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TISPOL Presentation  
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**„TISPOL –  
Traffic Information System Police  
– LIFESAVER project“**

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## Personal Introduction

- Koen Ricour
- Commissioner
- Belgian Federal Highway Police  
Head of Policy Department
- TISPOL Executive and Council Member  
Chairman High Risk Group

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## Europe's shame

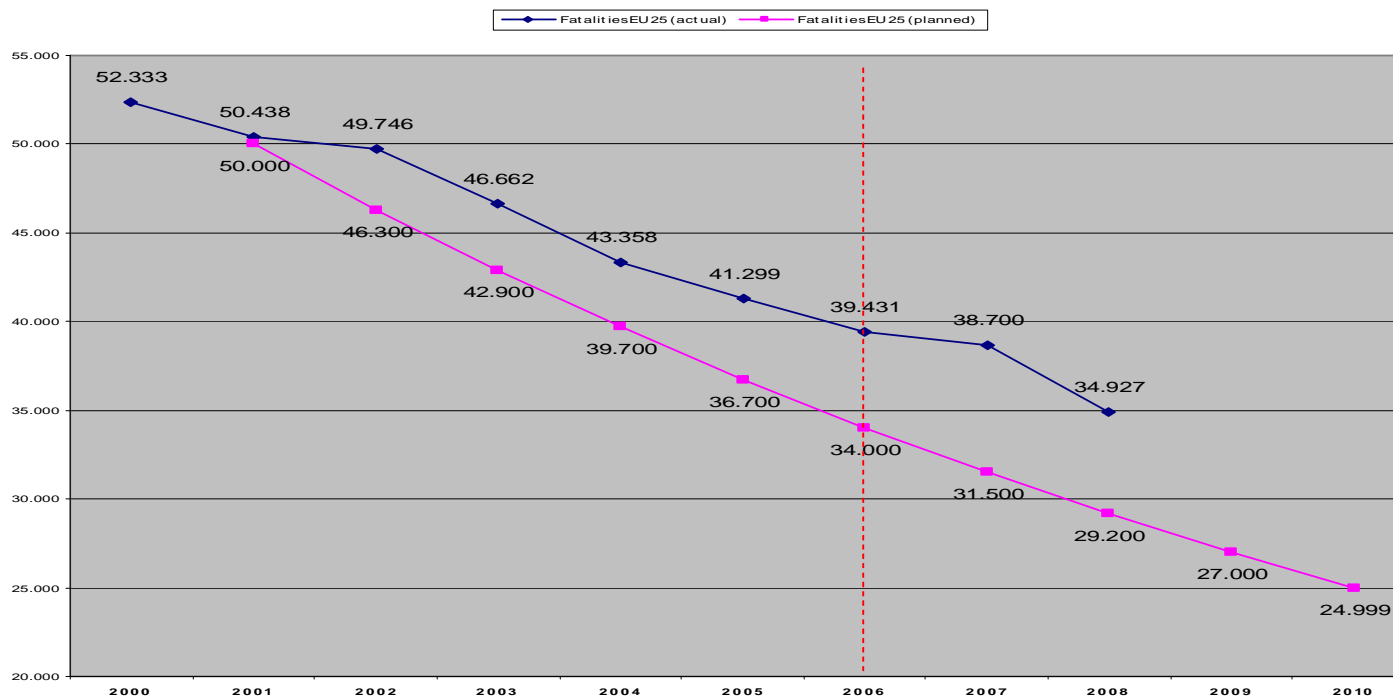
More than  
39,000

people killed on Europe's roads in 2008

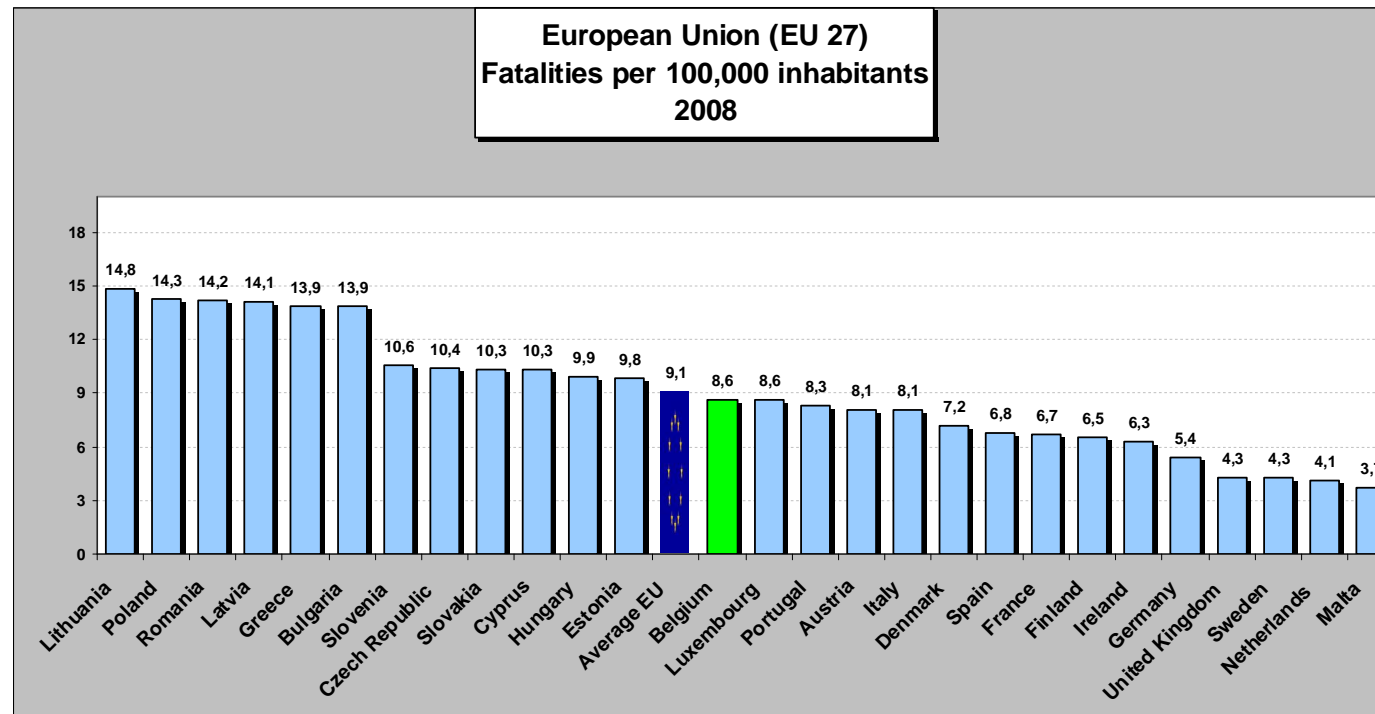


# Reduce road deaths and casualties

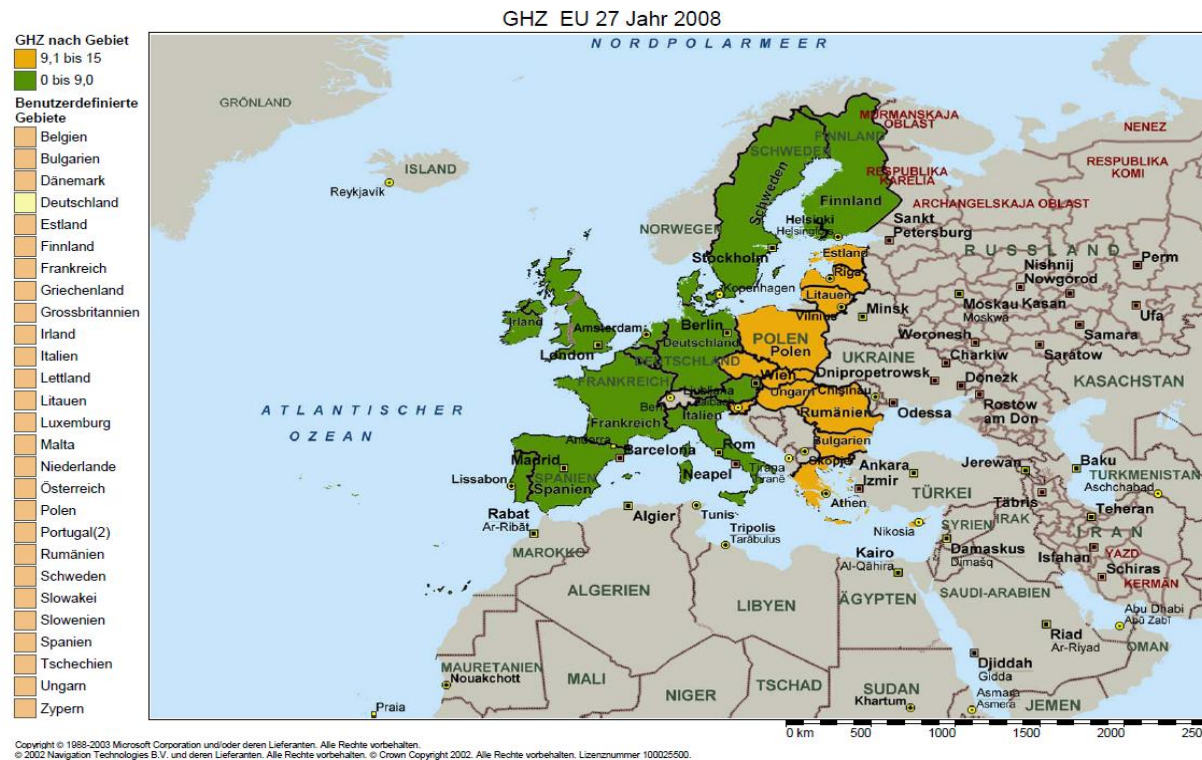
Evolution road deaths EU 25 - planned and actual



# Fatalities by population in Europe 2008



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## What is TISPOL?

The TISPOL Organisation has been established by the traffic police forces of Europe in order to improve road safety and law enforcement on the roads of Europe



