

Fit to Drive

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Welcome



Overview of FTD goals and achievements

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Motto of the 4th *Fit to Drive* Congress

Reality and Vision - Common problems - European
Solutions:

Congress on the topic of fitness to drive and related road
safety matters in Europe

A successful series

- Since the first conference in Berlin 2006 a follow-up was organised every year, Vienna 2007 and Prague 2008
- Tallinn 4th in series: *Fit-to-Drive* congresses have become a continuous meeting occasion for experts and interested persons in a process that has goal to serve traffic safety

Organisers

- Congress 2009 organised by the
 - German Association of Technical Inspection Agencies (Verband der TÜV e. V.) in collaboration with the
 - Tallinn College of Engineering (Tallinna Tehnikakõrgkool) and several scientific and professional organisations

European target

- *Fit to Drive* wants to contribute to reaching European target of reducing road traffic fatalities within the EU to 25000 by 2010 (50% since 1990)
 - = Goal of Conference of Traffic Ministers May 2004, Dublin
- Specified in European Road Safety Charta

Safety in harmony with mobility

- Forum for discussing development of individual fitness-to-drive requirements
- Best possible support
 - to all societal groups
 - for individual mobility in harmony with safety demands of society

International co-operation

- International co-operation should contribute to developing a European approach to meeting these needs
- Participants from EU institutions and a range of European countries and of overseas address a broad range of topics

Speakers

- Well-known experts from Europe and overseas report experiences from their countries and tell us about their research
- But one of our goals is also to invite less known colleagues who do valuable work known to some of us that should be brought to the scene

Support

- For these goals there is support from Brussels - representatives are steady visitors of our congresses and highly welcome
- Many decision makers from European countries have taken part and take part
 - occasion to exchange ideas & know-how and hopefully also to start co-operation for borderless safety in Europe

Envisaged topics

- Primary prevention in pre-school and at school
- Driver education and training
- General prevention through legislation and enforcement
- Demerit point systems
- Secondary prevention with a special focus on the persistent drink-driver
- Risk assessment in medical and psychological matters
- Driver counselling, assessment
- Rehabilitation and therapy in different countries of the EU
- Interlock systems and rehabilitation
- Comparative studies of traffic safety in Europe

Topics of presentations so far

- Licensing (driver training & examination) 13
- Rehabilitation measures (mostly alcohol) 12
- Traffic policies (e.g. national traffic safety strategies) 10
- Demerit point systems/Penalty point systems 10
- Driver diagnostics (psychological and medical) 8
- “Weaker” groups (seniors, impaired) 8 (new)
- Preventive measures (campaigns, traffic education) 6
- Evaluation/quality assurance measures 5
- Police enforcement 2
- Driver fatigue 2 (new)

Products

- Recommendations summarised in proceedings of 3rd *Fit-to-Drive* congress in Prague → will be valid and relevant beyond the scope of the congresses that we organise & further developed at each Fit-to-drive congress to come
- Presentations available as powerpoint on the website and in print → referred to frequently by colleagues working with traffic safety - a success both for the authors and organisers

Did we reach goals?

- There is always room for improvement → stick to the goals, tolerate some frustration, but we should not give up and instead learn from any good practice that grows and develops
- To try to efficiently contribute to envisaged reduction until 2010 is necessary
- To enhance scientific communication and co-operation among countries is essential

