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All parts of the ERSO website are continuously being improved. More information is added to the website on a regular basis. This newsletter informs you of all the latest developments and newly added information. Please click on the links below to learn more.

2nd SafetyNet Conference 2008 April 17-18 2008, Campidoglio Rome



The DG-TREN funded SafetyNet project has been building the new European Road Safety Observatory to meet the data needs of safety policy-makers and this will be fully launched at a special road safety conference taking place in Rome in April 2008. This 2nd SafetyNet Conference on ERSO – Road Safety Management in Action was announced at the end of last year.

The <u>Programme and Registration form</u> are now available and can be downloaded on the ERSO website so register yourself today!

Knowledge section updates

Recent additions on the Knowledge section of the ERSO website are:

- <u>Cost-benefit analysis</u> This text describes the use of cost-benefit analysis to assess the impacts of road safety measures. Cost-benefit analysis is a formal analysis of the impacts of a measure or programme, designed to assess whether the advantages (benefits) of the measure or programme are greater than its disadvantages (costs). Read more about <u>Cost-benefit analysis</u> on the Knowledge section of the ERSO website.
- Quantitative road safety targets A high price in human and economic terms is currently being paid in Europe for motorized road mobility. An increasing number of countries, therefore, are implementing long term road safety strategies and programmes towards their reduction or eventual elimination. Read more about <u>Quantitative road safety targets</u> on the Knowledge section of the ERSO website.

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Data section updates

Recent additions on the <u>Data section</u> of the ERSO website are <u>Performance indicator statistics</u>. One of the macroscopic road safety related areas that SafetyNet focuses on concerns <u>Safety Performance</u> <u>Indicators</u> (SPI). Such variables indicate road safety by looking at the operational state of the road traffic system.

- <u>SPI Country Profiles Report 2006</u> The <u>SPI Country Profiles Report 2006</u> presents, from 27 cooperating countries studied, the available data that is relevant for the calculation of Safety Performance Indicators. The SPI Country Profile Fact Sheets are expected to be published on the website early April.
- <u>SPI Manual</u> For information on how to establish the necessary systems of data collection for producing national SPIs, in each one of the predefined safety fields, and to make them comparable on a European level please consult the <u>SPI Manual</u>. The SPI Manual will also be presented during the 2nd SafetyNet Conference in Rome this April.

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