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Young Road Users in Germany

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Content:

- 1. Facts and figures about young road users
- 2. Best practice measures
- 3. Plans and ideas for the future



1. The Situation: Accidents of Young Drivers

Age group 18-24 Years

Road crash victims: 65908 Killed in traffic: 435

Percentage of all victims: 16,5%

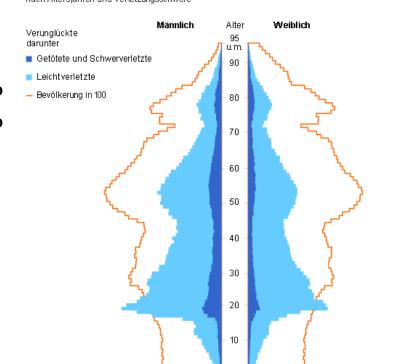
Percentage of all killed in traffic: 13,6%

Percentage of total population 7,7%

Operating figures:
Injured per 100.000 of Age Goup 1041
Killed per 1 Mio inhabitants 69

(Total population: 487 und 39)

Verunglückte bei Straßenverkehrsunfällen 2016 nach Altersiahren und Verletzungsschwere



2 000

4 000

6 000

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4 000



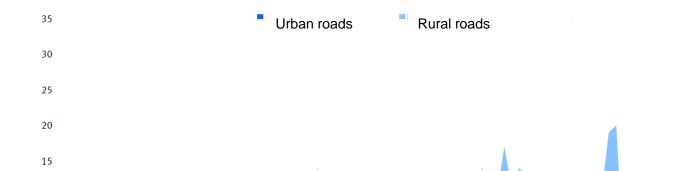
Time and Hour

Disco Fever

Friday – Sunday 22 - 24 o'clock Saturday + Sunday 0-7 o'clock Percentage of Killed:

→20,7 % (2015 – 19,7%;

→other age groups 6,5%)



nach Wochentagen, Uhrzeiten und Ortslagen

Getötete 18- bis 24-Jährige bei Straßenverkehrsunfällen 2016

Day of week and hour

12 18

6 Wednesday Thursday 12 18

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

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40

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Monday

Thuesday



Causes of accidents

Road Participation

Killed Road Users

Majority: Car drivers

Increasing Problem:

Motorbikes!

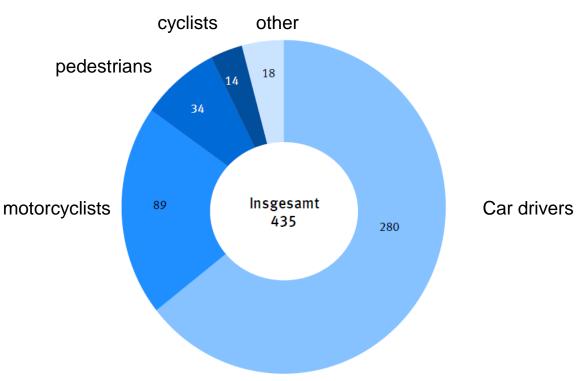
 $2013 \rightarrow 2016$:

+30% Driving Licences A1

 $2015 \rightarrow 2016$

+53% 17 yrs old motorcyclists

killed



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Differences in Accident rate for 18-24 years in Federal States of Germany

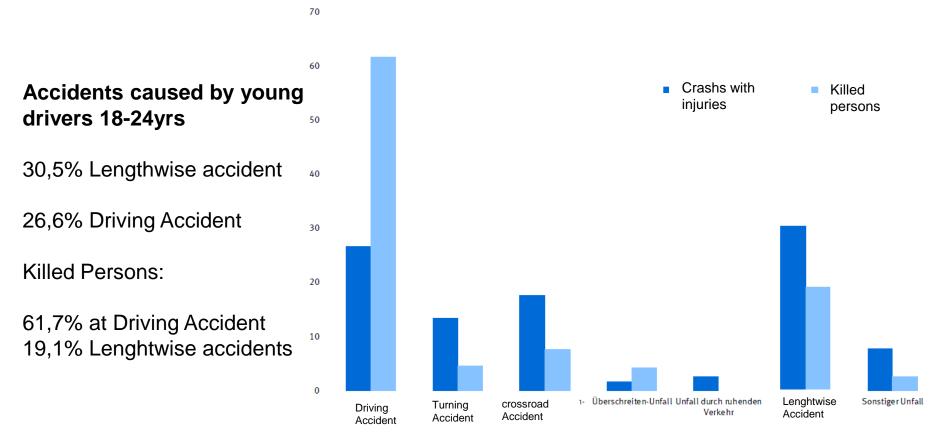
Reasons?

