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Road safety is not a “front page” political subject but a concept to be taught and respected

On various occasions different Organisations appear in front of the media proposing ideas and activities within the road safety sector.



ASECAP and its members - the European Association of Operators of Toll Road Infrastructures managing around 40,000 km of European motorways, bridges and tunnels (i.e. the most important part of the EU Trans-European Road Network) – follow closely all the transport developments and surely Road Safety is permanently a priority issue.

ASECAP recognises that all the European citizens and organisations should be aware and talk about such a sensitive element, but prudence is strongly suggested. Although every idea for increasing safety is appealing to all and becomes easily front page in the press, real action in this highly complicated domain needs to be undertaken by the ones who have a role to play examining all the parameters and getting to a realistic socially-oriented “road safety rationale”.

The safety on the roads is too complicated and too sensitive to leave it to the ones who only look on the surface of the things.

Under these considerations, ASECAP welcomes the Report of Ms. Hedkvist-Petersen, European Parliament Transport Committee (TRAN) on the European Commission's "European Road Safety Action Programme - Mid-term Review"(2006/2112(INI)).

However, a number of serious actions are still needed and ASECAP and its members will always be present to co –examine with the policy makers ways to increase safety and to explain how, why and with which actions the European motorways are 4 times safer than the other European roads.



Conclusion

Road safety should not be considered as a static, simple political target but as a prudent and realistic plan of actions leading gradually to the zero accident vision.

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