

# TOGETHER FOR CYCLING SAFETY

## The importance of safety in the EU Cycling Strategy

### Lunch Debate

**Thursday 26 May 2016, 12:30 – 15:00**

**Renaissance Hotel, 19 Rue du Parnasse, Brussels**

*ETSC and the Flemish Foundation for Traffic Knowledge invite you to a lunch debate on cycling safety in light of the EU's forthcoming cycling strategy.*

Cyclists represent 8% of all road deaths and big disparities exist between countries. Moreover, since 2010 the reduction in the number of cyclist deaths has slowed down markedly. The safety of unprotected road users should therefore receive special attention from policymakers at the national and European levels. As active travel is being encouraged for reasons of health and environment, the safety of walking and cycling in particular must be addressed urgently.

ETSC has prepared a draft chapter for the forthcoming EU Cycling plan for consideration by EU decision makers and stakeholders. The aim of this lunch debate is to bring together experts and key decision-makers working on cycling safety at EU level to discuss the draft chapter.

The discussion will cover:

- The numbers of cyclists involved in death and serious injury in the EU. How can we improve the data?
- What are the main measures for reducing death and injury amongst cyclists?

## Draft agenda

Chair: Werner De Dobbeleer, Flemish Foundation for Traffic Knowledge, VSV

12:30-13.30	Buffet lunch
13:30-13:35	Introduction <b>Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director, ETSC</b>
13.35-13.40	The Luxembourg Declaration on Cycling, <b>Anne Lutgen, Transport Attaché, Luxembourg Permanent Representation to the EU</b>
13:40-13:50	Creating a Context for Safety within an EU Cycling Strategy <b>Dovile Adminaite, ETSC &amp; Ceri Woollsgrove, European Cyclists Federation</b>
13:50-14:10	Short minute contributions from contributing experts -Infrastructure Safety <b>Maurizio Tira, University of Brescia</b> -Vehicle Safety <b>Ciaran Simms, Trinity College Dublin</b> -Human Behaviour <b>Divera Twisk, SWOV</b>
14:10-14:45	Discussion and Q&A
14:45	Closing comments from the European Commission <b>Casto Lopez Benitez, Road Safety Unit</b> <b>Piotr Rapacz, Cycling Officer, DG MOVE</b>
15:00	End

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