

Help Create a World Free of High Risk Roads

To assist countries in the lead up to the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety, [our latest guide](#) shows how iRAP assessments can be used to support the development, implementation and monitoring of road safety strategies.

Together with safer behaviour, safer speeds and safer vehicles, iRAP's tools and technology can help save millions of lives. By applying iRAP plans to just 10% of the world's roads, improvements that could prevent 1 million deaths and serious injuries every year would be identified.

As this edition of WrapUp shows, momentum is building rapidly around the world ahead of the Decade of Action. The [World Health Organisation \(WHO\) has prepared a draft plan](#) for the Decade, which I encourage you to make comment on.

I look forward to working with you to [create a world free of high risk roads](#).



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Pacific Corridor Safety Inspections Complete

A 3,300km road safety inspection of the Pacific Corridor, running through 7 Mesoamerican countries from Mexico to Panama, has been completed.

The inspection of the Pacific Corridor, which carries 95% of products traded within the region, was financed by the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) and is part of efforts to reduce road deaths and injuries, through the implementation of the iRAP methodology. The inspections were undertaken by the SEMIC using their specially equipped survey vehicle, accredited by iRAP.



IDB officials and engineers from each of the 7 countries accompanied the inspection, which collected detailed digital images of the roads and roadsides, geometry data and georeference data for the highway. This data will now be used by a team of analysts to assess more than 30 road design attributes that influence the likelihood of a crash and its severity.

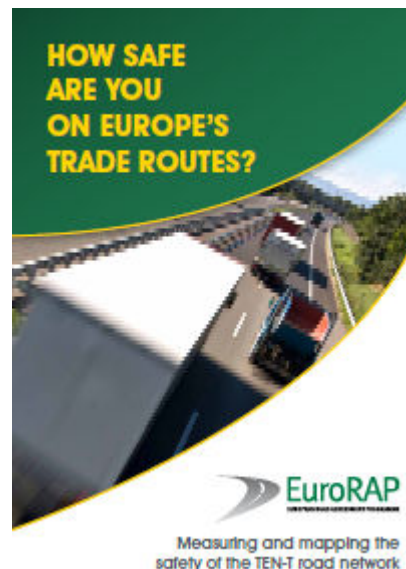
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The report is the first comprehensive safety analysis of the network and highlights wide regional variations in standards and investment.

Of the 15 countries analysed in depth, Sweden, Netherlands, Great Britain and Switzerland top the league when it comes to achieving 'best possible' safety levels. The most remarkable country is Slovenia with its new network now outperforming most others.

The European Vice President responsible for Transport, Commissioner Siim Kallas said: "As EuroRAP builds its European Road Safety Atlas, the safety performance of Europe's roads is becoming more transparent. The idea of mapping the safety of our roads to one common standard is proving highly effective."



The TEN-T follows the release of [How Safe are Europeans on French Roads this Summer?](#), which finds that while motorists in France can expect the highest safety engineering standards in Europe on the autoroutes, the safety of other popular French touring roads is far lower.

A Plan to Prevent Almost 80,000 Deaths and Serious Injuries in Vietnam

A plan that has the potential to prevent almost 80,000 road crash deaths and serious injuries over 20 years has been presented to partners in the iRAP Vietnam project.

The plan is the culmination of work by iRAP, the Ministry of Transport, Vietnam Road Directorate, the Transport Development and Strategy Institute and the Institute of Transport Science and Technology, and was enabled by the World Bank Global Road Safety Facility.



The Government of Vietnam is now considering the plan and partners and development banks are working to ensure that the recommendations can be linked with existing programmes such as the Vietnam Road Safety Project (VRSP) and Vietnam Traffic Safety Master Plan, and can be implemented.

AMZS Wins EuroRAP Star Performer Award

The [Slovenian motoring club, AMZS](#), received the EuroRAP best performer award during the Association's General Assembly.

The accolade was given in recognition of the continued efforts and success of the club and technical partner the Traffic Technical Institute of the University of Ljubljana in raising awareness of the need for safer roads alongside safer vehicles and safer drivers.



The EuroRAP programme in Slovenia works in close partnership with a number of governmental and expert organisations including the Ministry of the Interior, Police, Ministry of Transport, Slovenian Roads Agency and DARS (the national motorway company).

The first Risk Mapping results published in November 2009 received widespread support and led to the inclusion of EuroRAP in the Road Safety Operational Plan for 2010-11, part of Slovenia's current Road Safety Programme. The programme partners in Slovenia are currently embarking on a road inspection programme across the network.

Road Safety Inspections in Paraguay Complete

Road safety inspections of 4,000km of roads, accounting for approximately 95% of the Paraguay's paved network, have now been completed.

The official start of the inspections was attended by the country's key road safety stakeholders from the Touring and Automovil Club Paraguay, Ministry of Public Works and Communications (Vice Minister Andrés Rivarola pictured), Inter American Development Bank, the Paraguay Road Safety Agency, Petrobras and Road Police.



The inspections were undertaken by the RACC Foundation using their specially equipped survey vehicle. The inspection data is now being analysed by a team from the Catholic University of Asunción.

