

Road safety in the European Union

Policies for 2011-2020

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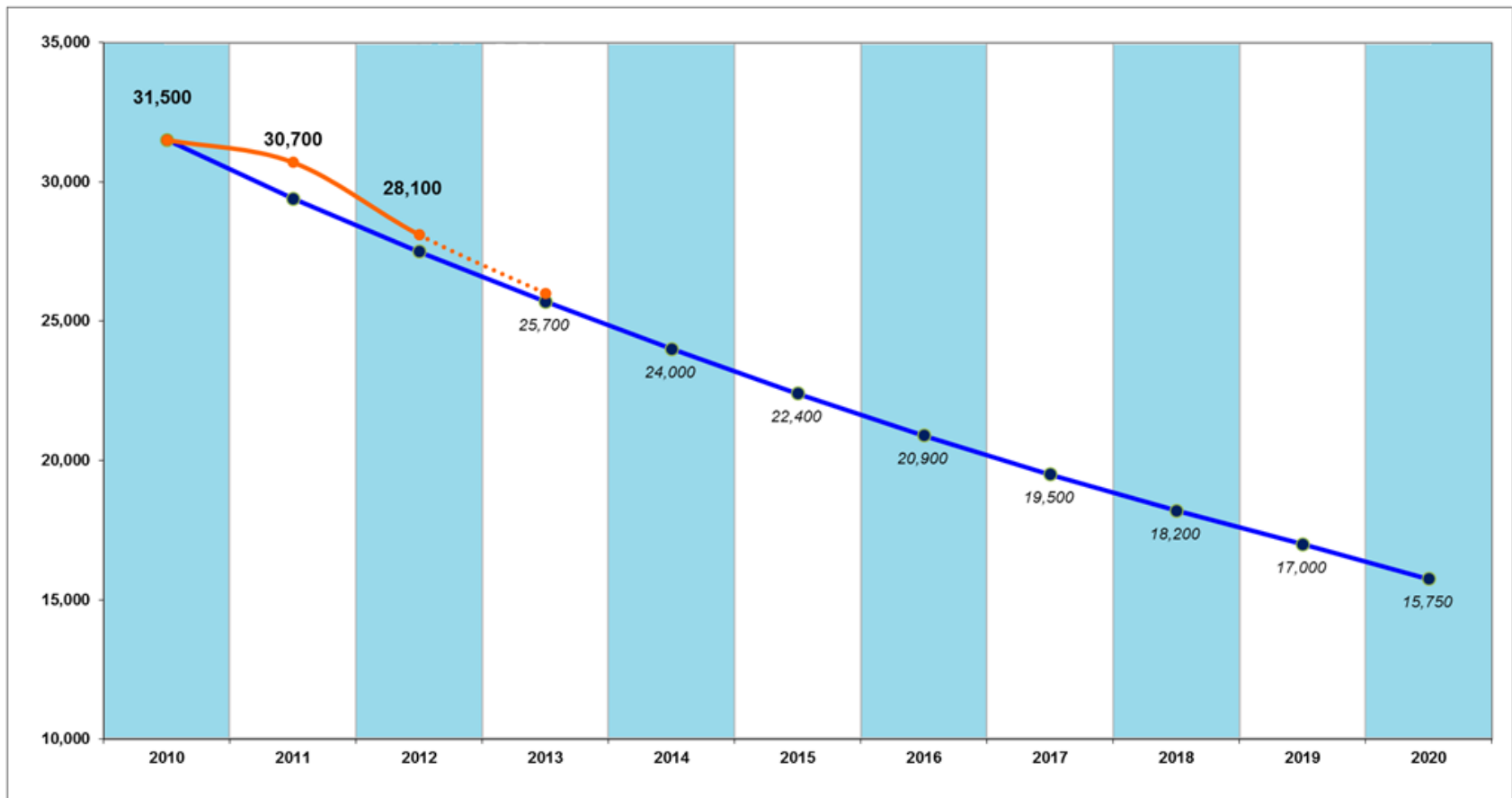
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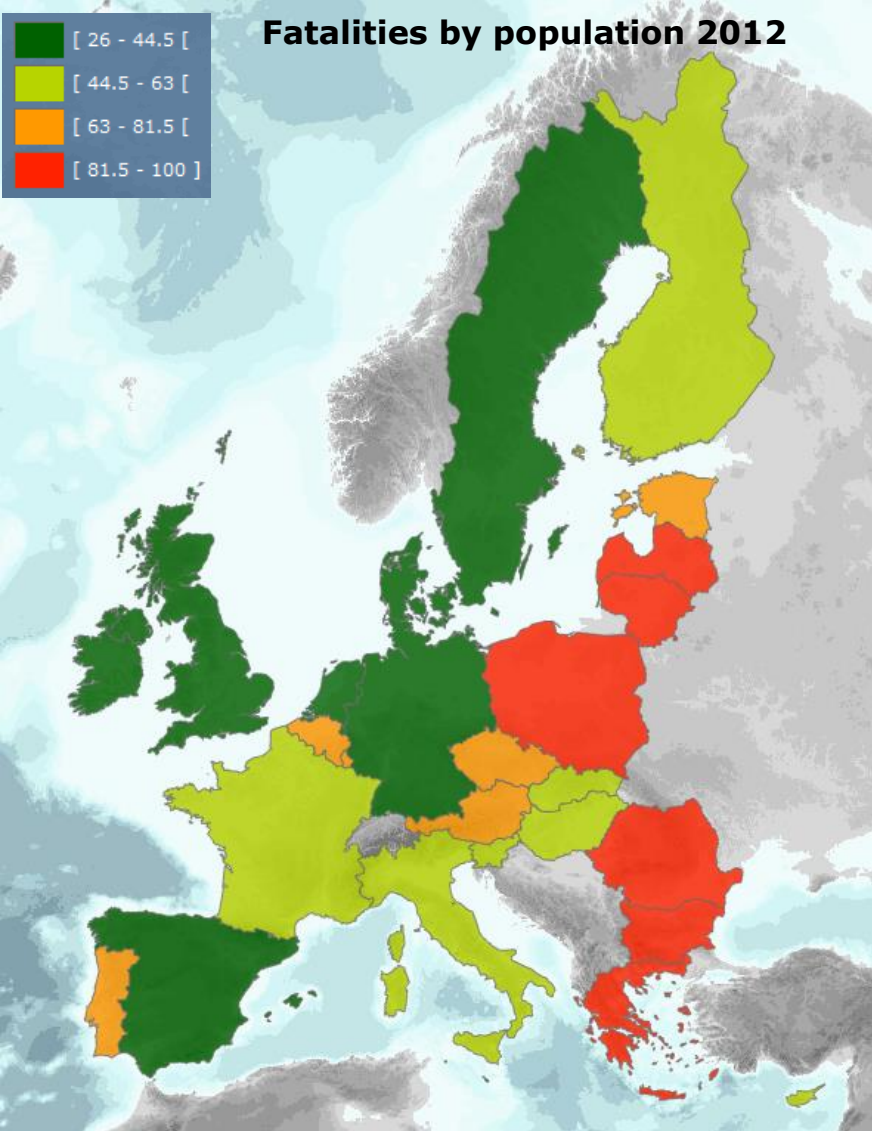


