



**“Launching the 2011-2020 Decade of Action for
Road Safety in the UNECE Region”
Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks**

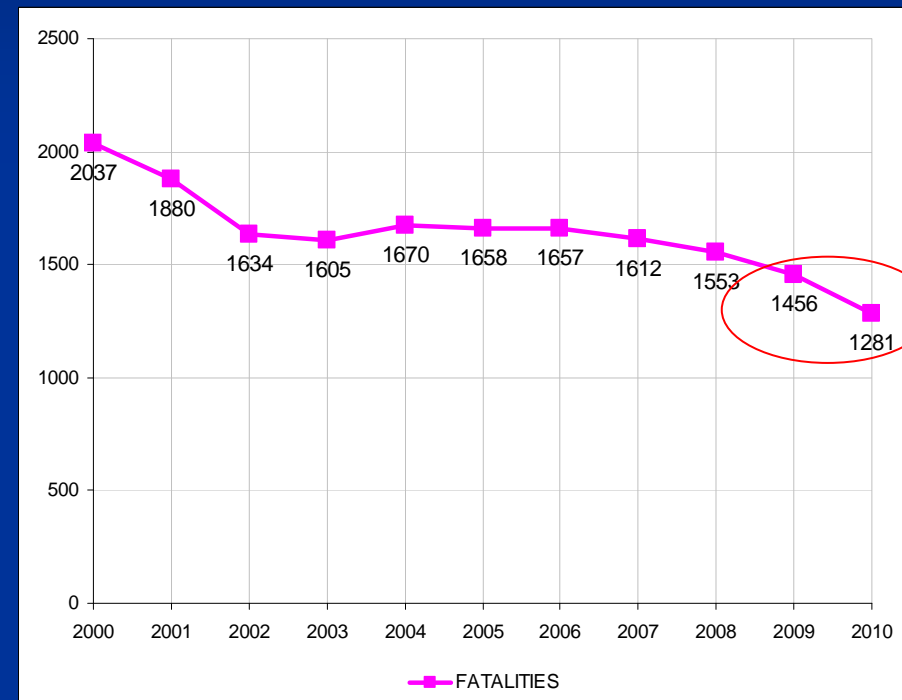
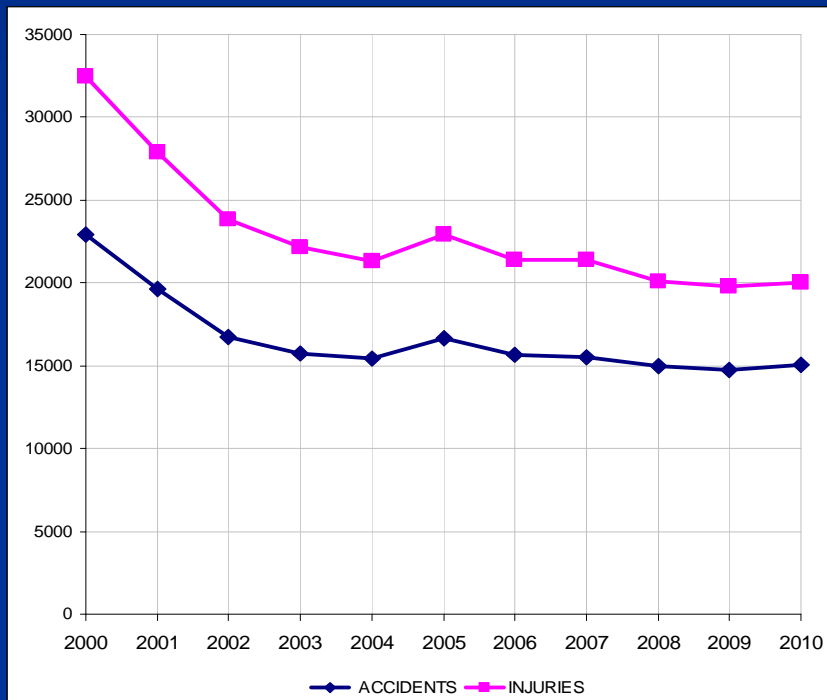
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Road accidents in Greece the last decade

