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Transport Safety Dinner

Which Strategies for Treating Recidivist Drink-Drivers?

Chairperson: - Inés Ayala Sénder, **Member of the European Parliament**

Panelists:
- Isabelle Kardacz, **European Commission**
- Koen Ricour, **TISPOL-Belgium**
- Marjatta Montoren, **Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health**
- Åsa Bergqvist, **County Administrative Board, Stockholm**
- **Eurocare**
- Bill Georges, **Diageo**

Every year, about 40,000 people die in the European Union as a consequence of road crashes. Drink driving continues to be an important cause of road traffic crashes. After speeding, drink driving is the second greatest contributory factor of road deaths in the EU, accounting annually for at least 10,000 deaths on EU roads.

Recidivist offenders represent only a small proportion of all drivers but contribute disproportionately to road accidents. While legal sanctions such as fines and licence disqualification periods have been effective in preventing a large proportion of the population from drink driving, high-risk offenders have failed to respond in the same positive way. As a result, different measures and strategies need to be implemented as additional countermeasures to avoid drink driving amongst recidivist offenders.

ETSC is organising a Transport Safety Dinner to discuss ways of preventing drink driving amongst recidivist offenders.

- What is the European Commission doing to prevent recidivism amongst drink-drivers?
- What is the role of the police in dealing with recidivist offenders? (TISPOL)
- What are the lessons learnt so far from rehabilitation programmes for recidivists? (Finland)
- Is the introduction of recidivist programmes using alcolocks effective? (Sweden)
- What is the role of the medical community in identifying and treating recidivist drink-driving? (Eurocare)

ETSC invites you to discuss these and other questions at a Transport Safety Dinner in Brussels.

European Transport Safety Council

ETSC's Transport Safety Lunches and Dinners are the site for openly debating promising and successful European approaches to prevent both accidents and injuries in transportation. They bring together decision makers from the transport sector in Brussels, thus establishing a platform to exchange information and views for all those interested in transport safety.

The experts provide the audience with an insight into innovative transport safety work. By addressing the most pressing problems they are paving the way for sharing knowledge and experience of how to best reduce transport-related accidents and injuries. The debates will explore possibilities of how key actors can develop the political and organisational leadership that it takes to implement effective safety schemes.

The Events provide good opportunities for both public authorities from all EU countries and private companies from all transport sectors to present their technical and organisational measures for the improvement of safety and security within the different modes of transport.



Professor Herman De Croo MP, Minister of State, President of ETSC

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Hotel Renaissance, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels
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