Presentation

- **Road safety trends in figures**
- **Policy areas for road safety**
- **Safety of road infrastructure**
- **On-going work on safety of road infrastructure**
- **Conclusions**

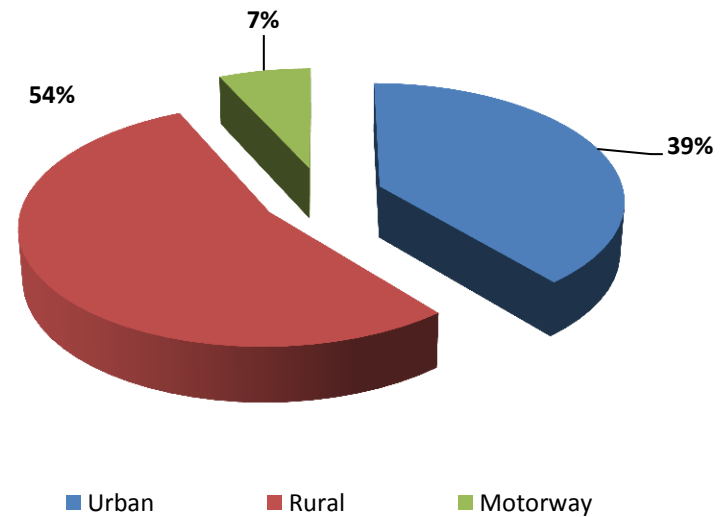
Road fatalities in EU-28 2010-2020





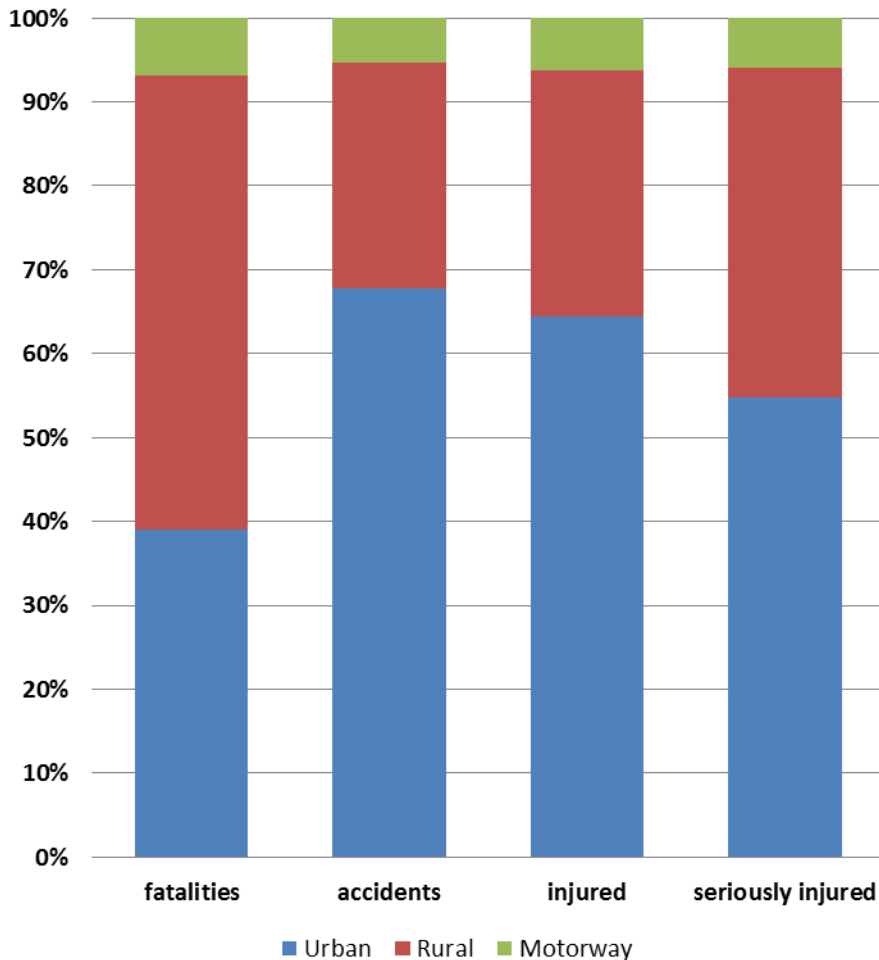
Fatality rates in the EU

Fatalities per road type (2012)

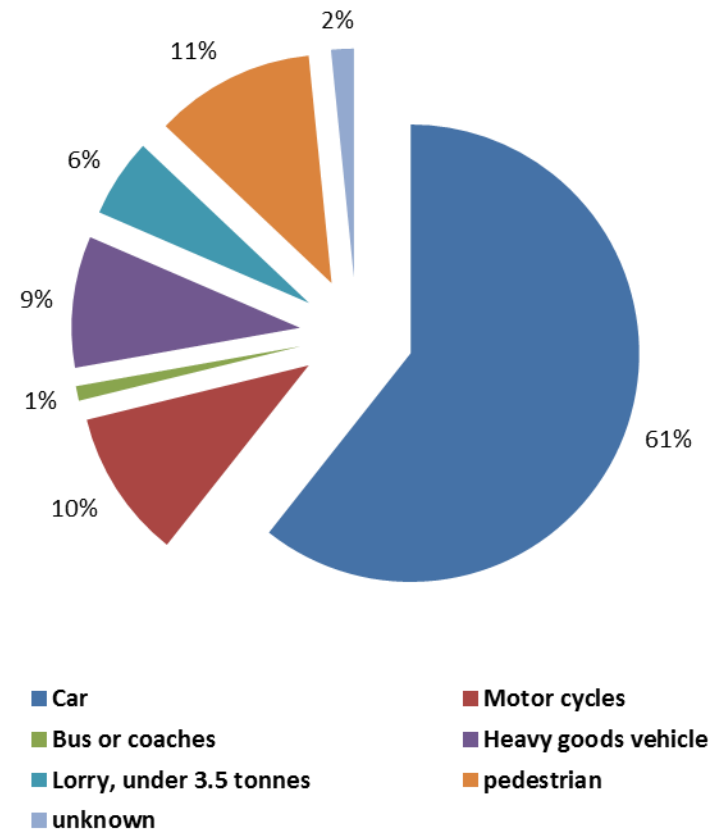


Source: CARE (Database on road accidents)

Accidents by type of road



Fatalities on motorways



Source: CARE (EU road accidents database)

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POLICY ORIENTATIONS ON ROAD SAFETY 2011 - 2020



7 Policy objectives

- Education and training
- Compliance with road traffic rules
- Safer road infrastructure
- Safer vehicles
- Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- Emergency and post-injuries services
- Vulnerable road users



Objective 3: Safer road infrastructure

- Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management
- Directive 2004/54/EC on minimum safety requirements for tunnels



Main instruments:

1. Conditional funding of road infrastructure projects;
2. Sharing of best practises, notably on secondary roads.

Developments in tunnel and infrastructure safety policy

- **Road infrastructure safety management:** study on the implementation of the Directive 2008/96/EC is underway;
- **Road Tunnel Safety:** study on implementation and effects of tunnel safety Directive 2004/54/EC is underway;
- **Next step:** analysis the policy area in terms of costs, benefits, further policy options and streamlining of EU legislation.

Conclusions

- **Some 25 000 persons die on EU roads every year, and the implications to the society go considerably beyond personal tragedies;**
- **As many investigations demonstrate there is rarely one single reason at the origin of an accident – safety of the infrastructure is often a contributing factor;**
- **The reason for having special attention regarding tunnels remains, the particular inherent risks have not gone away.**
- **Analysis on existing legislation is underway, only once the results are available justified proposals can be formulated on future work.**