



Sicher fahren in Europa - Driving Safely in Europe 5th ADAC/BAST Symposium

7 and 8 October 2003 – Wiesbaden

The future traffic safety work in Europe is gaining political importance and professional content. It extends to all safety-relevant areas: man – vehicle – road – society.

The EU will soon publish its 3rd traffic safety programme 2002 to 2010 describing the objectives, methods and priorities of the European traffic safety policy from the commission's perspective. Many EU member states want to introduce their national experiences and special regional characteristics into the traffic safety policy to promote understanding and acceptance among their citizens.

Ten countries seeking admission require targeted information and practical support for the preparation of their traffic infrastructures for the EU membership. The "EU Convent for the Future of Europe" is to prepare proposals for closer orientation with public interest and expedient distribution of competence, also as regards traffic safety policy.

European traffic safety experts from science and practise contributed to the 5th ADAC/BAST Symposium – "Driving Safely in Europe" gathered together in Wiesbaden to discuss these developments and the tasks ahead. An in-depth programme of presentations covered the key elements of the safe road system: road safety, vehicle safety and road user behaviour.

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2003

Opening Session:

Outlines of the EU traffic safety programme 2002-2020, Traffic safety policy in the centre of Europe and of the new EU-member countries, and Traffic safety in the view of the road users.

Improvement of traffic safety:

Priority programmes to assess vehicle safety, EuroNCAP, Child safety and pedestrian protection, Integrated vehicle safety systems to avoid collisions and reduce accident consequences, Driver assistance systems, Intelligent speed control, and Liability of driver/owner.

Improvement of road safety:

EuroRAP: vision and results of the year 2003, Road safety audits, 5 years of tunnel testing: more safety in Europe's tunnels, Campaign for correct observance of procedures by tunnel users.

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2003**Improvement of road user behaviour:**

SARTRE III: research findings, Different opinions of European car drivers as regards EU-wide harmonisation of traffic regulations, Motorist typologies in the EU member states, Successful traffic safety measures for problematic target groups: novice drivers, senior citizens, etc.