Structure? Urban/rural? Social-economic factors? Education/Campaigns?





Crash Categories

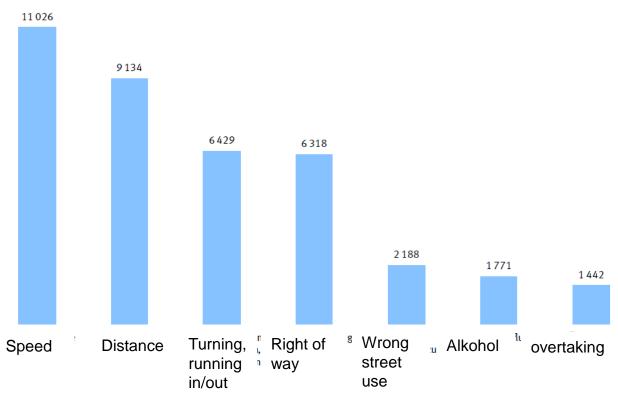


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Causes of accidents Caused by Drivers 18-24yrs

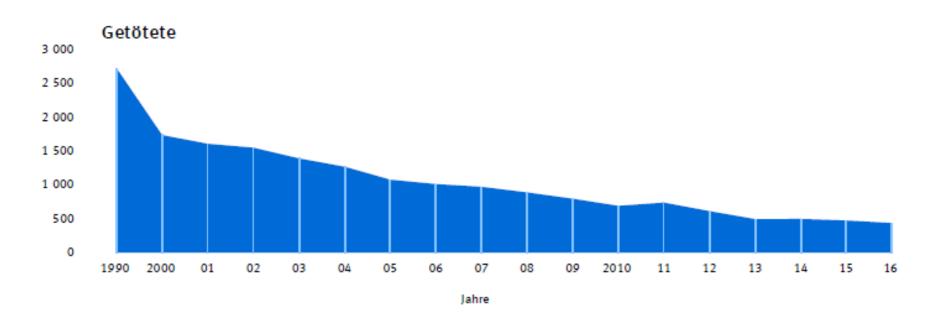
17,6% Speeding (41,7% Killed)
14,5% Distance
10,2% Mistakes at Turning, running in or out in traffic
10,1% Right of way
3,5% wrong street use (10,4% Killed)
2,8% Alkohol (6,6% Killed)
2,3% Mistakes while overtaking



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Killed Young Road Users 1990 – 2016 in Germany

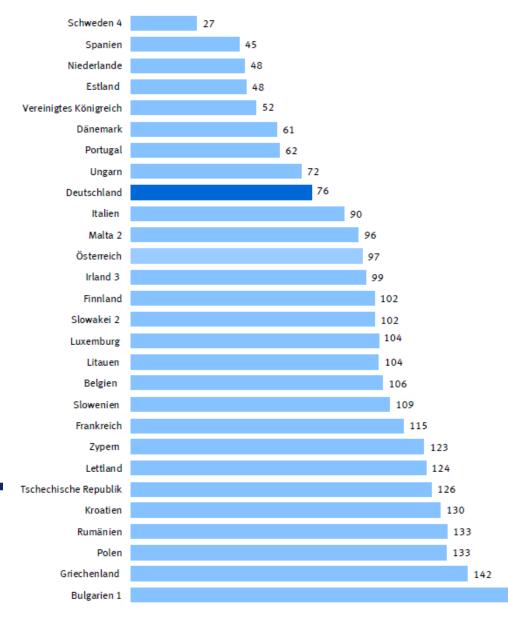




European Ranking 18-24 years Killed in Traffic

Abb 8 Getötete 18- bis 24-Jährige bei Straßenverkehrsunfällen 2015 in der Europäischen Union

je 1 Mill. Einwohner





2. Best Practice Measures – what works?



- hundreds of regulations, projects, courses and actions
- By state, federal states, auto clubs, safety associations
- against alkohol, speeding, risk taking, distraction etc.