YEARS	ACCIDENTS	INJURIES	FATAL ACCIDENTS	FATALITIES
2000	22952	32482	1867	2037
2001	19670	27920	1712	1880
2002	16756	23861	1458	1634
2003	15747	22176	1409	1605
2004	15399	21322	1374	1670
2005	16660	22930	1311	1658
2006	15652	21391	1351	1657
2007	15499	21378	1442	1612
2008	14991	20121	1414	1553
2009	14775	19815	1314	1456
2010	15072	20059	1162	1281
TOTAL	183173	253455	15814	18043

Road accidents' trends



It is notable that the reduction in fatalities between 2009 and 2010 was approx -12%

Road safety – strategic targets (base year: 2000)

- 1st Strategic Plan: Fatalities reduction by 20% up to year 2005 (base year: 2000 =2037).
- 2nd Strategic Plan: Fatalities reduction by 50% up to year 2010 (base year: 2000 =2037).

1st Road Safety Strategic Plan (2000-2005)

- Restructuring of traffic police organization
- Modernization of traffic police equipment
- Enforced supervision of road network
- Establishment of 13 highway traffic police departments in selected spots of the highway network (PD 1/2005)

2nd Road Safety Strategic Plan (2005-2010)

Under the 2nd Road Safety Strategic Plan (2005-2010), the Ministry has initiated a number of actions concerning the following:

- Highway Code
- Point System
- Driver Certificate of Professional Competence
- Drivers' education/ test
- Driving License
- Road Safety Education at schools
- Vehicles' technical control

Goals and achievements

Time period	Road accidents	Injuries	Fatal accidents	Fatalities	Target
2001-2005	- 27.41%	- 29.41%	- 29.78%	- 18.61%	- 20%
2000-2010	- 23.38%	- 28.16%	- 32.13%	- 37.11%	- 50%

- Target of 1st Strategic Plan: **marginally failed**
- Target of 2nd Strategic Plan: **failed**

Reasons of Failure

- The vision and strategic objectives was not communicated to the respective stakeholders
- There was no precise description of the strategy implementation process
- There was no mechanism proposed for the monitoring and evaluation of the strategic plan.

Current Initiatives in Road Safety

- Setting a new Road Safety Organizational Structure
- Development of the 3rd Road Safety Strategic Plan for the period 2011 - 2020.
- Implementation of immediate road safety remedial measures

Setting a new Road Safety Organization

Inter-ministerial Committee of Road Safety (ICRS)

→ Secretariat of Inter-ministerial Committee of Road Safety

National Board of Road Safety

- General Directorate of Road Safety, Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks
- Road Traffic Police, Ministry of Citizen Protection; National Emergency Centre (EKAB)
- Road safety experts: Hellenic Institute of Transportation Engineers, Technical Chamber of Greece, Hellenic Institute of Transport, Universities, Center for Research and Prevention of Injuries among the Young etc.

Development of the 3rd Road Safety Strategic Plan (1)

The Development of the 3rd Road Safety Strategic Plan for the period 2011 – 2020 is under way and is expected to be completed by spring 2011

Evidence based Targets

Overall Target

- Fatalities reduction by 50% up to year 2020 (base year: 2010 =1281)

Interim Targets:

- 90 less casualties per year for the first four years (2011-2014)
- 55 less casualties per year for the last six years (2015-2020)

Qualitative Target

Development of Road Safety Culture through continuous national effort

Development of the 3rd Road Safety Strategic Plan (2)

The following categories of actions are proposed

In line with EU Strategic plan for Road safety (2011-2020)

1. Education and training of road users
2. Enforcement of road safety rules
3. Safe road users
4. Safe road infrastructure
5. Safe Vehicles
6. Emergency and post-injuries services

