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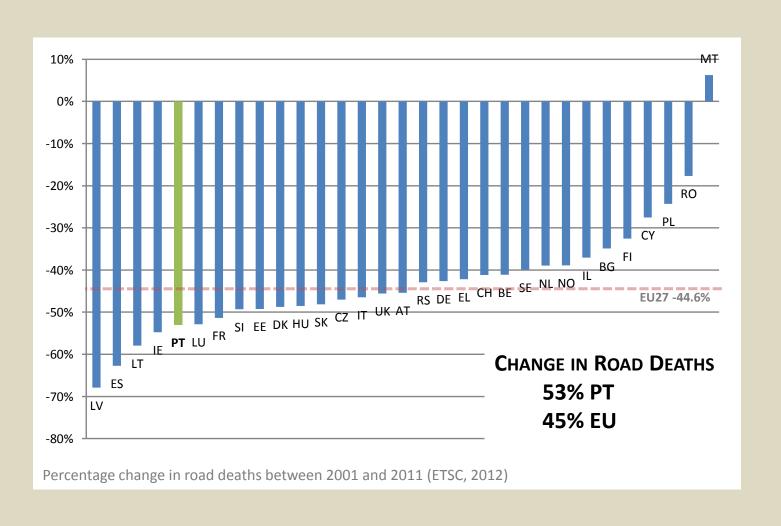
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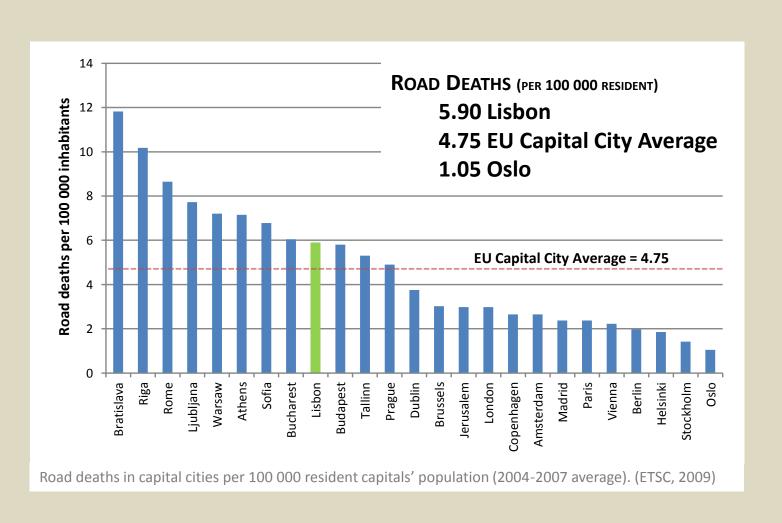
I. Introduction - Portuguese Context

Road deaths – Change between 2001-2011



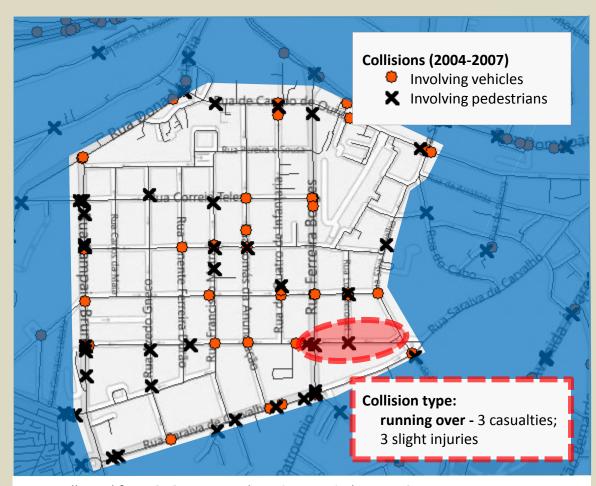
I. Introduction - Lisbon Context

Road deaths in capital cities per 100 000 resident capitals' population



I. Introduction - Intervention Site

Accidentology



Data collected from SACRA research project carried out at IST

Urban Characteristics

- Mixed residential and commerce neighbourhood
- Speed limit: 50km/h
- One way street belonging to a orthogonal network
- There were no pedestrian crosses (except on traffic light)
- High travel demand for all the transport modes
- High parking pressure