2. Best Practice Measures

Rarely Evaluations made and accessible!

Accident numbers of young drivers decline → something must have worked!

Successfull Elements:

- Regulativ Framework Class B
- Example BF17 Accompanied Driving
- Example Regio Protect UVT



Regulativ Framework Class B

based on EU Directive on Driving Licences

- Regular Minimum Age: 18 years (except BF17)
- Mandatory driver training in professional driving school
 - professional driving teacher (12 month job training)
 - 14 units (90 min) theory lessons in class room
 - average 30 units (45 min) driver training in real traffic
 - mandatory 5 units on country roads, 4 on motorways,
 3 at night/ in darkness
- Knowlegde test 30 questions incl. animated video questions
- Driving test 45 min. in real traffic, half time outside towns



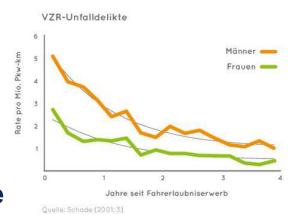
Regulativ Framework Class B

- Probationary period: 2 years
 - System of A- and B-offences
 - Rehabilitation courses for novice drivers in case of 1 A or 2 B traffic offenses
 - Extention of the probationary period from 2 to 4 years after traffic offenses
 - In case of recidivism → sessions with specialized traffic psychologists or loss of drivers licence
- Zero alcohol tolerance in probationary time and until 21 yrs



Problem:

- novice drivers technically well trained
- but show highest risk, esp. at beginning
- Reason: risk of youth + lack of experience
- Risk declines with driving <> driving dangerous



Idea:

 start driving under protecting conditions while accompanied by an experianced driver





How it works:

- start of driver training with age of 16.5
- normal driver training and test
- driving licence with age of 17
- NO EU-driving license card → only test certificate
- only allowed to drive if accompanied with designated persons until 18th birthday







The accompanying person:

- minimum age of 30
- holds driving license more than 5 years
- not more than 1 point in traffic offence registry
- must be registered and named in testcertifcat
- unlimited number, mostly parents and grandparents
- while accompanying: no drugs, max 0,5 promille alcohol







The Role of the accompanying persons:

- they shall not teach!
- novice drivers are fully trained and know traffic rules better than parents
- they give feeling of safety
- are responsive and help with their experience,
- they give tips and advice
- give feedback after the drive



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The results:

 BF17 introduced als trial in 2004 and nationwide in 2011

 2017 → 36% of all novice drivers, more than 70% of early starters take part → 336.500 young people

 Numbers declining → many people start driver training later than age of 25



- BF17 novice drivers adapt their driving style on expectations of accompanying person
 → no risk of youth, nearly no accidents at BF17
- They drive in average 3.800 km accompanied under all conditions, gain experience and become self-reflexiv drivers
- participants more than 20% less involved in accidents and 20% less traffic offenses then drivers that startet with age of 18







Problems:

- many participants start to late, take to much time
- only few make the full 12 month of accompanied driving

Solutions:

- DVR BF17 Campaign on social media, internet, print
- BF16 proposal → two years of acompanied driving

