European Transport Safety Council

Safe and Sober Transport
Alcohol Interlock Seminar
26th October 2011

09:00-12:15
EC Representation in Sweden
Regeringsgatan 65
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In 2007 ETSC started a campaign on drink driving, called “Safe & Sober”. In light of the European Union’s road safety target to halve road deaths by 2020, the objective of this activity is to raise awareness amongst policy makers, the private sector as well as key opinion leaders for a systemic approach to reduce alcohol misuse in road transport, especially in commercial road transport.

In the framework of this campaign, ETSC is organising a series of roundtable events (the “Safe & Sober Talks”) in selected European countries bringing together “drink driving stakeholders”, road safety experts and companies. On the agenda will be measures to tackle drink driving such as the use of alcoholinterlocks, enforcement, the BAC limit and targeting novice drivers.

More and more countries in Europe are adopting legislation for the use of alcohol interlocks in rehabilitation programmes as a substitute punishment of driving license withdrawal. But, in many EU countries, the technology has found its way into vehicles which are used for the transport of goods or passengers on a voluntary basis. The alcohol interlock is used as a quality assurance tool to comply with a company’s alcohol and drugs policy. With the alcolock, a company can guarantee that they only use sober drivers for their transport services. Many companies have already had alcohol interlocks in their vehicles as an excellent guarantee of safe and sober transport services. More and more municipalities, county councils, public agencies and companies that source passenger and goods transport services are making alcohol interlocks a requirement in negotiating contracts..

The next of these “Safe & Sober Talks” jointly organised with the MHF Swedish Abstaining Motorists’ Association will be held in Stockholm, from 09:00 to 12:15 on 26th October 2011. Please register here or send an email to Ilyas Daoud at Ilyas.Daoud@etsc.eu Due to limited seats, please register before 21st October 2011.

Agenda

(Moderator: MHF)

09:00 Welcome speech: the European Commission Sweden
Pierre Schellekens, Manager of the EC representation

09:10 Welcome Tom Bjerver (MHF) - Antonio Avenoso (ETSC)

09:20 Place of alcolocks in the Swedish National Road Safety Programme
Anders Ygeman (MP) Chairman of the committe on transport and communication

09:35 Alcohol interlocks – a life saving technology

- MHF – Drink Driving in Sweden (Lars Olov Sjöström, MHF)
- ETSC – Alcolocks in the EU (Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director, ETSC)
- Volvo – Development in alcolock technologies (Lennart Pilskog – Volvo Trucks)

10h45 Coffee Break

11h00 Best practices, challenges and future developments

- Sweden: Experiences from public transport in Borås

- Finland: Day care and school transportation - Marita Löytty, Finnish Transport Safety Agency

- Denmark: Commercial companies (Bjarke West, Arriva, Denmark)

12h00 Debate : Questions and Answers

Conclusions followed by a standing lunch with networking