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## TISPOL 10 years ago



An Garda Síochána, Ireland

Royal Ulster Constabulary,  
Northern Ireland

Association of Chief Police  
Officers, Scotland

Metropolitan Police, England

The Netherlands

## TISPOL today



Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Not yet: Latvia

## Main priority

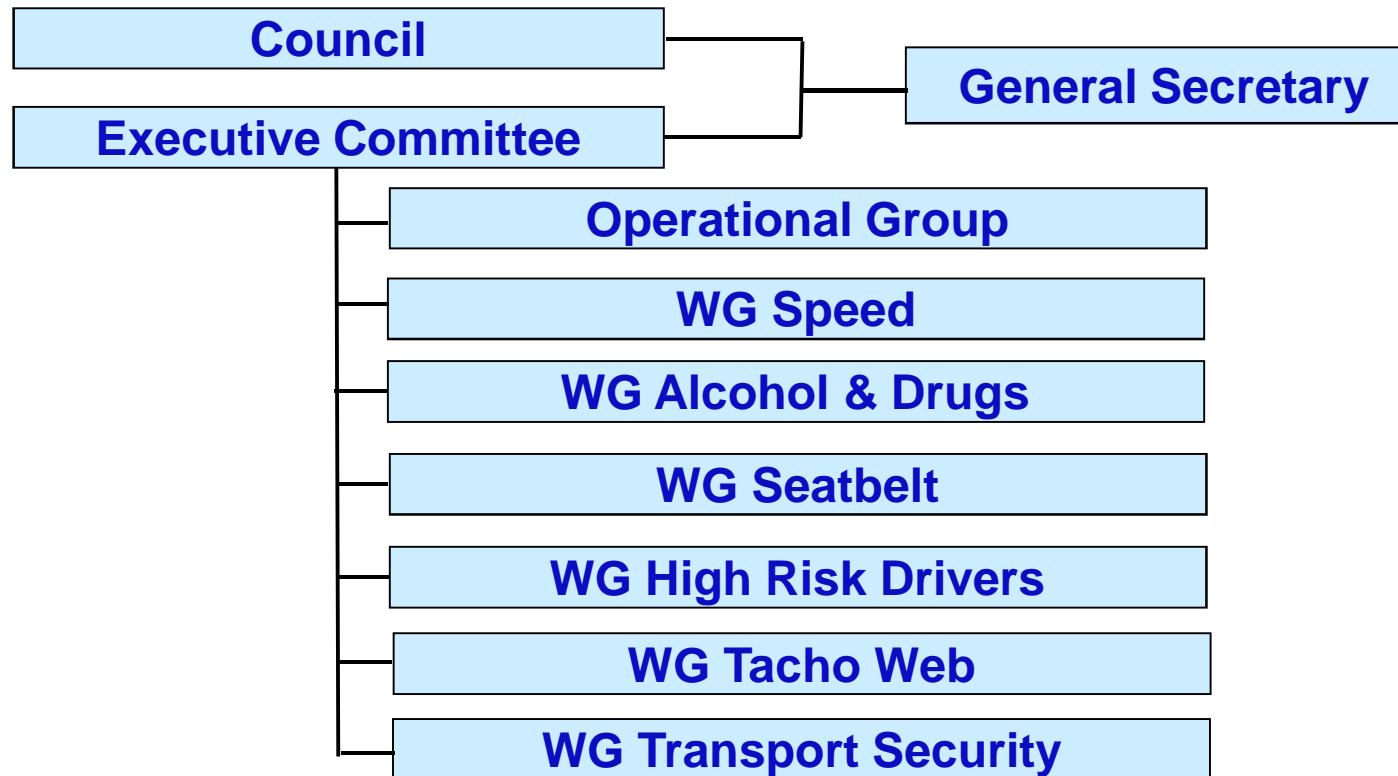
- Reducing the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Europe's roads!
- More concrete: Supporting the European Union's target to halve the number of fatalities on Europe's roads until 2010 from 50,000 to 25,000.



## Objectives

1. Bringing together traffic police forces to co-operate and **exchange best practice**
2. Organising and co-ordinating Europe-wide **operations**
3. Promoting education, enforcement and media campaigns
4. Supporting **research** on road safety
5. Providing a co-ordinated **police opinion** on road safety issues

## Organisational chart



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## TISPOL Council

- One senior representative per country
- The President is elected by the Council
- The TISPOL General Secretary and the Finance Director support the Council and the Executive Committee
- The Council is the decision-making body of TISPOL



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## Executive Committee

- 7 members of the Council plus the General Secretary and the Finance Director
- They implement decisions of the Council for the day-to-day running of the organisation
- At the same time: project team for LIFESAVER

## Strategic Working Groups

- Speed, Alcohol and Drugs, Seatbelt, High Risk Drivers and Road Security Working Group



- Each group is chaired by a selected member of the Executive with a nominated Secretary
- They prepare **position papers** on the various issues they deal with and **advise the Council** where necessary



## Tacho Web Group

- Joint TISPOL/ECR Working Group seeks out the latest information across Europe on **fraud and manipulation of analogue and digital tachographs**
- **Tacho Manual** on the TISPOL website [www.tispol.org](http://www.tispol.org) with password access
- Provide a **training resource** and point of contact for tachographs, driver's hours and resting times and frauds and manipulations



