

The Road Safety Performance Index (PIN)

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ETSC and road safety

- ETSC is concerned with the safety of all forms of transport
- but about 97 per cent of deaths in transport in the EU occur on the roads
- so the safety of people using the roads in all the Member States is a prime concern of ETSC

Targets and performance

- The EU has set a target of halving the annual number of deaths on the roads between 2000 and 2010
- Many Member States have set targets of their own
- Setting targets implies measuring performance in working towards them and in surpassing them!

Performance indices

Previous work by ETSC has confirmed the importance of a range of performance indices

- in monitoring progress
- in motivating sustained effort
- in making the case for resources
- in guiding the evolution of policy

Challenging Member States

- Road safety performance differs
 1. between Member States
 2. between aspects of road safety within each Member State
- Comparable performance indicators can help decision-makers by
 1. recognising achievement
 2. identifying shortcomings

Achieving comparable indices

- ETSC recognises that establishing comparable indices and achieving regular measurement is itself a challenge
- ETSC is therefore grateful to Toyota Motor Europe and the Swedish Road Administration for their support in taking up this challenge through the PIN programme