

Transport Safety Lunches

“Getting to grips with tyre safety”

ETSC Tyre Safety Lunch

Welcome by: Prof. Herman de Croo (Minister of State and ETSC President)
Dr. Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, MEP

Chair: Prof. Murray Mackay (ETSC Board Member)

Panellists: Mattias Hjort (VTI, Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute)
Philippe Jean (European Commission)
Jacqueline Lacroix (DVR, German Road Safety Council)
Koen Ricour (Tispol, European Traffic Police Network)
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Joseph Harrer (ARCD, Automobile and Travel Club, Germany)
Arthur de Bok (Goodyear Dunlop)

Tyres are the only contact point between the vehicle and the road. As such, they are an essential part of the road safety picture. In the winter months, wet roads, cold temperatures, snow and ice can all contribute to potentially dangerous situations including loss of grip, aquaplaning and longer stopping distances. However, correct tyre maintenance and care are critical for safety all year long. Drivers need to make sure that tyres (including the spare one) are always maintained to the highest levels of safety and efficiency by checking, for example, that tyres are properly inflated, they comply with the minimum allowed tread depth and do not present any lumps, bulges or cracks.

The recently adopted European Parliament Report on Road Safety 2011-2020 stresses the need for a better education of drivers regarding the role of tyres in road safety and the need for observing basic rules for proper tyre maintenance and tyre use. It also calls on the Commission to draw up a legislative proposal for a harmonised approach on winter tyres taking into account the weather conditions in each Member State. Finally, it calls on the Commission to set common standards for vehicle tyres (in particular for tread depth of tyres and tyre pressure), to include tyre checks in the regular roadworthiness tests performed on vehicles and to support more effective enforcement of tyre-related rules by means of more frequent roadside inspections.

Against this background, ETSC's Transport Safety Lunch will be the occasion to discuss tyre safety with a group of experts from different areas and to exchange views on a road safety issue which is often neglected.

ETSC's Transport Safety Lunches 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.

Following a buffet lunch (12:30-13:30) 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 Lunches 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 within the different modes of transport.

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Professor Herman De Croo, Minister of State and ETSC President

ETSC's Tyre Safety Lunch

On 8 December 2011 from 13:30 to 15:00 (buffet lunch 12:30-13:30)

"Getting a grip on tyre safety"

At Radisson Blu EU Hotel
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