




The opinions expressed in the studies are those of the consultant and do not necessarily represent the position of the Commission.

## Traffic Rules Study

### Study on Road Traffic Rules and Corresponding Enforcement Actions in the Member States of the European Union (EU 15)

Project details	
Domain	Rules and enforcement
Duration	from 1/12/2002 until 1/12/2003
Website	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road/publications/trafficrules/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road/publications/trafficrules/index_en.htm</a>
Other sources	 <a href="#">Final report</a> (1,17 MB)  <a href="#">Annex 1 - Country reports</a> (1,46 MB)  <a href="#">Annex 2 - Topic tables</a> (5,90 MB)  <a href="#">Annex 3 - Glossary of Terms</a> (196 kB)

The core objective of this study, developed during the year of 2003, was to compare the set of road traffic rules and corresponding enforcement among Member States of the EU, keeping in mind the fact that legal regimes and enforcement processes vary considerably from country to country. Considering the wide scoped coverage of national legislation, this study has concentrated on topics that are, either within the competencies of the EU (taking into account current legislation) or where the EU action might potentially add value, namely where the establishment of policies may be done more effectively at the EU level, rather than at national or sub national level.

The pertinence of the study in terms of Community's efforts to improve road safety is based upon the following factors:

- Contribution to the EC work on the harmonisation of traffic rules and enforcement practices,
- Provision of information on best results achieved in the field of legislation issuing and enforcement strategies to the decision makers, enabling the detection of eventual best practices in specific issues,
- Information of the general public, raising awareness on the need for legal harmonisation and contributing for the social acceptance of future legislative initiatives or measures.

#### Coordinator

- [TIS.pt - Consultores em Transportes, Inovação e Sistemas, S.A](#) (PT)

## Partners

- [COWI - Consulting Engineers and Planners AS](#) (DK)
- [HERRY Traffic Planning / Consulting](#) (AT)
- ISIS SA (FR)
- [KfV - Kuratorium für Verkehrssicherheit](#) (AT)
- [MATREX Management & Transportation Experts Matrex Oy](#) (FI)
- [NEA Transport and Training](#) (NL)
- [SYSTEMA - Systems Planning & Management Consultants s.a.](#) (GR)
- [TRL - Transport Research Laboratory](#) (UK)
- [TRT Trasporti e Territorio Srl](#) (IT)