

Enforcement in the European Union

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Subject: Consultation paper "Respecting the Rules, Better Road Safety Enforcement in the European Union"

Regarding the fact that I don't know to whom I should send my answers to 7 basic questions concerning mentioned Consultation paper, I will send to you, and please if you can send forward. Thank you.

1. Do you agree with definition of the problem and the objectives of the intended EU actions?

Totally agree, no remarks

2. Should EU Actions be limited to the Trans - European Road Network or cover all EU roads?

According our opinion all EU should be covered. Minor roads are specific and much more dangerous than main roads. There is also lack of police enforcement and due this reason we should focus on all EU roads. For example: according our findings the most drunken drivers we catch on rural areas. They usually not travel on large distances, but more or less between villages, towns on local level.

3. Should EU actions be limited to the three main traffic offences responsible for road accidents and deaths?

Agree. Maybe we should take into account also International commercial traffic. There is no borders any more, and level of possibilities to be caught during offences decrease. Drivers know this very well and they very often break driving/rest limits, what could lead to serious accidents.

4. Which one of the described policy options would have your preference?

Two main proposals:

- establish effective cross border enforcement,
- establish common enforcement standard all over EU

5. Are there any policy options other than the ones described in the paper?

NO.

6. Do you have specific comments on the costs and benefits of the different instruments /measures?

No.

7. Is there any other comment you wish to make?

More efforts should be done on the field of the international traffic police cooperations. Like I said, there is no borders and traffic police forces should work more closely than in the past. What about idea of European Traffic Police Force for enforcement on the main European Road Corridors?

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