

## Summary Report of the "Infrastructures Road Safety" Workshop 20/11/2014 – Crowne Plaza Crowne Plaza Athens City Center - Athens

Successfully held the Workshop "Infrastructures Road Safety" organized on 20-11-2014 by the Make Roads Safe Hellas in Athens. The turnout of over 100 public service executives, private organisations, scholars and experts dealing with road safety, reveals the concern of society for the modern scourge of road accidents.

The Deputy Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Networks, Mr. Michael Papadopoulos, addressed the Conference. In his speech, Mr. Deputy after welcoming the initiatives Make Roads Safe Hellas, which can contribute to good practices and tools by the international scientific community, to the national effort to improve road safety, stressed the importance which gives the Ministry to the development of infrastructure to ensure safety to users and create an unforgiving environment, as required by modern Holistic Approach to Road Safety. Also, Mr. Deputy Minister referred to the Ministry's activities in the field of road safety and particularly to the intention of the Ministry for the controls to be extended to all new infrastructure projects, not just those included in the Trans-European Networks. At the end he highlighted the fact that under the implementation of the European Directive 96/2008, the Ministry attaches great importance to the contribution of the Make Roads Safe Hellas, not only in relation to the results and proposals as well as to the fact that new tools and methodologies, established internationally can be at our disposal for the efficient programming period interventions that will be able to prevent more deaths and serious injuries.

The project manager Dr. E. Bellos and Mr. S. Efstathiadis, transport engineer reported that "the SENSOR project and Make Roads Safe Hellas after inspections with specially equipped and certified vehicle, offered a comprehensive study on the classification of roads as for road safety for 3,600 Kms. of the basic road network and its categorization by the star rating system. It is the first time in Greece the safety of infrastructure has been evaluated on the basis of international iRAP protocols. The results show that 54% of the length of roads inspected offers the minimum safety for vehicle drivers (1 or 2 stars, a maximum of five) and 45% are classified as 3 stars. Most of the closed highways have been evaluated with 3 and in some cases with 4 or 5 stars. The targeted interventions that are recommended, if implemented in their entirety, can avert more than 26,000 deaths and serious injuries in-depth 20 years."

Mr. S. Lawson, Executive Director of EuroRAP presented the implementation of this methodology in 80 countries worldwide and its adoption by governments and international organizations, such as the Netherlands, Great. Britain, Australia, United Nations, World Bank, European Investment Bank etc. He stressed that in many European countries periodic inspections and road net reviews have been taking place using the methodology and by implementing the EU Directive 2008/96.

The workshop contributed keynote speakers from Greece and abroad. Mr. David Ward, Executive Secretary of the Commission of Global Road Safety said "the complementation of the evaluation of basic road infrastructure in Greece is a huge progress on road safety. These types of actions essentially support the Strategic Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety UN".

Representatives of the General Secretariat of Public Works and the Egnatia Odos SA presented the framework of the implementation of the EU Directive 96/2008 and the extensive studies undertaken to improve the road network. The NTUA and the Hellenic Institute of Transport Engineers presented their substantive proposals to comprehensively address the problem. Finally, especially important was the contribution of representatives of highways of the country who mentioned the major daily efforts made in order to protect drivers.