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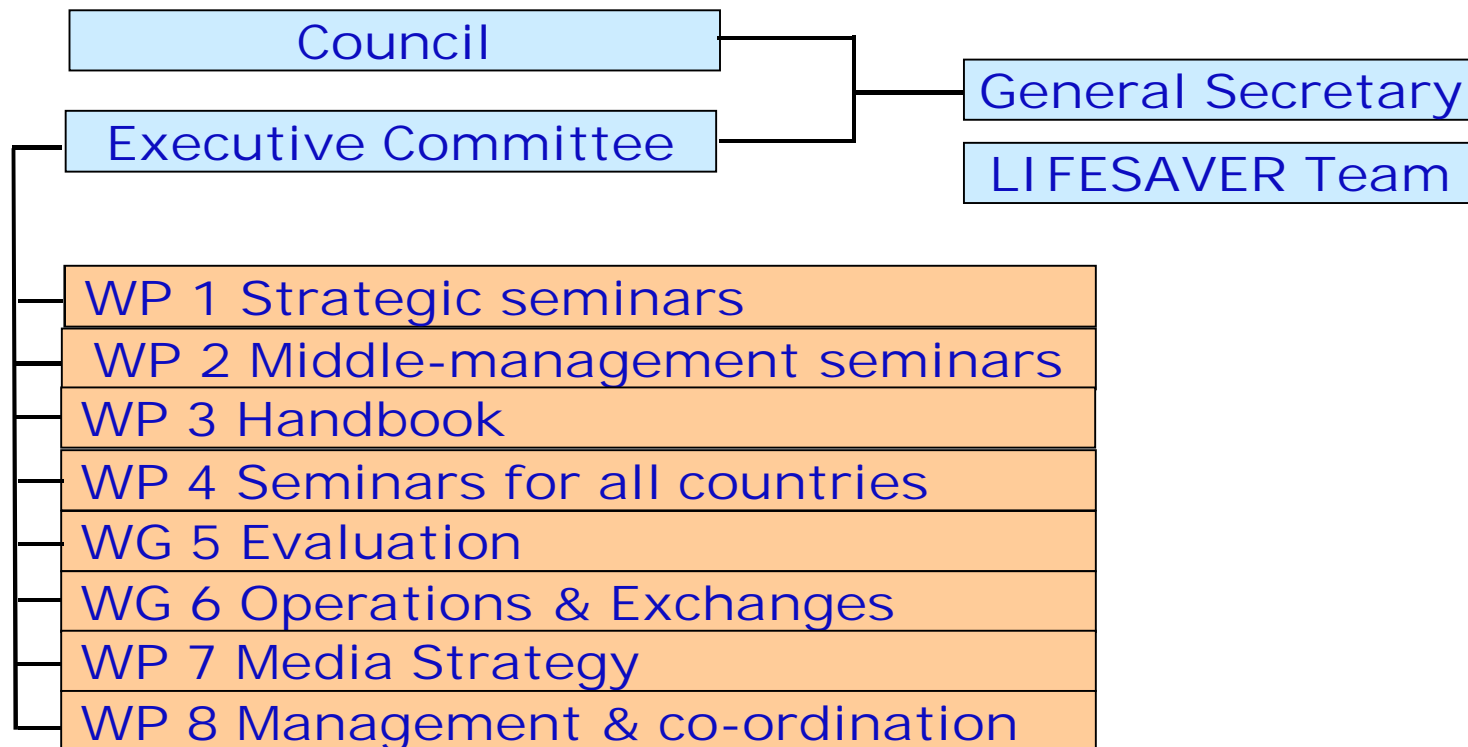
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## “LIFESAVER”

- Start: 1 June 2008
- Integrated Approach
- Three-year-project
- EU-financed: 2,282,000 €
- Total costs: 4,564,000 €
- LIFESAVER countries: Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Spain
- 8 work packages



## “LIFESAVER” - work packages



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## WP 1 - Strategic seminars

- 12 seminars for the LIFESAVER countries for a total of **180 senior police officers and other non-police stakeholders** (for example: representatives from ministries)
- **Topics:** national road safety plans, strategic planning of enforcement, the use of technology, legal procedures, communication/media strategy, development at the EU level etc.

