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STARS Mid-term Visit

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Project name (if any): Reducing the speed in a dangerous stretch



1. Project proposal

We have made a research to find a stretch that suits best for the project. We proposed the idea we had to the road safety authorities. However, we are having difficulties in order to get an agreement to implement the campaign.

The main problem is that what we want to make is something different. Local authorities refused to implement something that is not provided in the Highway Code.

We are writing a new report in which we are going to include several proposals to show to the local authorities in order to implement, at least, one of them.

2. Site to be treated

The place in which we want to implement the campaign is a regional road called AS-19. This is a road which has heavy traffic every day, especially during the week. After making a statistical research, we have found this stretch that has had several dramatically harmful traffic accidents.

This stretch is a sector of the road that has several straights. Drivers usually exceed speed limits in the straights.

3. Content visit

Last 20th April, Ilyas Daoud visited Gijón in order to carry out the Mid-Term Evaluation Visit of this STARS Project. He met Alberto Martínez.

First of all, I (Alberto) explained him the current situation of the project. I summed the most remarkable tasks of the project for the last months. I explained the problems we are having and why we are still unable to implement the project.

After this, we went to the road to see its situation. We agreed that, although we will not be able to implement the first idea, there are still plenty of things we can do to improve the current situation of this stretch.

Finally, we have a talk to decide the next steps. I was given some good advice from Ilyas to deal with the problems I am having.

4. Next steps

- a. First of all, we are going to write a new report in which we are going to suggest several ideas to implement.
- b. We are going to modify our strategy, in order to adapt to the new situation.
- c. There is going to be a PRAISE seminar next 9th of June. We are going to meet Antonio Avenoso and Ilyas Daoud in this seminar. The idea is to make an appointment with local authorities this day, in order to show the new ideas and to try to get an agreement with them.