Philippines Takes Up the Challenge of Safer Roads

The iRAP Philippines Technical Working Group has developed a plan that will see up to 4,500 km of high risk roads assessed and opportunities for their improvement devised during the next 12 months.

iRAP Philippines is supported by the World Bank Global Road Safety Facility and is a partnership between leading safety organisations, including the Department of Public Works (DPWH), Department of Transport and Communications (DOTC), the Automobile Association of Philippines (AAP) and University of Philippines National Transportation Studies (UP-NCTS).



DPWH Secretary Victor Domingo said "We hope that by being part of IRAP, we can call the attention of everybody, especially the private sector and civil society to also actively participate and be one with the government in preventing road accidents in the country."

The iRAP inspections will cover up to 20% of the nation's paved road network. With a population of 100 million, the World Health Organisation estimates that the Philippines may suffer more than 15,000 road deaths annually.

iRAP in Tanzania

Road safety inspections of a 3,400km network of roads, accounting for approximately half of Tanzania's paved network, have now been completed.

iRAP Tanzania is a partnership between the FIB (Icelandic motoring club), AA Tanzania and TanRoads. The data collected during the inspections is now being assessed and will form the basis of Star Ratings for vehicle occupants, motorcyclists, pedestrians and bicyclists.



The iRAP assessments in Tanzania complement assessments completed in South Africa (2,100km), Kenya (2,400km), Uganda (3,100km) and Nigeria (127km). The World Health Organisation estimates that Tanzania, which has a population of almost 42 million, may experience almost 14,000 road deaths each year.

Asian Development Bank to Tackle Road Safety

Global Road Safety Ambassador Michelle Yeoh has urged multilateral development banks to make road safety a greater priority, and use their vast lending capacity as a force for good.

The call came at the [Asian Development Bank's \(ADB\) Transport Forum](#) and launch of the [Sustainable Transport Initiative](#) at its headquarters in Manila. The Initiative promises significant and sustained action on road safety in the region.



The event also saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the [FIA Foundation](#) and the ADB, in which the two organisations agree to work together to promote road safety, and the launch of the [Global Helmet Vaccine Initiative](#) for the Philippines, involving the [Automobile Association of the Philippines \(AAP\)](#).

Planning to Save Lives in Andhra Pradesh

iRAP safety assessments of 3 demonstration corridors in the Indian State of Andhra Pradesh are underway.

The assessments are being undertaken as part of World Bank Global Road Safety Facility support for safety in the State, which has a population of almost 80 million. In 2009, some 15,000 people were killed and 60,000 were injured in road crashes in Andhra Pradesh.



The assessments coincide with the establishment of the 'Empowered Committee' of senior officials tasked with the responsibility of preventing road crash deaths and serious injuries during the Decade of Action for Road Safety.

iRAP will work closely with the [Andhra Pradesh Road Development Corporation \(RDC\)](#) to produce Star Ratings and Safer Roads Investment Plans for the corridors.

Experts Review iRAP

As part of ongoing efforts to ensure iRAP is making the most of current research and thinking to help save lives, a group of leading experts has met to review the programme.

The workshop benefited from the contributions of Nimmi Candappa ([Monash University Accident Research Centre](#)) and representing Fred Wegman, of the [Dutch national road safety institute \(SWOV\)](#) and chair of [World Bank Global Road Safety Facility](#) Core Advisory Group), Said Dahdah ([World Bank Global Road Safety Facility](#)), Peter Daly ([RACV](#)), Rune Elvik ([Institute of Transport Economics](#)), Sangjin Han ([Korea Transport Institute](#)), Doug Harwood ([Midwest Research Institute](#)), Eric Howard (independent consultant), Ben Johnson ([TRL](#)), Lluís Puerto ([RACC](#)), Blair Turner ([ARRB Group](#)) and Steve Lawson (iRAP).

The workshop participants, which expressed confidence in the iRAP approach, considered issues such as the Road Protection Score (RPS) models, risk factors, speed, pedestrian safety and validation of iRAP results. The results of the workshop will now be used to further enhance iRAP's leading approach to infrastructure safety.

FIA Conference Week

Delegates from motoring clubs around the world gathered in Italy during May to hear about the latest news from iRAP, which is now active in more than 60 countries.

Attendees heard how high income countries such as the United Kingdom and Netherlands are using RAP in their national road safety strategies and how clubs in low and middle income countries are enabling world class technology to create safety action plans through iRAP and working with development banks and governments.



The forum also described how [FIA](#) member clubs such as ADAC, RACC, FIB, AMSS and AAA are supporting sister clubs develop their programmes in regional initiatives.

The forum was held as part of the annual FIA Conference Week. The FIA's members represent more than 100 million motorists and their families worldwide.

ROAD SAFETY TOOLKIT

The [Road Safety Toolkit](#) provides free information on the causes and prevention of serious road crashes. It builds on decades of research to help helps engineers, planners and policy makers develop plans for all road users.

About iRAP

The International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to saving lives. Our vision is a world free of high risk roads. The programme is also the umbrella organisation for [EuroRAP](#), [AusRAP](#), [usRAP](#) and [KiwiRAP](#).



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