



Electronic news bulletin from the eSafety Observatory.....

eSafety debate in the Nordic Countries

The Danish Minister for Transport and Energy Flemming Hansen opened 15 June 2005 a Nordic conference on eSafety. Presentations from the Nordic Countries showed that there are a number of interesting activities involving new technologies that can improve the road safety. The main discussions were focusing on areas like eCall, Alcolock, driving behaviour and automatic speed information systems, all areas of high priority in the Nordic Countries. The participants also had the possibility to test vehicles with speed information systems and Alcolock. "I am convinced that new technology will improve road safety. I know it won't happen overnight but I think the right way to progress is to collate as much information as possible about the various experiments conducted in Denmark, the Nordic countries and the rest of the EU. Human behaviour is still the main cause of traffic accidents. I consider the opportunities provided by new technology as a way in which we can help promote more appropriate and safer behaviour on the roads," Mr Hansen said. The European eSafety development and the eScope activities were presented by Jacob Bangsgaard from ERTICO.

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Architecture Workshop of the GST Forum

Focused on creating a Global System for Telematics (GST) enabling on-line safety services, the Commission supported GST Integrated Project presented its architecture proposals at a two-day workshop on 7-8 June 2005 in Brussels that was open for companies external to the GST consortium. Attended by more than 140 experts representing all major stakeholders in Europe, the workshop focused on how GST's technical solutions can greatly facilitate the development, remote installation and updating of innovative services on a broad range of telematics platforms.

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eSafety activities in Hannover

The European ITS Congress that took place in Hannover, 1-3 June 2005, attracted some 1000 visitors. The numerous Technical Sessions gave an overview of the state of the art in ITS research in Europe and internationally. Co-operative Systems, Vehicle Safety Communications, and Inter-vehicle Communications, were the hot topics; and several eSafety-related activities took place during the course of the congress.

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RTTI Meeting in Berlin

Following the high level meeting held September 2004 and as recommended by the Member States, the European Commission organised a topic meeting with the Member State Public Authorities hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing on 11 May 2005 in Berlin. The aim of the meeting was to focus on the progress of RTTI (Real Time Traffic and traveller Information) and to give a summary of the results obtained so far in the eSafety initiative.

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eScope Observers Meeting

eScope Observers met in Helsinki on 14 April 2005 to discuss User Outreach and eSafety deployment.

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eCall Driving Group Meeting

The eCall Driving Group met in Helsinki on 14 April 2005 to define tasks and allocate responsibilities for 2005.

Emilio Davila Gonzalez from the Commission was on hand to provide feedback from the eSafety Forum's High-Level meeting with the EU Member States in February 2005. It was decided that the European Commission should invite the insurance industry to a meeting in order to better involve that sector in eCall activities. An important discussion point with the insurance industry is the possibility of creating financial incentives for implementing eCall.

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eCall Expert Meeting

The first eCall expert meeting was organised and held in Helsinki, Finland on 15 April 2005. Focusing on best practice for early eCall adopters, the meeting also included presentations from Finland, The Netherlands, Sweden and UK. It was chaired by Mrs Rosalie Zobel, Director of the EC DG Information Society's Directorate G Components, Systems and Media and hosted by the Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications. The meeting attracted more than 85 eCall experts representing different stakeholders and companies - including members of the eSafety Forum's eCall Driving Group.

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eSafety Forum High Level Meeting for the European Industry

The eSafety Forum organised a High-Level meeting with key industry representatives on 3 February 2005. The meeting discussed the progress achieved so far in the eSafety initiative, and in particular, the way forward in the roll-out of the pan-European eCall.

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New eCall Toolbox!

The eCall Toolbox was created in order to provide a common specific database containing all relevant information regarding all aspects of the pan-European eCall chain. It is based on existing documents and contains a wealth of information about E112, eCall and other related issues. Referenced through the Activity section of the eScope website, the eCall Toolbox is continuously updated with new developments.

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