

The road safety situation in the UK

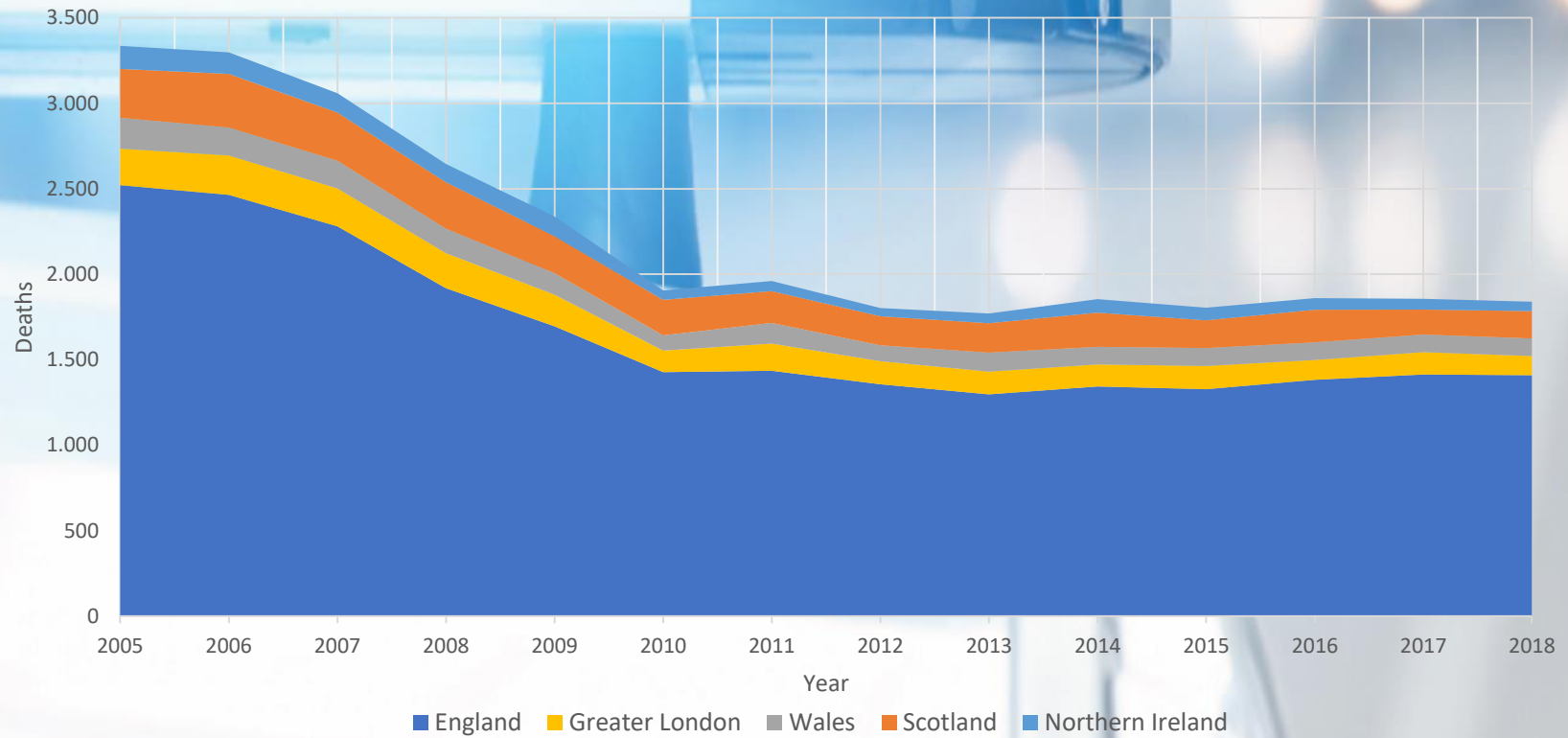
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*ETSC and PACTS:
Regulating drug driving to protect all
road users*