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## WP 2 - Middle-management seminars

- 18 seminars will be organised for a total of **450 police officers at middle-management level**
- **Topics:** tactical enforcement plans, selecting areas with a high number of collisions, setting priorities, analysing of enforcement results, cross-border co-operation, influencing road users by media campaigns, technology etc.



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## WP 3 Handbook

- To provide information for operational officers
- Including:
  - Check-lists for the day-to-day work
  - Good practices
  - The use of technology
  - The evaluation of activities

## WP 4 - Seminars for all TISPOL members

- 9 seminars on **special topics** for all TISPOL members (540 participants)
- **Topics:** „The three killers“, Young Drivers, motorcycle safety, technology, new developments etc.



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## WP 5 Evaluation

- 3 meetings of two days for the 27 Council Members
- These meetings **will provide governance** and hold the project manager and project team to account in terms of progress and results in line with the project plan
- Accordingly, all activities will be evaluated

## WP 6 - Operations & Exchange Programme

- 27 Europe-wide operations
- Exchange of 600 police officers from the six countries to various well-performing countries



## TISPOL European Road Traffic Operations

European Operation SPEED

European Operation ALCOHOL & DRUGS

European Operation SEATBELT

European Operation TRUCK

European Operation BUS



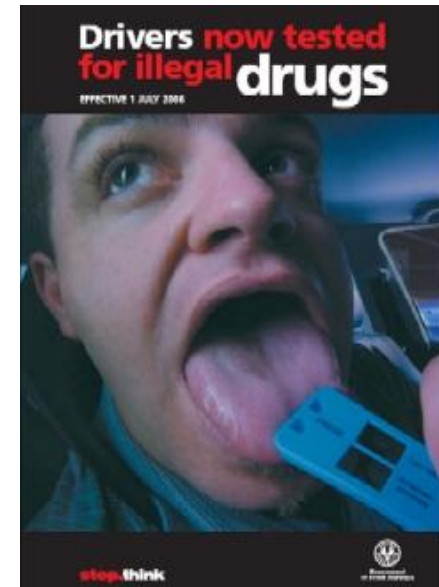
## TISPOL OPERATION SPEED

- The offence of exceeding speed limits is a common occurrence in all European countries and is recognised as the single most major cause of death on roads in Europe
- The TISPOL SPEED operation takes place over one week on two occasions per year - member countries are asked to enforce their speed limits by both:
  1. *Officer intervention i.e. the physical presence of a Police Officer checking the speed of a vehicle*
  2. *Use of automatic devices such as static cameras fixed at the roadside*



## TISPOL OPERATION ALCOHOL & DRUGS

- A small percentage of the European Union driver population (about 5%) under the influence of alcohol in traffic causes a significant proportion of serious and fatal injuries (about 20%) in traffic collisions
- Similarly, the number of drivers under the influence of drugs is also giving great cause for concern. It is estimated that some 10,000 road deaths are caused by alcohol/drugs and driving
- TISPOL European Operation Alcohol & Drugs is a co-ordinated pan-European enforcement action and takes place on Europe's roads during the summer and Christmas periods in addition to the daily national Traffic Police enforcement activities



## TISPOL OPERATION SEATBELT

- European and national legislation states that all occupants of a vehicle must wear their seatbelt, or in the case of small children an approved restraining device, wherever they are seated in a vehicle
- Wearing a seatbelt is a requirement in all kinds of vehicles including trucks and buses
- Not wearing a seatbelt can greatly increase the risk of serious injury in a collision
- By the simple act of putting on a seatbelt in a vehicle injuries in collisions can be dramatically reduced







## TISPOL OPERATION TRUCK

- TRUCK is a European Traffic Police initiative directed against the illegal operation of commercial heavy goods vehicles to improve road safety and security
- Commercial heavy goods vehicles are stopped and checked at the roadside by Traffic Police Officers with other relevant enforcement agencies in a large-scale co-ordinated multi-agency approach operation
- The operation takes place twice per year over the period of one week across Europe
- The co-operation involved in 'European Operation TRUCK' allows for maximum deployment of resources at one time. This permits many thousands of vehicles and drivers to be controlled at the roadside



