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## PREVENTING DRUG DRIVING IN EUROPE

Kindly hosted by **Dieter-Lebrecht Koch MEP**

**Speakers:** Professor Herman De Croo, Belgian Minister of State and president of ETSC, Laurence Atchison, PACTS; Casto Lopez-Benitez, Road Safety Unit, DG MOVE; Verena Zimmermann, Securetec; Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director, ETSC

**Members' Salon, European Parliament Altiero Spinelli Building  
60 rue Wiertz, Brussels**

The knowledge of the road safety toll from driving under the influence of psychoactive drugs is growing. The prevalence of illicit drugs amongst killed drivers has been estimated at around 8% in some European countries including Spain and Sweden.

New ways of tackling drug driving are being developed and implemented across Europe. New enforcement strategies and improved detection technologies, combined with more effective penalties and rehabilitation courses, are all helping to create a more comprehensive approach to drug driving in Europe.

You are warmly invited to a lunch debate and report launch at the European Parliament in Brussels to debate the way forward for EU and national policy on drug driving.

### THE DISCUSSION WILL COVER:

- How do psychoactive drugs affect driving and affect road safety?
- What methods and approaches can be used to tackle psychoactive drug driving in Europe?
- What should common standards for roadside psychoactive drug driving enforcement look like?

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## TIMING:

12:30-12:40	Registration
12:40-12:45	Welcome - Dieter-Lebrecht Koch MEP
12:45-12:50	Welcome - Professor Herman De Croo, Belgian Minister of State and president of ETSC
12:50-13:05	Drug Driving in Europe: presentation of a report by ETSC – Laurence Atchison, PACTS
13:05-13:15	Casto Lopez-Benitez, Road Safety, DG MOVE, European Commission
13:15-13:25	Verena Zimmermann, Securetec
13:25-13:55	Debate and Questions
13:55-14:00	Closing - Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director, ETSC

Contributing experts to the report:

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