

Effective and Coordinated ROAD infrastructure Safety operations



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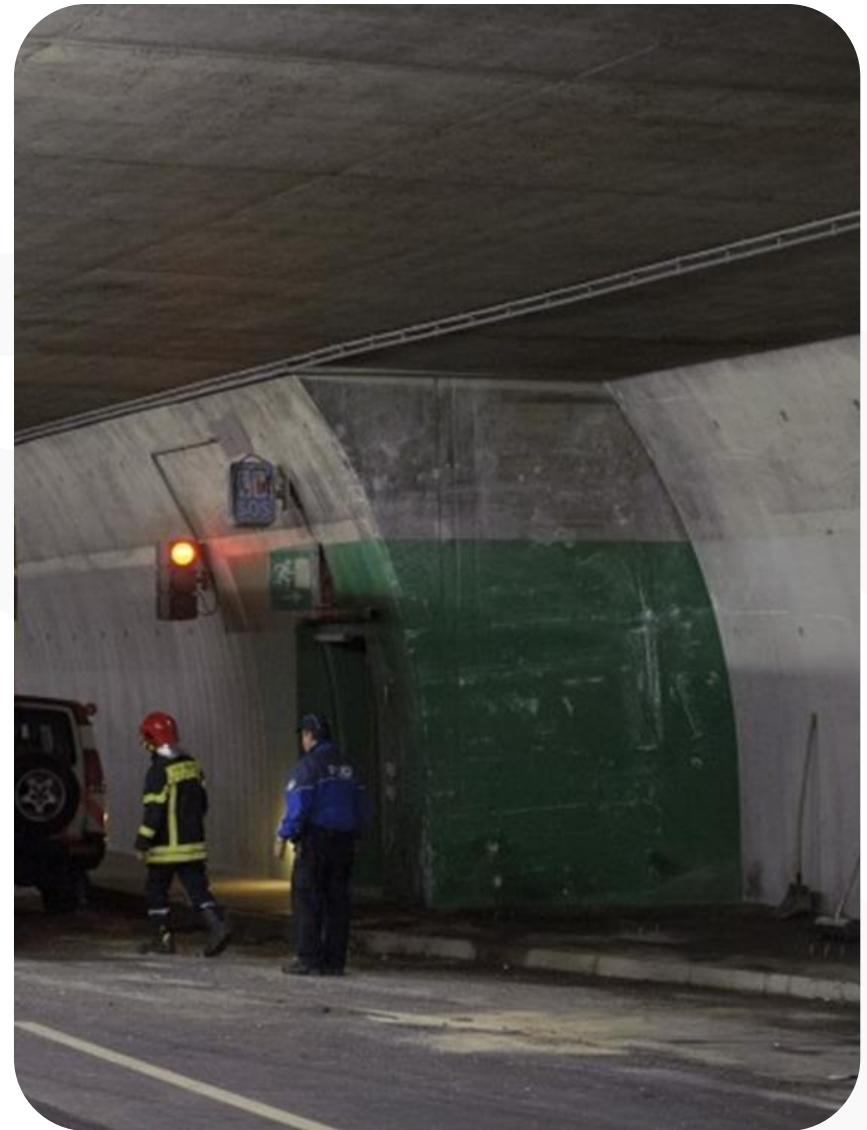
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1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Coach crash in Sierre Tunnel (Switzerland)

The collision occurred on March 2012 with the end wall of a lay-by in the Sierre tunnel, Switzerland, which opened in 1999 and was rated as “good” in a 2005 European Tunnel Assessment Programme (EuroTAP) test.

28 fatalities, including 22 childrens



1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

A debate that was initiated between international experts , underlining how safety prevention measures, according to the prescriptions of the Directive 2008/96/EC, could have been beneficial for risk prevention.

However, this Directive does not apply to road tunnels covered by Directive 2004/54/EC

The debate clearly highlighted a **gap** between the two Directives.

1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION



The yellow arrows show a typical situation in several European tunnels.



