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Business as usual or moving to the next level?

1. The E. Commission following the guidelines of the revised Transport White Paper, has examined thoroughly the general road safety context and consulted the various interested sectors and stakeholders.
2. In the consultation procedure it was once more recognised that "Road Safety is a complex triangle where the 3 angles – driver, vehicle and infrastructure – interact permanently. It was found that most of the accidents occur in the urban areas and in the secondary roads, while it was commonly recognised that the Motorways (i.e. mostly the TENs network) are 4 to 5 times safer than every other road.



3. The Policy strategists took into account the above results on the safety chain and surprisingly decided to take action starting from the TENs, the network with the highest level of safety! So the E. Commission submitted a proposal to the E. Parliament and the Council for a Directive on the "Road Infrastructure Safety Management".

Of course, ASECAP does not disapprove any proposal aiming at higher safety standards, but moving from stereotypes to realistic action plans demands prudence. When resources of capital, people and time are as scarce as they are today it is vital to concentrate them on key functional areas that are really decisive for the success of our common safety visions.