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Dear reader,

We are pleased to send you the first edition of the eScope electronic newsletter, which will keep you up to date about the various European and international eSafety activities.

eScope is an "eSafety Observatory" established by the European Commission to monitor and stimulate the eSafety initiative's progress and activities. It comprises three main activities aimed at mobilising the commitment of the eSafety community:

1. Monitoring progress on implementation of the 28 eSafety priority recommendations and the eSafety "Road Maps" to be agreed
2. Providing an overview of European emerging results on eSafety priority topics
3. Generating awareness and dissemination about the entire range of eSafety actions.

eScope has set up a network of eScope "Advisors" and "Observers" to report progress on eSafety activities at both the national and international level. The next meeting for the Advisors and Observers groups will be in Brussels on 28 September 2004.

eScope Information Platform

The eScope website – www.escope.info – has been created in order for you to effortlessly keep abreast of eSafety activities. The website includes all of the latest news, provides a listing of key events as well as features relevant background information from national and European levels. The website also provides the unique opportunity for you to submit your news and input regarding your own eSafety activities to the benefit of the eSafety community as a whole and become more involved in the eSafety initiative.

eScope Stand in Budapest

eScope has a dedicated "eSafety Observatory" stand located at the European Commission's exhibit at the ERTICO-organised ITS in Europe Congress and Exhibition held in Budapest, Hungary, 24-26 May 2004. eScope is using this great opportunity to disseminate eSafety information, such as its newly-released European eSafety brochure. eScope will also be on the road and highlight its activities at the ATA Congress in Parma, Italy, 16-18 June 2004.



ITS Congress

24-26 May, 2004
Budapest.

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Towards an integrated eSafety initiative for the enlarged Europe

This key session at the ITS in Europe Congress in Budapest on 24 May was chaired by Mr Fabio Colasanti, Director-General of the European Commission's DG INFSO. State Secretary Dr György Csepeli of the Hungarian Ministry of Informatics and Communications launched the debate by stating that there are still major steps to take for the introduction of eSafety technologies in vehicles - even though there has been a rapid deployment of new in-vehicle technologies and systems in recent years.

Mr John Hughes from Thales mentioned cooperative systems as an important future challenge. He also stressed that the high cost of eSafety technologies is a major obstacle for deployment.

Olivier Mossé, CEO of ERTICO, took the audience through the historic development of the eSafety initiative as it has been progressed by the European Commission and co- chaired by main stakeholders such as ERTICO and ACEA. Mr Mossé referred to the last major eSafety event (25 March eSafety Plenary Forum in Brussels) and also mentioned the importance of cooperative systems that, thanks to the Commission, now enjoy increased attention. He presented the status of activities within the eSafety Working Groups and noted that eCall is one of the major challenges for the stakeholders, requiring a strong commitment in the near future.

Professor Risto Kulmala of VTT presented the technology road map for eSafety as developed by the Road Map Working Group and stressed the fact that support for market penetration is essential.

Mr August Burgett of the US Department of Transportation made an interesting intervention about the methodologies developed to assess the potential impact of eSafety technologies and applications. He pointed out that there is room for additional global cooperation both between governments as well as between governments and the industry.

Mr Noguchi from Toyota, who is also member of the eSafety Working Group for International Cooperation, highlighted the ITS World Congress in Nagoya, Japan to be held 18-22 October 2004 as a next milestone for international eSafety cooperation.

Mr Colasanti concluded that the Commission will give full support to eSafety as long as the Member States continue their strong commitment, but the dedication towards deployment needs to come from the Member States and the industry. He reminded the audience that the deployment phase is on a complex path where everyone is constantly reminded of the importance of stakeholder commitment.

eScope Advisor group meeting

The first eScope Advisor meeting took place in Brussels 5 May 2004. Minutes and presentations from the meeting will be made available on the eScope website.

Best regards

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