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Brussels, 05 July 2011 - The European Commission has today published new statistics showing that EU road fatalities decreased by 11% in 2010. However, country by country statistics (see table below), show that the number of deaths still varies greatly across the EU. Most countries achieved double-digit reductions in the number of road deaths over the past year, the best ones being Luxembourg (33%), Malta (29%) Sweden (26%) and Slovakia (26%). However there is still a lot of work to be done.

European Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas, responsible for Transport, said: "It is very encouraging that nearly all Member States have managed to significantly reduce their number of road deaths, but there is no room for complacency. A hundred people still die on Europe's roads every day. We have made good progress since 2001 and we have succeeded in saving nearly 100,000 lives. But the number of fatalities and injuries on our roads is still unacceptable. We want to cut the number deaths by half by 2020. For this we will be looking at what kind of cars people drive, where they drive and how they drive."

The attached table – "road fatalities per country" – shows progress under the 2001–10 road safety action plan, with EU-wide figures and a breakdown per country. It includes the most recent figures for 2010.

EU road safety action plan

In July 2010 the Commission adopted challenging plans to reduce the number of road deaths on Europe's roads by half in the next 10 years. Initiatives proposed in the "European Road Safety Policy Orientations 2011-2020" range from setting higher standards for vehicle safety, to improving the training of road users, and increasing the enforcement of road rules. The Commission is working closely with Member States to implement this programme.

Road safety action programme 2011–20:

The Road Safety action programme sets out a mix of initiatives focussing on making improvements to vehicles, infrastructure and road users' behaviour.

There are seven strategic objectives:

- Improved safety measures for trucks and cars
- Building safer roads
- Developing intelligent vehicles
- Strengthening licensing and training
- Better enforcement
- Targeting injuries
- A new focus on motorcyclists.

Detailed measures for each strategic objective are listed in attached [MEMO/10/343](#).

See also: [MEMO/11/483](#)

Road fatalities by country (per million inhabitants)

Member State	Fatalities by population		Evolution of fatalities	
	2001	2010	2009 - 2010	2001 - 2010
Latvija	236	97	-14%	-61%
Lietuva	202	90	-19%	-58%

España	136	54	-9%	-55%
Sverige	66	28	-26%	-54%
Luxembourg	159	64	-33%	-54%
Slovensko	114	53	-25%	-53%
Éire/Ireland	107	45	-16%	-51%
France	134	62	-7%	-51%
Slovenija	140	68	-19%	-50%
Portugal	163	79	1%	-49%
Deutschland	85	45	-12%	-48%
United Kingdom	61	31	-18%	-47%
Nederland	62	32	-17%	-46%
Belgique/België	145	76	-12%	-44%
Italia	125	66	-6%	-44%
EU	112	62	-11%	-43%
Österreich	119	66	-13%	-42%
Eesti	146	88	20%	-41%
Magyarország	121	74	-10%	-40%
Česká republika	130	76	-11%	-40%
Κύπρος (Kypros)/Kibris	140	75	-15%	-39%
Danmark	81	48	-13%	-39%
Suomi/Finland	84	51	-1%	-36%
Ελλάδα (Elláda)	172	116	-10%	-30%
Polska	145	102	-15%	-29%
България (Bulgaria)	124	102	-14%	-23%
Malta	41	36	-29%	-6%
România	109	111	-15%	-3%

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