



# Draft Recommendations for Transparent and Independent Road Accident Investigations

## Institutional issues

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# Background

- Need for independence
- Other transport modes
- Existing bodies

# Independence of the investigation body

- **Structural independence**
  - Separate from regulatory (including judiciary) bodies
  - Investigation and investigators have legal status
- **Financial independence**
  - Autonomy of own budget
  - No external financing
  - Not dependent on commercial organisations
- **Functional independence**
  - Scope of investigation

# Transparency

- Published method
- Published action plan
- Published results

# Structural independence

- Investigation body
- Members

# Functional independence

- Autonomy to decide
- Action plan

# Funding (financial independence)

- National budget
- Grants in aid

# Expertise of investigation teams

- Basis for results
- Broad range
- Training
- Most appropriate team for each accident
- Possibility to draw expertise from outside
- Interviewers



# Consultation questions

- Recommendations 1-9
  - Do you agree on these recommendations?