I. Introduction - Intervention Site



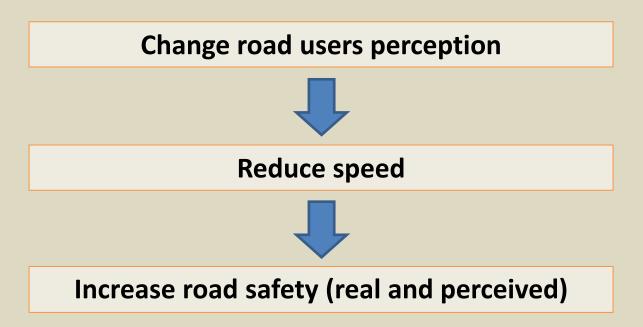
Picture of pedestrian crossing the street out of the pedestrian crossing



Picture from the beginning of the selected street section

I. INTRODUCTION - OBJECTIVES

1) Reduction of the speed in one particular street, Rua Coelho da Rocha, in Lisbon



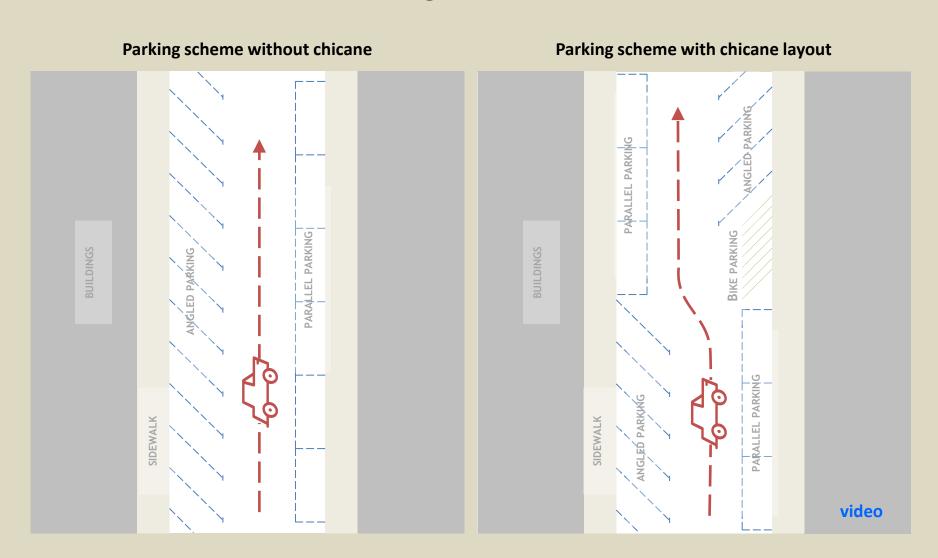
2) Increase awareness to road safety issue in Portugal.

I. Introduction - Partners

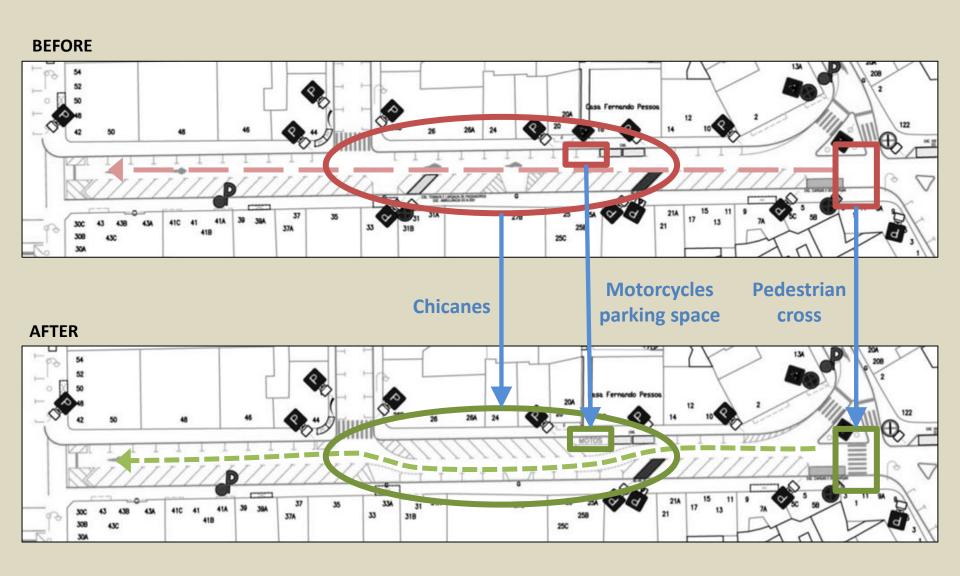
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- TRAFIURBE
- Lisbon City Council (CML)
- Santo Condestável Civil Parish (JFSC)
- Lisbon Public Security Police (PSP)

