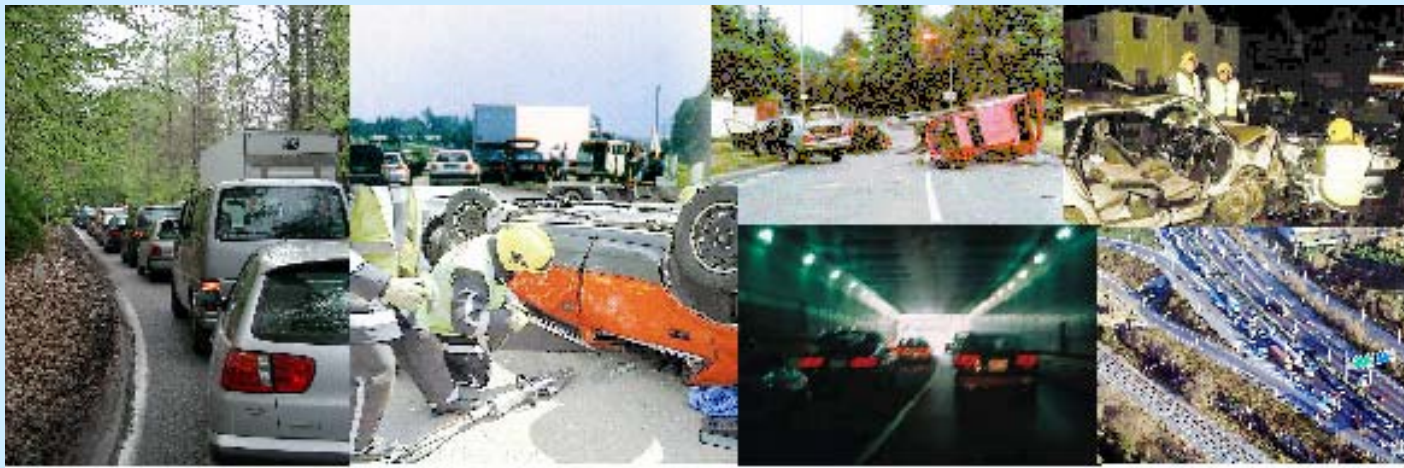




Screening road transport- Dir. 2003/59 Brussels, 26 June 2006



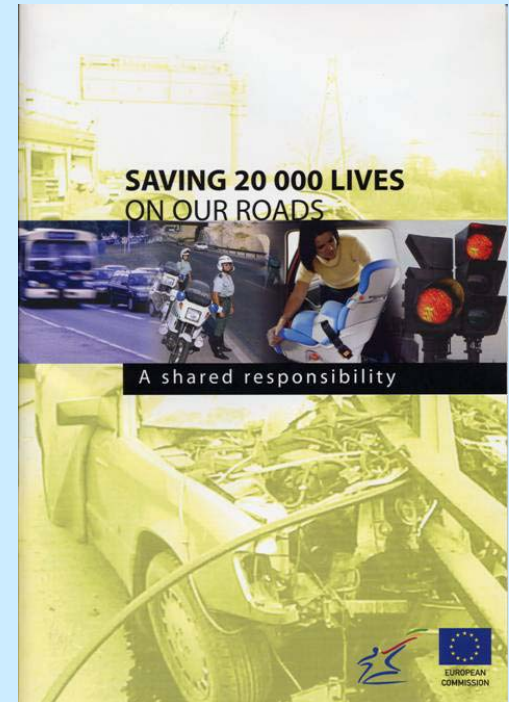
Training and Testing of professional drivers

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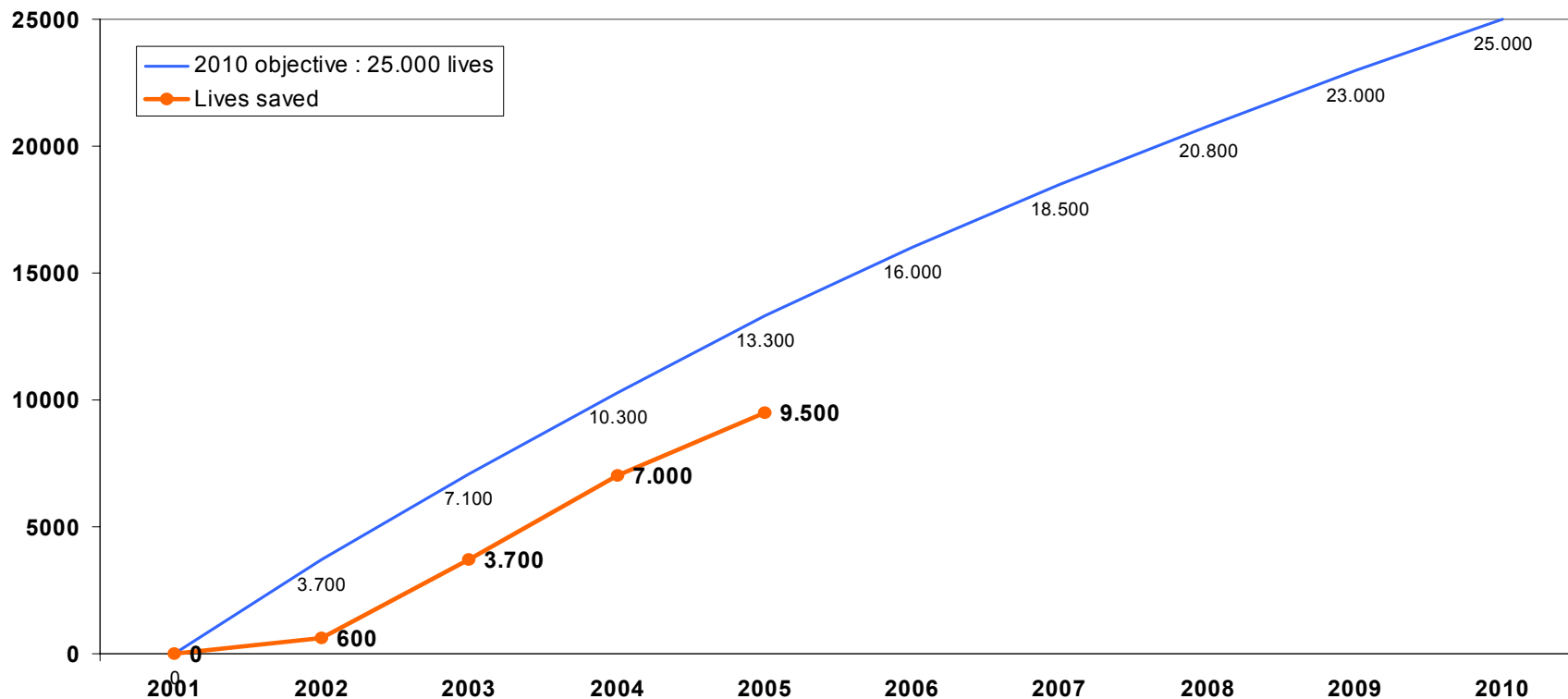
Road Transport Policy in the EU

