CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY MANAGEMENT ON THE TRANS-EUROPEAN NETWORKS

Comments and contribution to the Consultation by ECTRI (European Conference of Transport Research Institutes)

1- Do you agree with the definition and assessment of the problem?

Problem definition is at least incomplete. A lot of projects is not mentioned e.g. SAFESTAR and ARROWS IV. FP, ROSEBUD V. FP, RANKERS and SafetyNet VI. FP. Especially finished projects from IVth and Vth FP have significant importance for this paper, probably even bigger than currently ongoing projects in the VI th FP.

Among all the projects ROSEBUD with its methodology of CEA and CBA seems to have one of biggest importance to this paper.

2- Do you agree with the policy options defined, and assessed?

Also we agree with the option two, even if there are a lot of good reasons for option three as well.

3- What is your opinion on the measures/instruments described in point 4? What other measures could be taken?

There seems to be a small misunderstanding among the names of the measure. Under the name Network Safety Management more or less Black Spot Management is described.
4- Do you have specific comments on the costs and benefits of the different instruments/measures?

There are nearly no remarks about cost and benefits of suggested measures, even if there is a lot of them available around the Europe. Lot of them have been collected e.g. in ROSEBUD 5th FP project. Possible effects of some measures mentioned in an obstacle dedicated to EURORAP seems to be overestimated. There are no estimation of costs and benefits of suggested measures and this has to be completed.

5- Is there any other comment you would wish to make?

Most important comments are under the points 1 and 4. We strongly recommend to upgrade the paper in relevant parts.