

## **Key talking points of Konstantinos Boulmetis (Director of Deputy Minister of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks Marina Chrysoveloni) from his speech at the FIM Europe conference 2016 that took place in Kavala**

- According to the statistics related to the performance of the EU Member States, Greece holds one of the highest positions in deaths by collision among the countries in the EE.
- The poor performance of drivers in Greece, has mostly to do by a big percentage with speed violations and the lack of safety features (not using safety belts, DUI, the use of mobile devices while driving, aggressive behavior which involves violation of the motorway Code).
- The Ministry YPOMEDI's first priority, is to form a Strategic Plan for Road Safety and the reform of an Interministerial Committee for Road Safety.
- The aim is to reduce deaths by road accidents in 2020 to 50% compared with 2010.
- The priorities of YPOMEDI focus on:
  1. Improving behavior and education of road users
  2. Technology and control of vehicles
  3. Vehicle service facilities
  4. The transport of dangerous goods and perishable foodstuffs.
- The safety in road traffic is primarily a matter of Education. For this reason actions are planned, such as:
  1. Participation and organization of Meetings, conferences, seminars
  2. Development of Education Manuals
  3. Reform of the Highway Code
  4. Development of new Manuals for Candidate Drivers
  5. Implementation of European projects (HeERO and e-Call)
  6. Development of driver training software and road safety management applications ( "Development and Operation Driving Academy e -" e-Drive Academy "»)
- Education of students in schools is a main target. To this end, there is already a cooperation with the Ministry of Education in order to introduce a road safety course in the educational process.
- It is necessary to rebuild a legal framework for education and driving tests aiming at the improvement of road safety in a transparent and fair manner. A relevant amendment has already been voted concerning driving examinations.
- Improving road safety is an effort aimed to change the driving behavior of citizens.

- It is necessary to enlarge the motorcyclist sport in Greece through the expansion and growth of motorcycle racing competitions. For this purpose there should be continuous cooperation between the Greek state, the FIM and A.MOT.O.E, in order for the YPOMEDI to form a clear framework for action.
- The development of the motorcycle sport can give significant boost to economic growth, not only locally but also throughout the Greek territory.