- White Paper on transport policy (2001)
- Fight Congestion
- Increase Road Safety
 - 50% reduction of road fatalities by 2010
 - A shared responsibility
 - An integrated approach





Lives saved in EU road traffic



Source: - CARE (EU road accidents database)
- National data



Road Safety

Mid term review

- **Where are we with the target?**
 - ◆ Actual figures : 50.000 fatalities in 2001, **40.900 fatalities in 2005**
 - ◆ A global - 17.5% over 4 years when - 27% would have been needed to meet the 2010 target
- **Not so bad, but ...**
- The **mid term review** on road safety announced in the road safety action programme, has been adopted and published on 22 February 2006 by the Commission



User behaviour

- Education
 - ☞ School education
 - ☞ Campaigns
- Training
 - ☞ Skills
 - ☞ Attitudes
- Licensing
 - ☞ Pre- and post-licensing
 - ☞ Accompanying measures
- Enforcement
 - ☞ Automated; enforcement procedure; quantitative
 - ☞ Educational; qualitative
- Rehabilitation
 - ☞ Individualised; reinsertion; recidivism
 - ☞ First offenders



User behaviour

Training

- ◆ Directive 2003/59/EC on training of professional drivers:
 - ☞ Legislative and administrative adaptations necessary to comply with the Directive : before 10.09.2006

Licensing

- ◆ Driving licence Directive
 - ☞ Political agreement in Council of 27/03/2006
 - ☞ Application in 2012



Provisions of driving licence Directive (categories C and D)

- **Introduction of a limited administrative validity :**
 - ◆ Categories A and B : every 10 years (up to 15 years possible)
 - ◆ **Categories C and D : every 5 years**
- **Harmonisation of the periodicity of the medical checks for professional drivers: every 5 years**
- **Staged access to categories C and D**



Professional drivers training: the situation today

- **Obligatory initial qualification only in certain MS**
- **Obligatory periodic training : same situation**
- **In the other MS, drivers have no other qualification than a driving licence**
- **A review in some MS revealed that 30% of drivers was never offered any training at all**
- **Driver licensing is at a low level in some MS**



New legislation: Directive 2003/59/EC

- Initial qualification: **two models**
 - ◆ Combination of course attendance and a test
 - ◆ Test only
- Initial qualification: **two options** for MS
 - ◆ Vocational training between 6 months and 3 years
 - ◆ Accelerated qualification depending on age and type of vehicle



New legislation: Directive 2003/59/EC

- **Periodic training:**
 - ◆ 35 hours every 5 years
 - ◆ Minimum periods of training of 7 hours
 - ◆ Maximum of flexibility
- **Contents** of initial qualification and periodic training:
 - ◆ Annex I
 - ◆ Update possible through comitology



New legislation: Directive 2003/59/EC

- **Content focuses on:**
 - ◆ road safety
 - ◆ technical characteristics of vehicle
 - ◆ fuel consumption
 - ◆ loading
 - ◆ accidents at work; physical risk
 - ◆ criminality and trafficking
 - ◆ emergency situations
 - ◆ image of the company; economic environment



New legislation: Directive 2003/59/EC

- Transposition into national law : 10.09.2006
- Two more years until application in the field
- **All new bus drivers** will have to be trained as from 10.09.2008
- **All new truck drivers** will have to be trained as from 10.09.2009
- **All (4 to 5 million) working drivers** will have to attend their first periodic training before 10.09.2014



New legislation: Directive 2003/59/EC

Training should lead to:

- **better knowledge, better skills, better service, better quality**
- **more self-confidence and job satisfaction**
- **a revaluation of the profession: more attractive for youngsters to enter the profession and for existing drivers not to leave the profession (retention)**
- **improved road safety**
- **reduced fuel consumption and exhaust emissions**
- **reduced costs**



End

- *Thank you for your attention*
- Road transport section
http://ec.europa.eu/comm/transport/road/index_en.htm
- Driving licences
http://ec.europa.eu/comm/transport/home/drivinglicence/index_en.htm