



PRESS NOTICE

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CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP AT ETSC

As ETSC prepares to mark 10 years of successful campaigning and development activity, Jeanne Breen, its Executive Director since ETSC's inception in 1993, is moving on from the post and returning to the UK in February. Dr Jörg Beckmann takes over from 1st March (part-time), and from 1st April (full-time).

Chairman of ETSC's Board of Directors, Professor Herman De Croo MP, said:

“As the only non-governmental organisation in Brussels with the sole focus on providing impartial cross-EU expert advice on transport safety countermeasures to EU policymakers, the European Transport Safety Council has played a key role in the development of transport safety policies in Europe over the last decade.

In particular, ETSC has encouraged road safety to the centre-stage of EU policymaking, campaigned successfully for the setting of an EU-wide target, been instrumental in influencing EU legislation on vehicle standards and, with the help of its large network of Europe's leading experts has identified systematically policy development needs to address the common transport casualty problems faced by every Member State.

“With ETSC from the start, Jeanne Breen has played a fundamental role in the establishment of ETSC and its successful activity.

“With his professional experience in European transport policy and an academic background in urban planning and social science, Jörg Beckmann is well placed to continue and further develop Jeanne Breen's excellent work.”

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