2. OBJECTIVES

The European Economic and Social Committee hosted two dedicated workshops on February and March 2013



The European Economic and Social Committee, the Italian Association of Road safety Professionals and the European Transport Safety Council are delighted to invite you to the restricted workshop:

Road infrastructure safety management in Europe: stakeholder initiative to harmonise Directives 2004/54/EC (on road tunnels) and 2008/96/EC (on road safety audits and inspections)

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC and SOCIAL COMMITTEE, Rue Belliard 99, B-1049 Brussels
TUESDAY 26 February 2013 – h 14.30

The Sierre tunnel tragedy from Switzerland which caused more than 28 which 22 children, has left Europe mourning and many more asking what among practitioners and academics have led to a petition to the European Transport, Vice President Mr. Kallas, asking for a harmonisation of the road safety audits and inspections.

This workshop is the follow up of the petition and the first step towards a gap between the two Directives; The aim is to generate a constructive information all the selected participants and set up concrete steps of achievement. Commission is invited as observer.

Agenda

14h30 Welcome by EESC and tour de table

14h45 Introduction: background and objectives of the Workshop

15h00 Round table on the following themes:

- Modifying Directive 2004/54/EC or Extending Directive 2008/96 and feasible solutions.
- Suggestion: Timeframe and interim solutions: developing guidelines on an informal basis. Suggested topics: additional checklists for R

16h30 Round table on the following theme:

- Preliminary discussion on the creation of a working group for the
- Next steps towards filling the gap between the 2 Directives: possible from the EU ?

