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ANEC welcomes European ministers committing to tackling deaths and serious injuries on EU roads

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Today, as part of an initiative of the Maltese Presidency of the Council, and the European Commission, European transport ministers signed the Valetta Declaration¹ on road safety during a High-Level Ministerial Conference held in Malta.

EU-wide road safety statistics² show a fall of only 2% in the fatalities recorded last year. This small fall indicates that it is becoming ever more challenging to meet the target of halving road deaths by 2020. The European Commission also reports that 135.000 people were seriously injured on EU roads. The social costs (rehabilitation, healthcare, material damages, etc.) of road fatalities and injuries is estimated to be at least 100 billion euros annually.

ANEC welcomes the Valetta Declaration as a further move to improve road safety.

Stephen Russell, ANEC Secretary-General, said, "The statistics are not only figures: they reflect human tragedy and suffering. ANEC trusts the Valetta Declaration will reinvigorate action among Member States to reach the target of halving the number of road deaths between 2010 and 2020, and lead to an ambitious target to reduce the number of serious injuries".

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¹ <https://goo.gl/GYLmrE>

² <https://goo.gl/BXVfvZ>

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