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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, 17-18 April, Rome (Italy)

In the beautiful city of Rome, Italy, over 200 road safety professionals from around Europe gathered to get an overview of the work performed within the SafetyNet project. The aim of the conference was to show the road safety professional in general, and the road safety policy maker in particular, how developed theory, guidelines, statistics and manuals can be used for their benefit.



For more information, including all presentations, please visit www.erso.eu.

Knowledge section updates

Recent additions to the [Knowledge section](#) of the ERSO website are:

- **Safety Ratings** – Safety rating systems present impartial information on aspects of traffic system safety. Safety ratings in use today are objective tools for the assessment and improvement of aspects of the safety of vehicles, the road network, work-related road safety and international safety performance. Read more about [Safety Ratings](#) on the Knowledge section of the ERSO website.
- **Speed enforcement** – Speed is at the core of the road safety problem. There is no single solution to the problem of excess and inappropriate speeds. A package of countermeasures is necessary, increasing the effectiveness of each individual measure. Police enforcement is one of the countermeasures. Read more about [Speed enforcement](#) on the Knowledge section of the ERSO website.

Data section updates

Recent additions to the [Data section](#) of the ERSO website are [Accident statistics](#). In this section you can find an updated Annual Statistical Report and Traffic Safety Basic Facts based on data from the CARE database.

- **Statistical Report** – The [Annual Statistical Report 2007](#) gives a detailed insight into road accident data in up to 18 EU Member States. This report serves as a reference document from which the broader public but also road safety experts are able to retrieve interesting data. The Annual Statistical Report 2007 covers accident data for the period 1996-2005.
- **Basic Facts** – Traffic Safety Basic Facts are delivered in twelve fact sheets ([Main Figures](#) - [Children \(Aged <16\)](#) - [Young People \(Aged 16-24\)](#) - [The Elderly \(Aged >64\)](#) - [Pedestrians](#) - [Bicycles](#) - [Motorcycles and Mopeds](#) - [Car Occupants](#) - [Heavy Goods Vehicles & Buses](#) - [Motorways](#) - [Junctions](#) - [Urban Areas](#)).





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Events and conferences

The ERSO website offers an overview of future road safety related events, like workshops and conferences. Recent additions to the events and conferences list are:

- **Investigation methods focusing on accident causation and fatal accident data collection** (18 June 2008 – Gothenburg, Sweden) – The aim of this Workshop is to discuss the data gathering methods used in SafetyNet. These methods are going to be presented during the day to recognised European road safety professionals and decision makers. For more information please e-mail karolina.bjorkman@chalmers.se.
- **Time Series Analysis Workshop** (September 25-26 2008 – Amsterdam, Netherlands) – This two-day workshop presents and discusses the functionality of regression, ARIMA, and state space models for the analysis of time series. Both theory and practice (with computer software) will be presented. The focus will be on the practical application of these models to the analysis of road safety data. For more information please e-mail info@erso.eu.
- **European Road Safety Day 2008** (October 13, 2008 – Paris, France) – The second road safety day, to be held in 2008, will address the subject of "Road Safety in our Cities". (National Events to be organized by Member States). For more information please visit the website of the [European Commission](http://www.europa.eu).

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