17,30 Closing remarks

Workshop held on 26/02/2013 at the European Economic and Social Committee

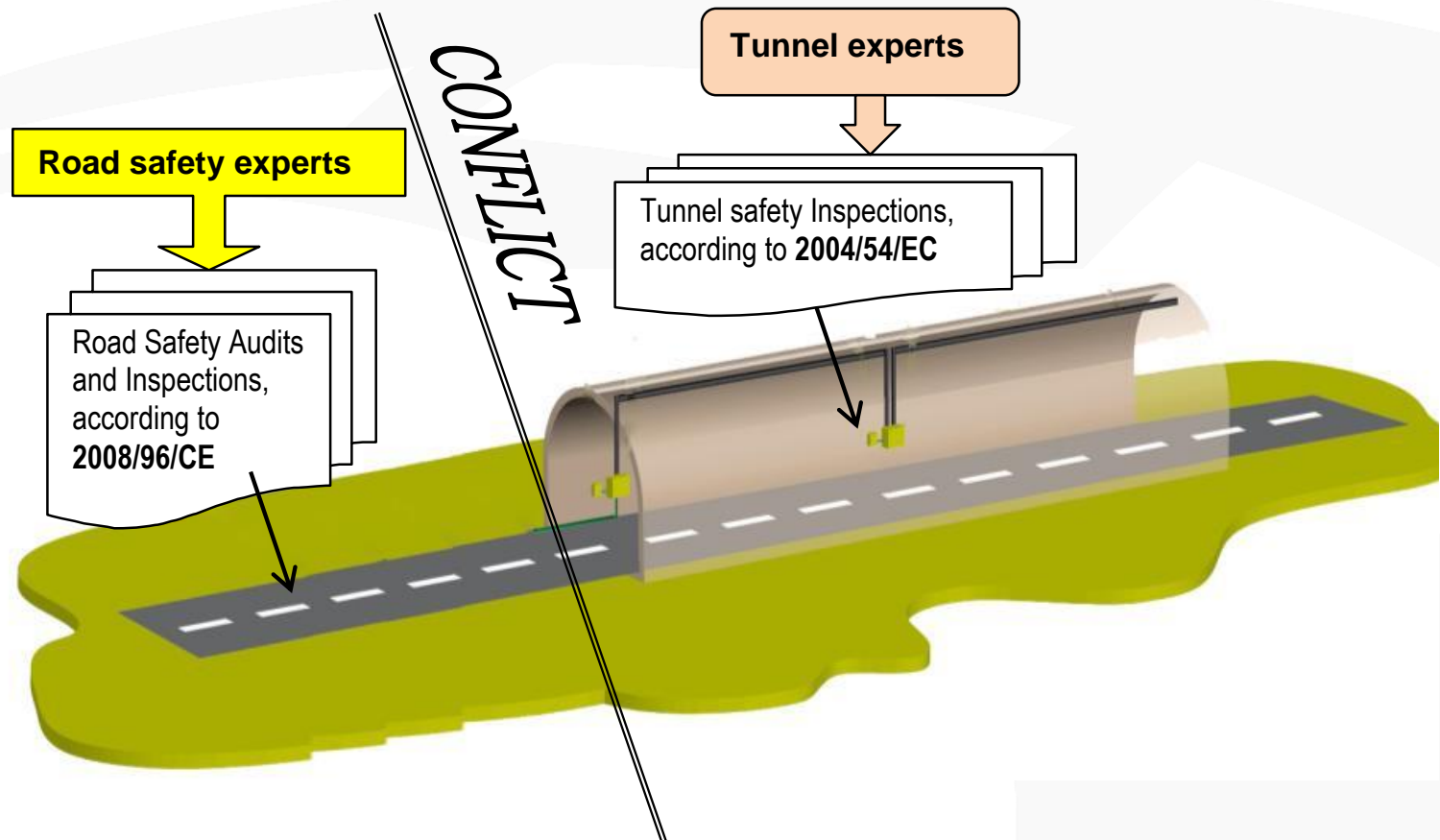
Minutes of the meeting

Participants

*Timo Aaltonen, European Commission (DG Move) as observer;
Adewole Adesiyun, Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories (FEHRL);
Antonio Avenoso, European Transport Safety Council (ETSC);
Luana Bidasca, European Transport Safety Council (ETSC);
Stefano Campagnolo, European Commission (DG Move) as observer;
Xavier Cocu, Belgian Road Research Centre (BRRC);
Kallistratos Dionelis, European Association with tolled motorways, bridges and tunnels (ASECAP);
Dries Keunen, Flemish Road Agency;
Dirk Lauwers, Ghent University;
Guillermo Llopis Serrano, PIARC Committee on "Road tunnels operations";
Christophe Nicodème, European Road Federation (ERF);
Carlo Polidori, Italian Association of Road safety professionals (AIPSS);
Jean-Paul Repussard, Former road safety officer at DG Move;
Jan Simons, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC);
Marc Tesson, Centre d'Etudes des Tunnels (CETU), as member of the PIARC Committee on "Road tunnels operations";
Friedrich Wiesholzer, PIARC Committee on "Road tunnels operations".*

