DIRECTIVE 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management
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Scope: *high speed roads*

- TEN T network
- Primary roads
- EU funded Interurban roads
Road Safety Impact Assessment

• Strategic comparative analysis of a new project on the safety of the road network

• New road alternatives compared based on the weighted scale of criteria

• During (pre)feasibility study
Road Safety Audits

✓ Independent, detailed, systematic and technical safety check of the design characteristics of project

✓ All stages:
  ➢ draft design,
  ➢ detailed design,
  ➢ pre-opening
  ➢ early operation
Periodic Road Safety Inspections

✓ Correlated with maintenance (to re-establish safety features)

✓ Sufficiently frequent

✓ National guidelines for road works

✓ Joint teams to inspect tunnels, at maximum 6 years
Targeted Road Safety Inspections

✓ On black spots, sections with serious accidents
✓ According with the Network wide road safety assessment
✓ Can question the design principles
✓ Triggers actions from the road manager

1 - point with a road deficit, that had caused the driving mistake
2 and 3 - point of collision
4 - position of vehicle, which is normally recorded by the police officer
Network-wide road safety assessment

✓ Evaluates accident and impact severity risk, based on:
  ➢ a visual examination of road characteristics (in-built safety)
  ➢ serious accidents statistics over 3 years

✓ Results in a minimum 3 categories classification of sections

✓ Worst sections are to be followed by targeted inspections

✓ By 2024, then every 5 years
Road Safety Auditors

Tasks:
➢ Road safety audits
➢ Targeted road safety inspections

Certificate of competence
✓ Experience in road design, road safety engineering, accident analysis
✓ Trained initially and periodically
✓ Independence and no conflict of interests
Obligations of Member States

✓ To establish the network in scope and to communicate it to the Commission
✓ To draft RISM application guidelines
✓ R.S. impact assessment, R.S. audits and Network wide R.S. assessment, periodic and targeted R.S. inspections (including the follow-ups)
✓ Reports for accidents with victims
✓ To consider the needs of vulnerable road users
✓ To consider the needs of automation regarding the signs and markings
✓ To encourage the voluntary reporting of R.S. issues
✓ Certification and appointment of R.S. auditors
Thank you