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Press Release

Europe on the move to reducing road deaths and serious injuries on EU roads

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ANEC welcomes the European Commission's proposal of new EU vehicle safety standards that could prevent 25,000 deaths within 15 years.

Over the past decades, road safety significantly improved. However, progress in the reduction of road fatalities rates has stalled in recent years. According to EU statistics, since 2013, there have been no significant decreases in the number of road fatality in the Union¹. Even though 2017 recorded the lowest ever fatality rate in EU history, 25300 lives were lost last year.

Today, the EU published four road safety measures as part of its so-called Third "Europe on the Move" mobility package². This long-awaited initiative includes an overall outline of the road safety strategy for the decade to 2030 comprising new vehicle safety standards, updated rules on road infrastructure safety management,

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/transport/road_safety/sites/roadsafety/files/pdf/observatory/historical_evol.pdf

² http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-3708_en.htm?utm_source=ETSC&utm_campaign=51839e192d-20180517_pr_mobpackiii&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3a7b55edbf-51839e192d-103267593

new EU targets to reduce deaths and serious injuries and a strategy for automated driving.

Stephen Russell, ANEC Secretary-General, said, "ANEC welcomes this initiative which has huge potential to prevent death and serious injuries³, but needs to be implemented to be effective. It is now absolutely crucial that EU Member States and the European Parliament give their backing to the plans and that they do not give in to pressure from car manufacturers, who are already attempting to weaken parts of the vehicle safety proposal."

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