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURE - CONCEPT

Traffic Calming Measure: Chicanes



II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURE - PROJECT



II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURE - ROAD WORKS







Pictures of the road works (being carried out and finished)

III. ASSESSMENT - METHODOLOGY

PROPOSED INDICATORS

TRAFFIC

Speed Traffic demand Pedestrian crossings

PERCEPTIONS

Pedestrian questionnaire Drivers questionnaire Traders questionnaire

PERCEPTIONS

Noise level Gas emissions

ACTUAL INDICATORS

TRAFFIC

Speed
Traffic demand
Pedestrian crossings

PERCEPTIONS

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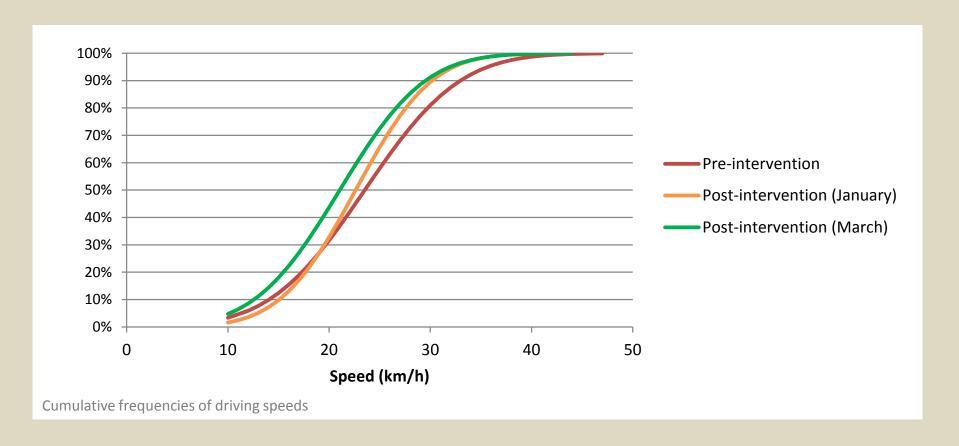


Questionnaire



Speed radar

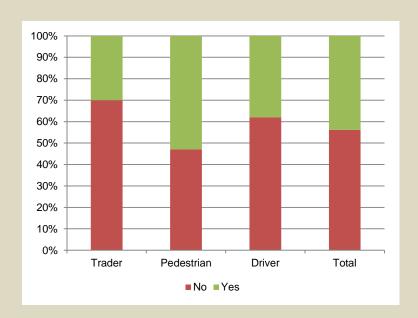
III. ASSESSMENT – SPEED (BEFORE AND AFTER)



Speed (km/h)	Pre intervention	Post intervention (January)	Post intervention (March)	Differences pre vs post-intervention (March)	
				%	abs.
Max	47	44	44	-6.4%	-3.0
Ave	23.5	22.6	21.1	-10.5%	-2.5
V ₈₅	32	29	28	-12.5%	-4.0

III. ASSESSMENT - SAFETY PERCEPTIONS (BEFORE)

Do you regard this street as a safe one?



- 70% of traders considered this street to be unsafe;
- 72% of Drivers answered that the street was unsafe;
- Pedestrian's perception seems to be more optimistic as 53% considered the street to be safe.
- Overall, the majority of street users (56%) considered the street as unsafe while the rest (44%) regards the street as a safe one.

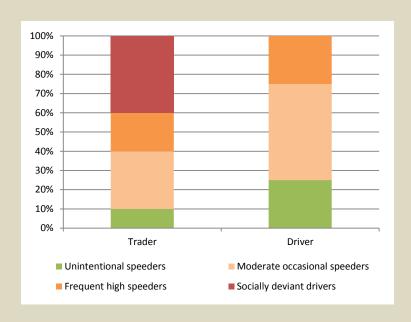
Which do you believe to be the appropriated speed limit for this street?



