if test is not passed or driver ignores the test)
- 16 demerit points – 1 year disqualification in the case of experienced driver
- 5 years disqualification if in the 10 years period driver twice reaches maximum number of demerit points



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Thank you for attention!