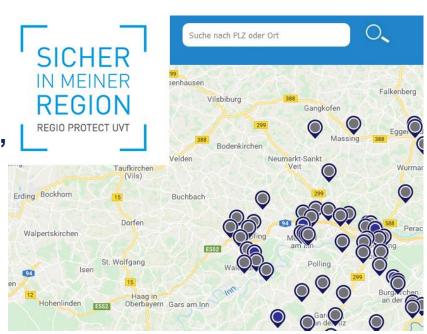




Improving Hazard Perception with regional references

 new and evaluated DVR-Program for young trainess and employees in partner-companies

based on real novice driver accidents,
 that cumulate in certain
 specific places

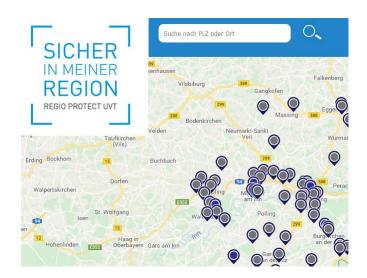




How it works:

- Participants browse the crash-site map
- Get informations on the accidents
- See videos with different perspectivs
- Analyse: Why is this site dangerous?
- Discuss safer traffic behaviour on this site

Let's try it: www.sicher-in-meiner-region.de











Videoaufnahmen

Zu den Unfällen auf der Strecke B12, Marktl (Gefahrenstrecken-ID: BU15) gibt es Aufnahmen aus verschiedenen Richtungen. Es werden keine Unfälle, Unfallfahrzeuge oder Verletzte gezeigt! Welches Video möchtest du dir ansehen?





aus Westen kommend, in Richtung Osten

aus Osten kommend, in Richtung Westen

Virtuelle Videos

Zu den Unfällen auf der Strecke B12, Marktl (Gefahrenstrecken-ID: BU15) gibt es virtuelle, nachgestellte Szenen aus verschiedenen Perspektiven. Diese Videos zeigen, wie ein Unfall an dieser Stelle entstehen und auch vermieden werden kann. Welches Video möchtest du dir ansehen?









Unfallverursachend - sicher

Unfallverursachend - unsicher

Nicht-unfallvermeidend - sicher

Nicht-unfallvermeidend unsicher



Example Regioprotect UVT Evaluation of Pilot-Projects in two Companies

- Knowlegde Questionaire
- Driving Behaviour Questionaire
- Simulator drive (speed adaption and hazard perception)

Results:

- Improved knowledge on safer driving technics
- Improved hazard perception
- Reduced intention for speeding



3. Plans and Ideas for a safer future I

Further improvement of driver training

Orientation on higher levels of GDE Matrix

(Goals for Driver Education)

- with more focus on
- personal factors and hazard perception
- Teaching of self-competence
- More emphasis on distraction





3. Plans and Ideas for a safer future II

Improvement of practical testing

- animated Hazard Perception Tests
- Optimised Driving Test with sophisticated feedback (2021)





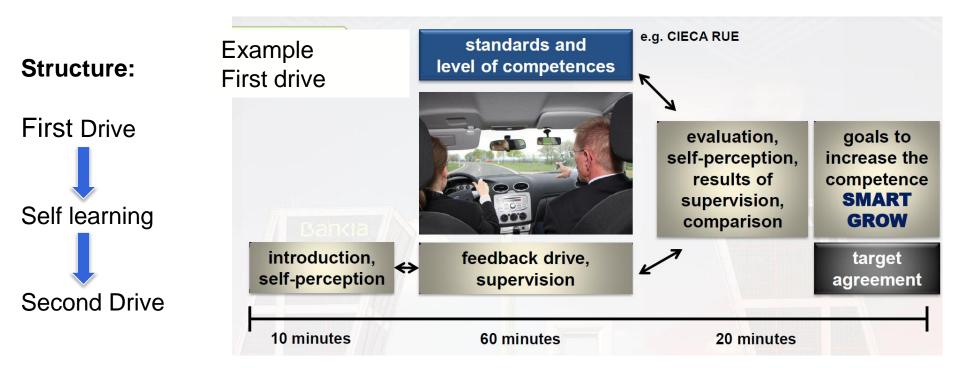


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3. Plans and Ideas for a safer future III

 Voluntary second phase training with e.g. hazard perception training or feedback-drives





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