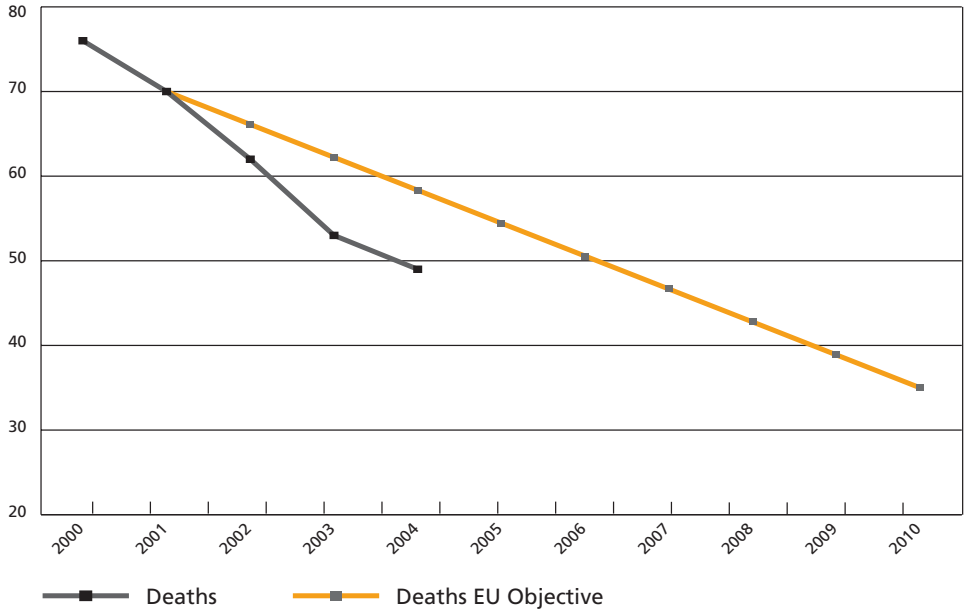
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General Road Safety: Luxembourg does not have a set target for the reduction of deaths, but it reduced the number of deaths by more than the EU target rate. The authority for new legislation on road safety rests with the Ministry of Transport which is working together with the Sécurité Routière (Road Safety Association) and the police.

Although the road safety legislation is set by the Ministry of Transport, Luxembourg's traffic law enforcement is undertaken by the police who are subject to the Ministry of Justice. Every year the police draw up in parallel with the Ministry of Transport an enforcement calendar which sets monthly priorities for enforcement activities on different issues.

Speed: Only mobile detection devices are used in Luxembourg. Fixed cameras are not installed at the moment but Luxembourg plans their introduction. Luxembourg plans legislation to increase sanctions for speeding which will also allow the police to withdraw the licence on the spot. Luxembourg plans to introduce automated speeding enforcement as well as an owner liability.

Alcohol: An initiative in 2003 to decrease the legal blood alcohol level (BAC) to 0.5 mg/ml was not successful, so the current BAC limit remains at 0.8 mg/ml. Random checks are undertaken but must be ordered by the Public Prosecutor. Only in case there is a serious indication that a person is drink-driving checks can be carried out by the members of the "Police Grand Ducale".

Seat belts*:* Seat belt checks are undertaken in combination with other checks. Blitz actions are not carried out. Seat belt offences are fined with the loss of one point in the penalty system for the driver and an additional monetary fine.

Follow-up of offences: Luxembourg has a penalty point system. Lost penalty points remain on the license record for a period of 3 years and a loss of the whole 12 point credit within this period will lead to an automatic disqualification from driving for 12 months. If drivers lose a part of their points they can participate in a voluntarily rehabilitation course to fill up their credit again.

Information: Media campaigns are set out in an annual calendar and carried out by the police in partnership with the Ministry of Transport and other partners, in particular NGO's, working in the field of road traffic safety. They cover speeding, drink driving, seat belt use and other issues such as mobile phone use. Moreover, some monthly campaigns are undertaken in conjunction with enforcement activities which are led by the police. Finally Luxemburg holds an annual conference to present the road accident data to the public.

Recommendations:

- Decrease the legal BAC to 0.5 mg/ml and allow random checks.
- Install fixed cameras to ensure an effective enforcement mix of both mobile and stationary equipment.