London 22nd October 2019, Europe House, London

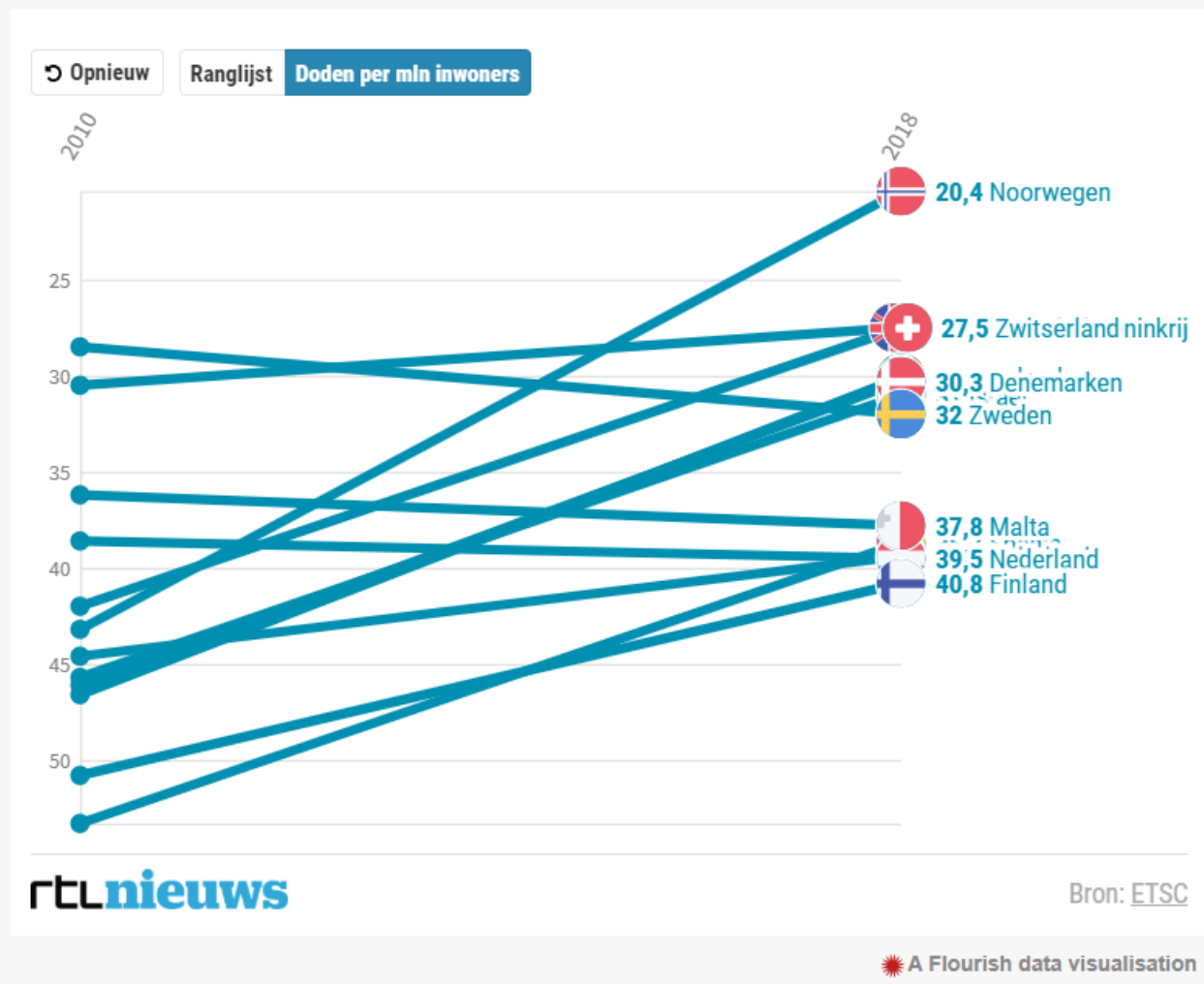


Road Deaths by UK Jurisdiction, 2005-2018



International comparisons – 2010 to 2018

Hoe verkeersveilig is Europa?