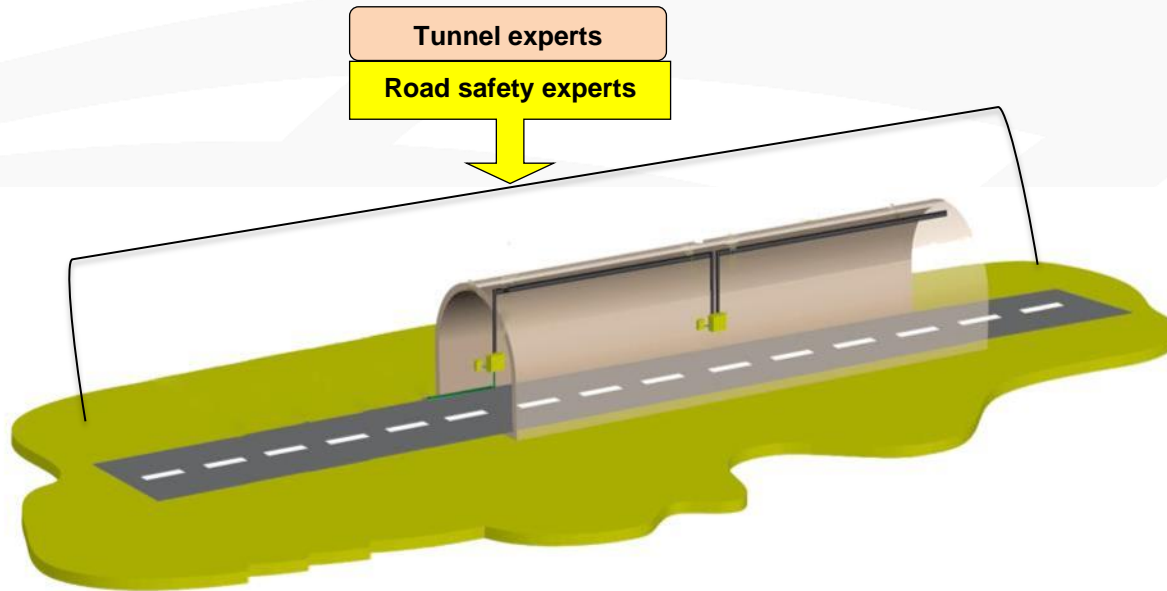
2. OBJECTIVES

Following the two workshops, the ECORoads project was conceived to overcome the barrier established by the formal interpretation of the two Directives 2008/96/EC and 2004/54/EC.



3. PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- Mixed groups of tunnel and road safety experts coming from different EU countries
- Joint “visits” in both tunnels and adjacent open roads in several locations in Europe.



The exchange of opinions and different point will led to a common practical procedure (Guidelines and recommendations) that will fill the gap and enhance safety

3. PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

The experts are provided by six thematic Associations covering the whole Europe:

FEHRL-Forum Des Laboratoires Nationaux Europeens De Recherche Routiere;

ETSC-European Transport Safety Council ;

ERF-The European Union Road Federation;

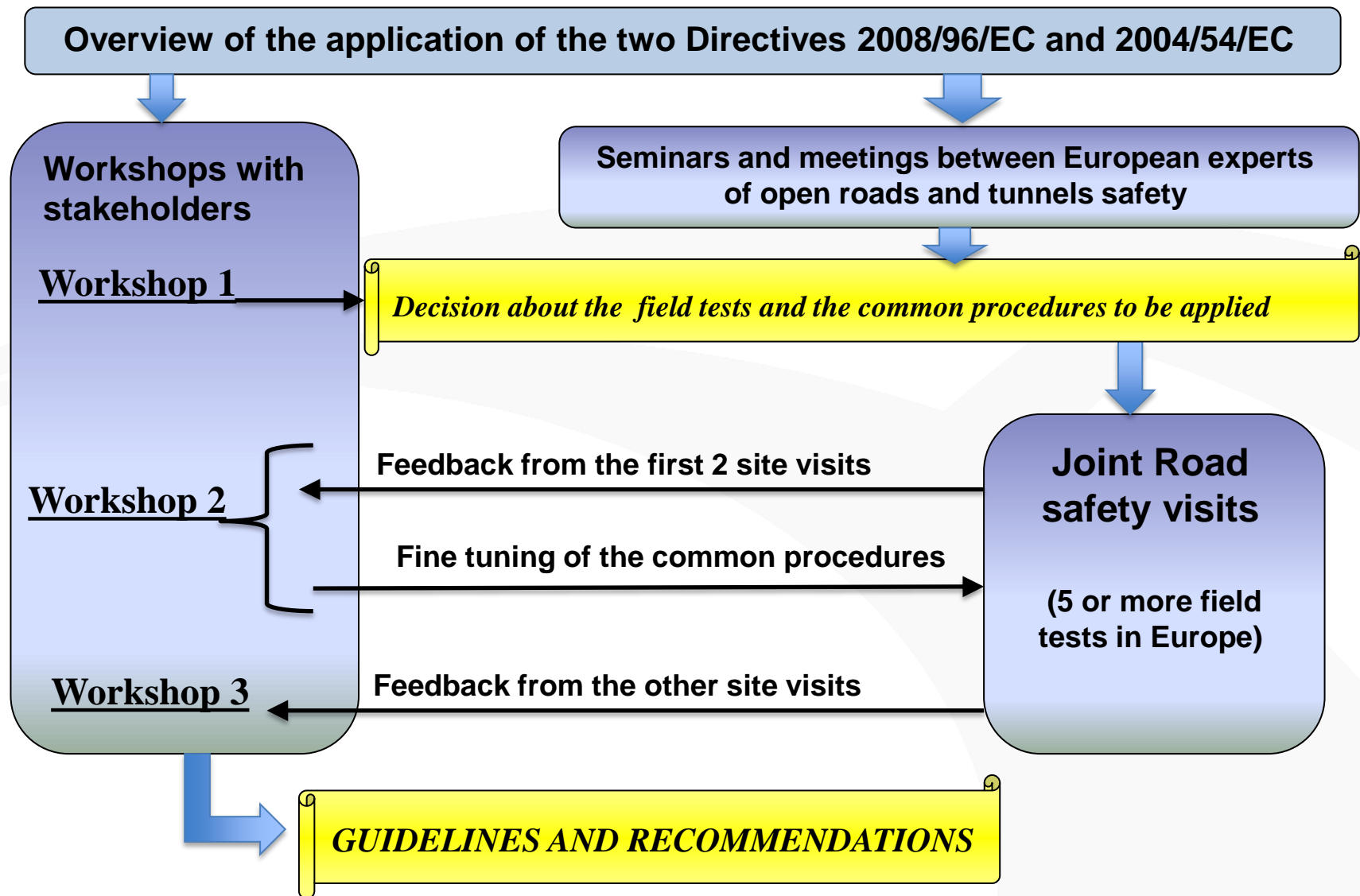
ASECAP - European Association with tolled motorways, bridges and tunnels;