## TISPOL OPERATION BUS

- There have been many instances of serious and fatal road accidents in Europe in recent years involving coaches and tour buses. Many of these vehicles are involved in long international journeys through several European countries



- The most common offences detected against such vehicles are primarily those that greatly affect road safety, such as speed (often by deliberately overcoming the speed limiter), driver's hours and the dangerous technical condition of the vehicles
- Traffic Police and other responsible agencies of European countries work together in a multi-agency approach to combat the illegal and dangerous operation of these vehicles

## TISPOL Operation Result Headlines

### Operation Alcohol & Drugs

07 - 13 Dec 2009

863,204 drivers tested – 32,497 positive for alcohol & 861 for drugs

### Operation Bus

20 - 26 July 2009

38,029 buses controlled – 7,456 offences

### Operation Speed

17 - 23 August 2009

927,218 offences – 208,101 Officer Interventions & 779,117 Automatic Means



## Headlines continued

### Operation Seatbelt

15 - 21 February 2010

122,811 offences

(3,370 child restraints)

### Operation TRUCK

08 -14 March 2010

164,202 trucks controlled

25,637 offences

(267 Alcohol, 18 drugs, 12.947 Tacho,  
7,149 Tech (1,598 Serious))



- Operations arranged for next 3 years
- Speed
- Alcohol & Drugs
- Seatbelt
- Truck
- Bus



- All TISPOL Operation results are reported to the European Commission

	<b>2008</b>	
June	02-08	ALCOHOL/DRUGS
July	21-27	BUS
August	18-24	SPEED
September	08-14	SEATBELT
October	06-12	TRUCK
December	08-14	ALCOHOL/DRUGS
	<b>2009</b>	
February	16-22	SEATBELT
March	09-15	TRUCK
April	20-26	SPEED
June	01-07	ALCOHOL/DRUGS
July	20-26	BUS
August	17-23	SPEED
September	07-13	SEATBELT
October	05-11	TRUCK
December	07-13	ALCOHOL/DRUGS
	<b>2010</b>	
February	15-21	SEATBELT
March	08-14	TRUCK
April	26-01 (5)	SPEED
June	17-13	ALCOHOL/DRUGS
July	26-01 (8)	BUS
August	23-29	SPEED
September	13-19	SEATBELT
October	11-17	TRUCK
December	13-19	ALCOHOL/DRUGS
	<b>2011</b>	
February	21-27	SEATBELT
March	14-20	TRUCK
April	25-01 (5)	SPEED

## WP 7 Media Strategy

- 3 International **Conferences** will share best practice in road safety with police, ministry officials, researchers, technology developers and the private sector
- A **media strategy** for the LIFESAVER countries will be developed
- The **TISPOL website** is re-vamped



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## “TRANSPORT SECURITY”

- Start: 1st December 2009
- Integrated Approach
- The aim of the project is to raise the awareness, knowledge and good practice of TISPOL European Traffic Police members in the field of Transport Security



## Transport Security: 'subjects'

- theft of cargo and goods, (also the carriage of stolen and prohibited items, such as stolen goods)
- illicit and illegal drugs and weapons
- illegal immigration and the trafficking of human beings by road
- the need for secure parking areas for goods vehicles

## Transport Security: 'first steps...'

- TISPOL Transport Security Activity (TSA) **Officer Exchange** 8-11 March 2010
- TISPOL **Transport Security Conference** took place in Brussels 12-13 April 2010
- **Transport Security Operations** will take place during the TISPOL Operation TRUCK dates scheduled for 2010 and 2011
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TISPOL ... crossing borders to save lives  
*Thank you for your attention!*

*We hope to see you in Manchester UK  
28-29 september 2010*

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