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Welcome to the first issue of our re-launched Newsletter!

We've been off-air for a while as we worked on our new website - and it's launched! Please check it out at www.eurorap.org and let us know what you think!

We aim to publish the Newsletter once a month. Your input to it is welcome. We don't promise to print anything you send us - but we just might!

Stephen Stacey

A World Free of High Risk Roads: Adopting the 3-star Minimum

My thanks to FIB for our General Assembly in Iceland. The meetings were truly inspiring as the world moves to adopt new Sustainable Development Goals, which would commit governments to halving road deaths by 2030.

Leading EuroRAP countries are managing major road networks so that travel at 3-star minimum becomes the norm. We learnt that the Netherlands is now within 25kms of achieving 3-star on national roads. Highways England plans to achieve 90% of travel by 2020 at 3-star. Sweden's administration aims for better than 75% by 2020 and near 100% by 2025. Progress across the 14 SENSor countries in south east Europe is stunning. Slovakia's energetic and targeted €80m 2-year programme to raise major highway star ratings is just one example.

A 4-star goal for roads carrying more than 50,000 vehicles is emerging as is 4-star protection for vulnerable road users in built-up areas. The new programmes to star rate 'Safe Routes to School' have strong appeal to many Members.

In central London on 15 September, EuroRAP will host the first global conference on road assessment 'A World Free of High Risk Roads – Adopting the 3-star minimum' (see www.eurorap.org/conference). The event will feature RAP results from across the world. It will include addresses by Prince Michael, patron of the international road safety awards scheme, and the new UN Envoy for Road Safety, Jean Todt.

If your country like others wants to make a commitment at this prestigious event to manage a network to 3-stars minimum, please tell our Managing Director, Stephen Stacey, now!

John Dawson

3-star campaigning – in Reykjavik!

EuroRAP held its thirteenth General Assembly this year as guests of Félag íslenskra bifreiðaeigenda (FIB), our Icelandic member.

Over 50 representatives from 30 countries debated a wide range of subjects with a focus on the role of a 3-star minimum in safe road design.



Rob McInerney, CEO of iRAP, said that to date about 80 countries had used or were using RAP methodology to save lives and reduce the incidence of serious injury.

He signed a memorandum of understanding with Dr Peter van der Knaap welcoming SWOV, the Dutch Institute for Road Safety Research, as iRAP's newest centre of excellence.



In the margins of the General Assembly, 20 expert colleagues representing members in the Balkan region attended a kick-off meeting for EuroRAP's project RADAR (Risk Assessment on Danube Area Roads). The Danube Region Project Fund has awarded EuroRAP START funding to prepare a proposal.

Before the General Assembly, there was a meeting of the Pathfinders Group made up of representatives from leading road safety countries such as Croatia, the Netherlands and the UK.

The General Assembly approved the appointment of two new directors: Robert Štaba, Secretary General of the Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Slovenia (AMZS) and Stephen Stacey, EuroRAP Managing Director.

The EU's ambassador to Iceland, Dr Matthias Brinkmann, and Mr Thorolfur Arnason, Director-General of Samgöngustofa, the Icelandic Transport Authority, were amongst high-level guests.

Pathfinders – charting the way forward

At the first Pathfinder Workshop in 2014, presentations were received from countries that had adopted formal transparent safety performance management using the RAP protocols, or wished to consider adopting them.

Since that meeting, a number of high performing states, countries and financial institutions committed to road trauma reduction have formally announced the adoption of 3-star minimum goals.

Following the EC-supported SENSoR programme across fourteen European countries, seven governments in the region have formally supported EuroRAP's request for funding under the Connecting Europe Facility - Transport. EuroRAP's Project SpinE will evaluate the impacts of raising the safety of the TEN-T network in central, eastern and south-eastern Europe.

In other developments, the EC is reviewing the Road Infrastructure Safety Directive and has noted the widespread availability of comparable safety ratings using RAP protocols. The Global Fund for Health based in the United States is also pressing congress that US funds should always be associated with 3-star minimum requirements.

The session discussed progress in adopting RAP Safety Ratings no matter how large or small levels of funding may be. Outcomes will help inform a high profile event on RAPs on 15 September in London as we move towards a target to halve road deaths by 2030. The target has been proposed as part of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals due to be voted during the following week.

South East Europe comes to Brussels



Steve Lawson and Olivera Djordjevic presented EuroRAP's SENSoR project at a meeting of SEETO, the South East Europe Transport Observatory. SEETO is a regional transport organization established by a June 2004 Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Governments of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, and the European Commission for the development of the Core Regional Transport Network.

The aim of the SEETO is to promote cooperation on the development of the main and ancillary infrastructure on the multimodal SEETO Comprehensive Network and to enhance

local capacity for the implementation of investment programmes as well as data collection and analysis on the SEETO Comprehensive Network.

The main objectives of the SEETO cooperation are defined as being to:

- Develop the SEETO Comprehensive Network;
- Improve and harmonise regional transport policies and technical standards for the SEETO Comprehensive Network development;
- Maintain an effective coordination and communication network; and
- Integrate the SEETO Comprehensive Network in the framework of the wider Trans European Network

EuroRAP goes to Belgrade

During a busy week in June, EuroRAP staff and partners from the Danube START project – Slovenia’s Automobile and Motorcycle Association AMZS and AMSS-CMV of Serbia – met 20 representatives of EuroRAP’s project RADAR (Risk Assessment on Danube Area Roads) in Belgrade.

In other meetings, they met Miodrag Poledica, State Secretary of the Serbian Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, and Franc Žepič, Slovenia’s Danube Region Strategy Priority Area Coordinator 1b from the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure. Franc Žepič (pictured) and SEETO’s Liljana Cela gave presentations at the project workshop.