AIPSS-Italian Association of Road Safety Professionals;

SEETO - South East Europe Transport Observatory

External experts are admitted, too

4. SOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION



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The candidatures of the test sites are under examination by a project Committee

14 candidatures from 10 Countries

Albania

Belgium (Flanders)

Czech Republic

Germany

Italy

Republic of Macedonia

Montenegro

Norway

Serbia

Slovakia



The first five sites will be selected at the end of September 2015

The project will try (within the limit of the assigned budget) to extend the number of the test sites

Candidatures remain open up to mid 2016, try to apply!

Mail in the last slide

5. NEXT STEPS

First workshop with the Stakeholders – Brussels 30 September 2015



*Comité économique et social européen
European Economic and Social Committee*

ECORoads Workshop

**Roads & Tunnels Safety Management: a comprehensive approach
Limits, opportunities and steps beyond**

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee
74 Rue de Trèves - Trèves Building (7th floor) - 1040 Brussels
30 September 2015

Free participation by registering at:

www.eventbrite.fr/e/workshop-on-roads-tunnels-safety-management-tickets-17880674579.

5. NEXT STEPS

09h00	Registration
09h30	Welcome speech - Virgilio Ranocchiari (EESC) – tbc
09h40	Opening speech – European Commission
09h45	General Overview of ECORoads project and aim of workshop - Adewole Adesiyun (FEHRL) - Carlo Polidori (AIPSS)
	Overview of the Directives 2008/96/EC and 2004/54/EC
10h30	<u>Safety enhancement</u> : application of Directives 2008/96/EC and 2004/54/EC - K. Dionelis (ASECAP)
10h45	<u>Safety perception</u> of road users in open roads, tunnels and “transitional areas” - Peter Saleh (AIT) - tbc
11h00	Presentation of test sites: list and ranking criteria
11h15	Coffee break
11h30	Breakout sessions
13h00	Lunch
14h00	Presentation of the results of the three Groups
14h45	Common discussion (round table)
16h05	Conclusions and workshop closure: Adewole Adesiyun (FEHRL)

More details at: <http://fehrl.org/index.php?m=33&a=content&id=975>

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for your attention!



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To be invited at the workshops or to submit a test site candidature:

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