Action plan for immediate road safety remedial measures

⇒ 22 measures proposed by the Minister of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks grouped as following

Measures related to

- Interventions in Infrastructure
- Enforcement of Traffic Police technical surveillance methods
- Traffic Education
- Protection of vulnerable road users
- Improvement of drivers' training, testing and licensing procedures
- Incentives for the procurement of modern road safety equipment
- Development and maintenance of road traffic incidents data base

Road safety projects currently under way

- ⇒ Feasibility study for site selection of pedestrian bridges on Attica roads has been concluded. Technical studies for the first six pedestrian bridges are under way
- ⇒ Dismantlement of illegal road signs from main arterial roads
- ⇒ Short-term road safety remedial measures for blackspots' improvement in Attica and Salonica
- ⇒ Road Safety Expert service provision for road safety standards on the arterial roads Athinon Avenue and Pireaus Road and pilot implementation
- ⇒ Implementation of various safety measures around school areas in Co-operation with the School Building Organization (OSK).
- ⇒ Road Safety Campaigns – Public awareness
 - Poster and TV spot Competition
 - Drawing Competition for kids
 - Conference for the promotion of road safety on TV

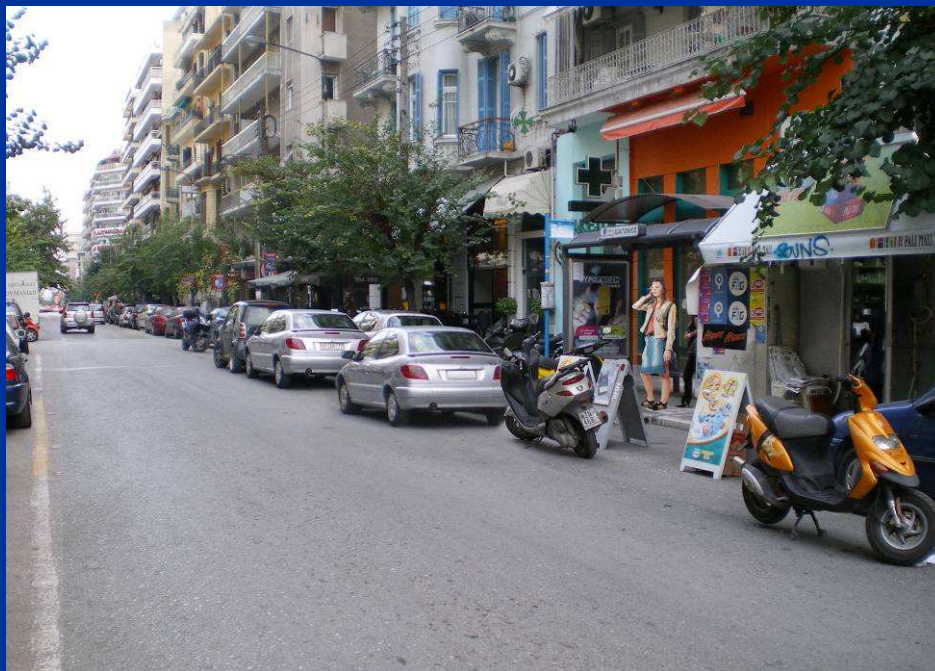
The way forward.....

- Focus on the vulnerable road users (pedestrians and cyclists)
- Upgrade of the Greek motorway infrastructure
- Better cooperation between governmental and non -governmental organizations and private companies

Suggested Road Safety Interventions in Urban Areas (1)

