Driving licences

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Driving licencesRegulatory framework

- Already 3 Directives on driving licences
- Currently into force : Directive 2006/126/EC
- Main objectives
 - road safety
 - free movement
 - fight against forgery





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Subject matter:

- Recognition, obtention, renewal, replacement and exchange
- Certain aspects of the exchange of foreign licences and of driving disqualifications

Main provisions:

- Union model driving licences
- Definition of vehicles' categories
- Information exchange between authorities

Driving licencesUkraine

Regulation (EU) 2022/1280 adopted in July 2022

Rights extended in the context of temporary protection :

- Recognition of UA licences
- Temporary exchange of UA Certificate of Professional Competence
- Optional measures for lost and stolen documents





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- European Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy in 2020
- Preparatory work launched in 2021
- Consultation activities concluded
 - 2 open surveys (Apr-May 2021, Feb-May 2022)
 - 3 workshops (Mar-Apr-May 2022)
- Legislative proposal for Q1 2023

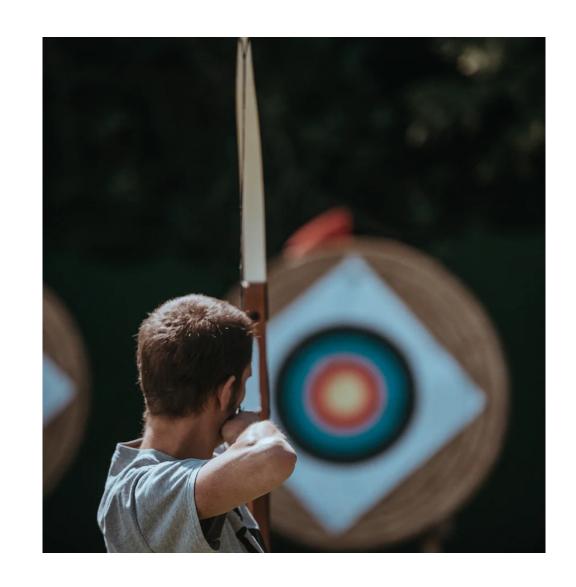
Driving licencesObjectives

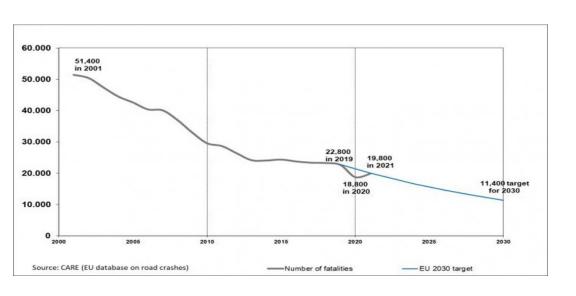
Main objectives

- Improve road safety
- Facilitate free movement

Other essential matters

- Digital and green transformation
- Simplification for citizens and businesses
- Fight against fraud and protection of personal data





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2021: 44 road deaths per million

EU targets on road safety

- 50% reduction of fatalities and serious injuries between 2020 and 2030
- Zero fatalities and serious injuries on European roads by 2050

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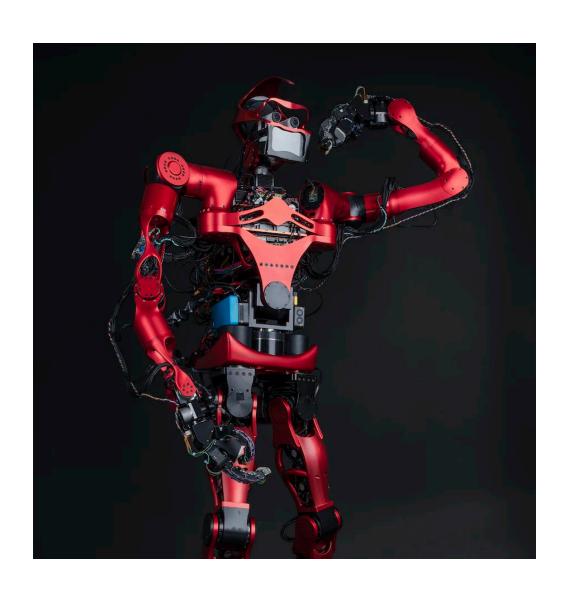
Problem to be solved:

unfit drivers on Union roads

Underlying causes:

- insufficient skills, knowledge and experience
- unfitness to drive
- dangerous behavior





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Main areas of intervention under consideration:

- Focus on novice drivers
- Driving disqualification of nonresident offenders
- Improved medical screening

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Problem to be solved:

Unjustified obstacles affecting driving licences

Underlying causes:

- obstacle to obtain a driving licence
- obstacle to have driving rights recognised or maintained





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Main areas of intervention under consideration:

- Mobile driving licences
- New rules for electric vehicles
- Simplification of the access
- Foreign licences