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European Road Safety Days:

Time for stakeholders to sit on the same table for a realistic common solution!

Following the kick off of the European Road Safety Days organized by DG MOVE of the European Commission, ASECAP takes the opportunity to welcome the European Road Safety Policy Orientations 2011-2020 to halve road deaths by 2020, and the 4th Action Programme under preparation.

Policy makers, researchers, academics, industries and citizens, consider road safety as their highest priority and have the “zero accidents” as their vision. Despite the fact that enhancing road safety is a matter of shared responsibilities, all stakeholders keep examining the different safety aspects in a fragmented way, acting basically on a non coordinated, ad hoc basis.

Stating that the motorways are 5 to 6 times safer than every other road infrastructure, Kallistratos Dionelis, Secretary General of ASECAP, underlines that uncoordinated activities must come to an end, and as an emergency a **permanent coordinated road safety platform must be established producing real safety and saving more lives.**

Road Safety is not “mana from heaven”. It is a public product that has to be quantified by the policy makers, produced by the stakeholders involved and consumed by societies at a given cost. **If no serious coordinated action is taken then every future Action Programme, however ambitious might be, will remain an unrealistic scenario and finally the vision “zero accidents” will remain just as a slogan of empty words.**

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