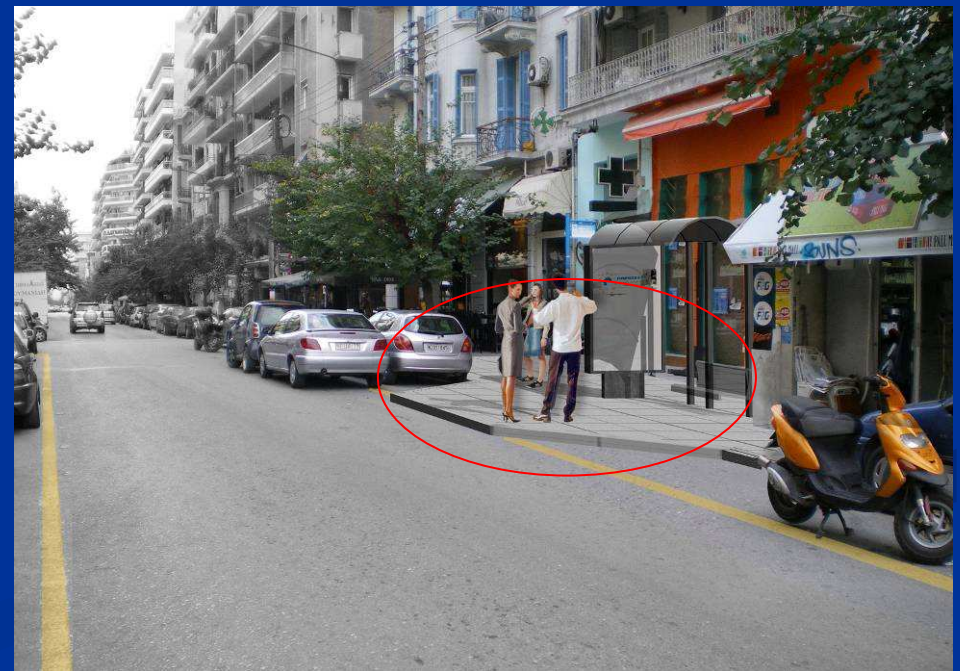
At Bus Stops with the widening of side-walks

Before



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After



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Suggested Road Safety Interventions in Urban Areas (2)

At School Entrances with elevation of pedestrian crossings

Before



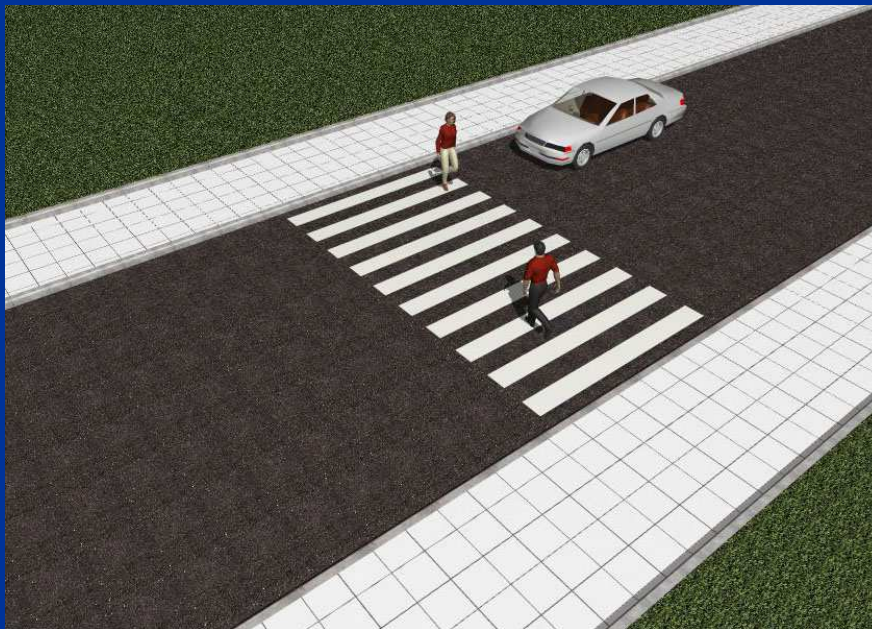
After



Suggested Road Safety Interventions in Urban Areas (3)

At pedestrian crossings with the construction of traffic islands

Before



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After



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