Norway 😊

Switzerland 😊

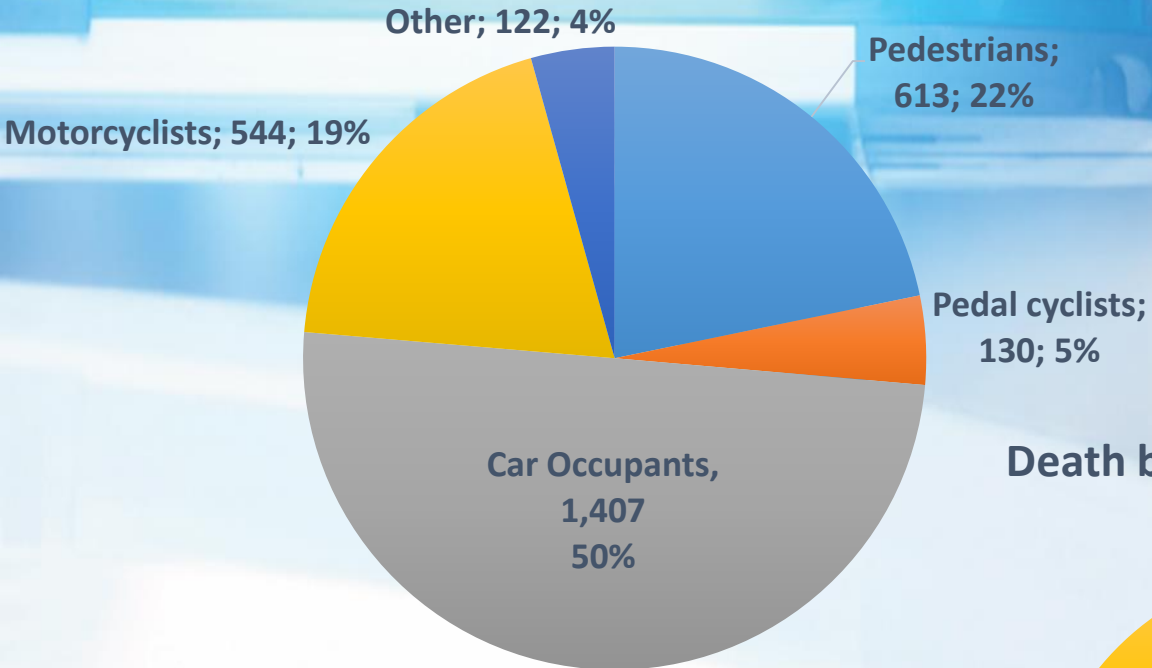
UK 😐

Sweden 😞

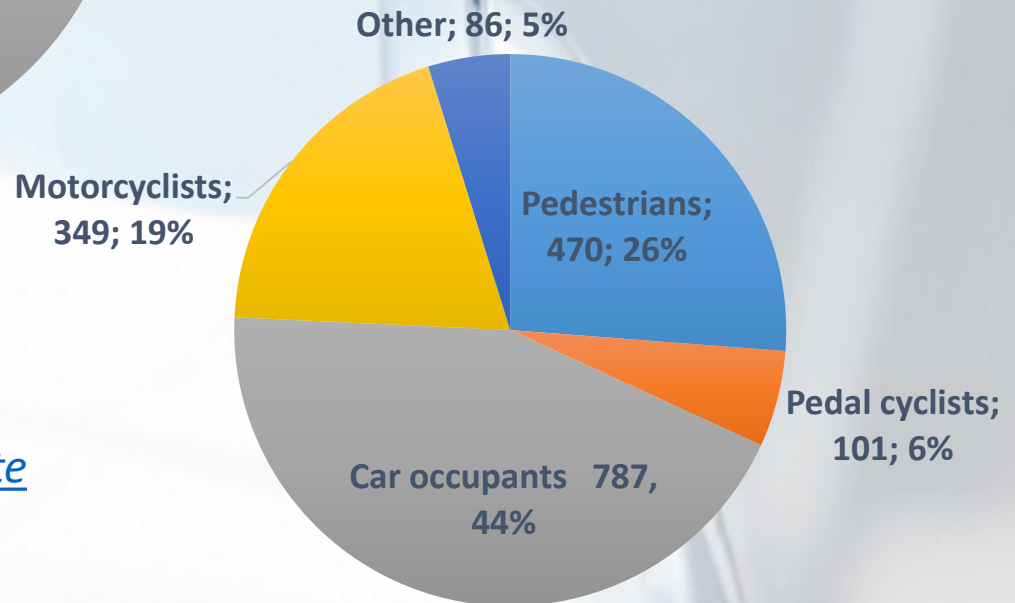
Netherlands 😞

Road deaths by road user group

Deaths by road user group 2005-09 average



Death by road user group 2017



[PACTS: Road Safety since 2010 – update](#)
(GB 2017 data)

Drug driving – moving up the agenda

Increased

- Detection by police
- Contributory factor in injury-collisions
- Concern of motorists

Increased detection or increased incidence??

Driver/Rider impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal)

Driver/Rider impaired by drugs recorded as Contributory Factor by Police	Fatal accidents		Serious accidents		Slight accidents		All accidents	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2018	80	5	404	2	837	1	1,321	2
2017	96	7	351	2	704	1	1,151	1
2016	81	6	336	2	637	1	1,054	1
2015	62	4	259	2	560	1	881	1

RAC report on motoring 2019

- 18% of drivers said that drivers under the influence of drugs was a major concern
- 11th highest concern for drivers (overall)

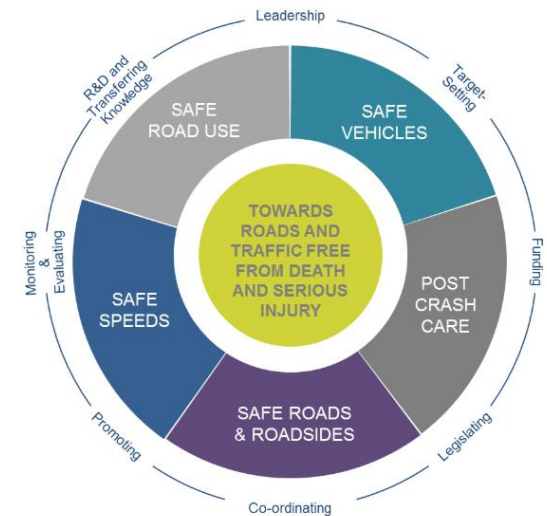
(But not asked if they had driven after taking drugs)



Full report [here](#)

The Road Safety Statement 2019

- Safe System approach endorsed; 4 priorities
 - young road users
 - older road users (third age!)
 - motorcyclists
 - rural roads
- 74 actions – including
 - Joint roads policing review
 - Drug drive offender courses
 - Drug Driver High Risk Offender scheme
 - MEBTI competition
 - Road collision investigation project



DfT, June 2019, Road Safety Statement 2019

Scotland – drug drive legislation now implemented

- [Tougher laws on drug driving](#), and a new roadside testing regime, came into effect in Scotland on 21 October 2019
- In line with England and Wales where implemented 2015

Drug drive enforcement – a success so far but where next?

- Scotland implementation
- Actions in *Road Safety Statement*
- Increased roll out by police forces
- Education / publicity campaigns? (Drug driving not seen as dangerous/illegal, unlike drink driving??)
- Quicker/cheaper evidential tests – changes in forensic requirements? Cost recovery?

Discuss!

UK Parliament



Thank you

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