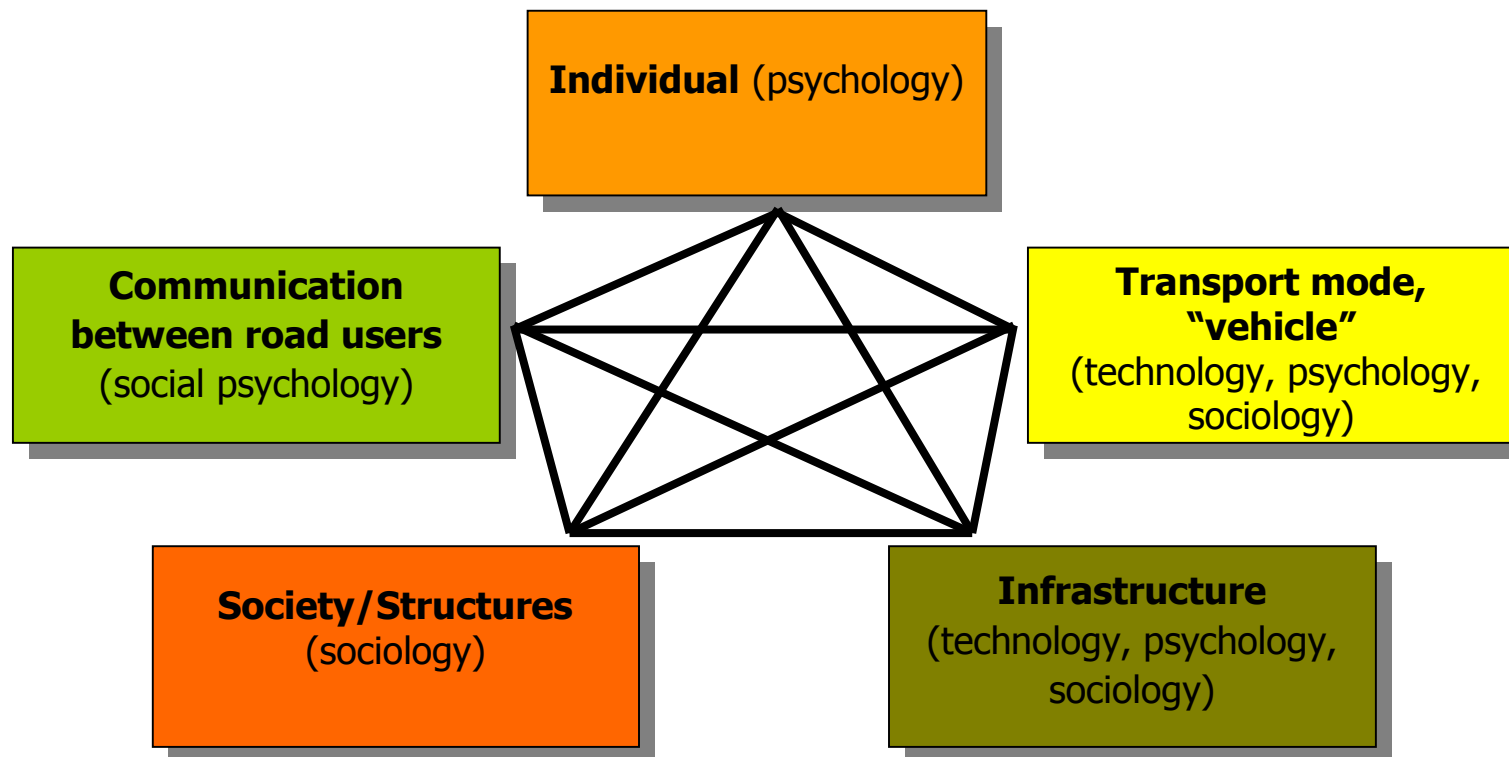
Involvement of countries

- Till now countries represented: A, B, CH, CR, DK, D, E, EST, F, FIN, GR, H, I, N, NL, PL, S, UK, USA
- European Countries not involved so far: BG, CY, IRL, LIT, LUX, MT, P, RO, SL, SK; LUX & P especially interesting: 30% viz. 23% fatality reduction 01 - 04
- Some countries could be represented more in our co-operation: for instance DK, F (fatality reduction like LUX), E, GR, PL
- If you have friends or colleagues in those countries, please inform them about our efforts here



The complexity of the traffic system

Traffic System - Diamond (Risser 2000)



Feedback forms

- Last not least & following the goal to steadily improve what we are doing:

Please give us feedback concerning the congress and its quality by filling in the questionnaire that each of you have received!

- DANKE IHNEN
- DANK U WEL
- DEKUJI
- DZIEKUJE
- EYCHARISTO
- KÖSZÖNÖM
- MANGE TAK
- MANGE TAKK
- MERCI BEAUCOUP
- תודה



- MUCHAS GRACIAS
- MUITO OBRIGADO
- PADEKA
- PALJON KIITOKSIA
- PATEICIBA
- TACK SÅ MYCKET
- TÄNU
- THANK YOU VERY MUCH
- VI RINGRAZIO
- Спасибо