- 100% of the traders believed that the speed limit should be 30 km/h;
- 56% of the pedestrians considered that the speed limit should be 30 km/h;
- 59% of the drivers considered that the speed limit should be 30 Km/h;
- Overall 71% believed that the speed limit should be below 30 km/h.

III. ASSESSMENT - SAFETY PERCEPTIONS (BEFORE)

Type of drivers according to traders and drivers themselves



according to traders:

- only 10% of the drivers passing that street were "unintentional speeders"
- 30% were "moderate occasional speeders"
- 30% were "frequent high speeders"
- 40% were "socially deviant drivers"

according to drivers:

- 25% considered themselves as "unintentional speeders"
- 50% as "moderate occasional speeders"
- 25% as "frequent high speeders"
- none of them considered to be "socially deviant drivers".

III. ASSESSMENT - SAFETY PERCEPTIONS (AFTER)

Do you consider that drivers are driving on a lower speed now? / Do you consider that your driving speed is lower now?



- 80% of the traders believed that vehicle's speed lower;
- 80% of the pedestrians also agreed that vehicle's drive in a lower speed;
- 67% of the driver considered that they have slowed their speed on this street.
- In overall 74% of the street users had the perception that vehicles decreased their speed

Concerning to speed humps how do you regard chicanes' effectiveness (in terms of speed reduction)?



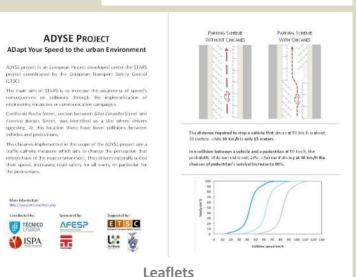
- 80% of traders and drivers considered it more effective, 20% so effective or less effective;
- 64% of the pedestrians considered it more effective,
 13% considered it so effective as speed humps and
 23% less effective;
- Globally, 84% considered chicanes equally or more effective against 16% that believed speed humps.

IV. PROJECT DISSEMINATION AND AWARENESS

- Web page in a road safety <u>blog</u>
- Leaflets about 300 were distributed to present the project and its scope and goals to the road users and authorities
- National conference Association to the Promotion of Child Safety Conference, on 20th November 2012
- Newspaper article On Público a National Newspaper with a wide circulation
- Scientific paper to be published
 May/June 2013 in the Portuguese Journal of Signalization



Newspaper article



V. DIFFICULTIES & LESSONS LEARNED

DIFFICULTIES AND LIMITATIONS (Mainly related to time schedules problems and resources)

- Get the political approval to the intervention (mainly due to proximity of local elections)
- Lack of resources to assess the proposed indicators;
- Match schedules between partners;
- Weather conditions delayed the road works;
- Meet deadlines (delay of 3 months according to the proposed project timeline)
- Lack of control site;
- Speed measurements of limited time;
- Reduced questionnaires' sample size.

LESSONS LEARNED:

- Perseverance is a main key to the success, if we don't believe in our project no one will;
- Open-mindedness to change and adapt the project to the conditions of sponsors and local authorities, as long as our main purpose remains covered;
- Above all, we needed to captivate the interest of those we want to support us because;
- This project can be the beginning of something bigger, regarding the impact of road safety measurements in our City.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

PROJECT SUCCESS

- V₈₅ Speed has decreased from 32 to 28 km/h and the overall number of drivers driving above 30km/h has decreased about 10%;
- Risk perceptions' assessment demonstrated that the performed intervention had a direct and positive effect on road users' perception;
- People in general considered this street safer after the implementation of the chicanes;
- No collision has been recorded so far;
- ADYSE clearly succeeded in demonstrating that few resources combined with serious commitment will secure success of well design projects;

FUTURE WORK

- Keep giving awareness to the road safety issue in Portugal, particularly amongst the most vulnerable groups;
- The potential of this project lies not only in its outcome implementation of the measure - but also in its potential to contribute to further work despite adverse circumstance - it can be a source of inspiration.

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