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http://www.esafetysupport.org/en/news/ec_signs_cooperation_agreement_with_japan_on_its.htm

eSafety Support Campaigns at European Parliament

eSafety promoted on 26 February 2008 the "Intelligent Car Initiative" to European decision makers

Read the entire story:

http://www.esafetysupport.org/en/news/esafety_support_and_mep_host_cocktail_in_european_parliament.htm

Europe consults stakeholders on ITS Action Plan

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http://www.esafetysupport.org/en/news/europe_consults_stakeholders_on_its_action_plan.htm

European Parliament Committee adopts Intelligent Car report

The "First Intelligent Car" report has been adopted by the European Parliament Committee on Transport on 8 April 2008

Read the entire story:

http://www.esafetysupport.org/en/news/european_parliament_adopts_intelligent_car_report.htm

FESTA's final workshop on 29 April 2008

The workshop in Brussels will present a handbook for all actors planning future field operational tests

Read the entire story:

http://www.esafetysupport.org/en/news/festas_final_workshop_29_april_2008.htm

ITS European congress from 2-6 June 2008 in Geneva

Read the entire story:

http://www.esafetysupport.org/en/news/its_european_congress_from_2-6_june_2008_in_geneva.htm

ITS World congress from 16-20 November 2008 in New York

The preliminary programme is under preparation

Read the entire story:

http://www.esafetysupport.org/en/news/its_world_congress_in_from_16-20_november_2008_in_new_york.htm

Second call CIP programme: ICT Policy Support

A call for proposals from the Competitiveness and Innovation -ICT Policy Support programme of the European Commission opens on 29 April

Read the entire story:

http://www.esafetysupport.org/en/news/second_call_cip_ict_psp.htm

9th eSafety Forum in Ljubljana on 24-25 April

Creation date: 01 April 2008

The final agenda of the 9th eSafety plenary meeting has been published! The meeting is organised just after the Transport Research Arena (TRA2008) in Ljubljana, Slovenia, taking place the same week.

On the 24th of April, a reception and networking dinner will take place, featuring a keynote speech by a High-Level representative of the Slovenian Ministry of Transport.

The agenda of the main meeting on 25 April includes a debate on the report of the "ICT for Clean and Efficient Mobility" Working Group, as well as a discussion on the "ITS Action Plan" of the European Commission, currently in preparation. The Forum is expected to adopt Recommendations on both issues.

EC signs cooperation agreement with Japan on ITS

Creation date: 07 April 2008

Based on the common vision that ITS can dramatically improve the safety of road traffic and contribute to more efficient transport modes, DG Information Society (DG INFSO) and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI) have recently signed a cooperation agreement.

The agreement aims to cross-fertilize research findings on Intelligent Transportation Systems, to deepen mutual understanding of policies, legislation and programmes and to stimulate the exchange of ideas and cooperation between researchers. In this framework, Europe and Japan will work together on developing a methodology to assess the impact of ITS in energy conservation and CO² reductions. A joint task, including scientists from both regions, is expected to establish this methodology.

eSafety Support Campaigns at European Parliament

Creation date: 27 February 2008

23 February 2008, eSafety Cocktail ferments discussion among European decision makers on the "Intelligent Car Initiative".

On the occasion of the first debate of the report on the "Intelligent Car" in the Transport Committee of the European Parliament, Hungarian MEP Zita Gurmai strongly advocated the intelligent car initiative. The aim of the event was to draw attention on how to make European roads and mobility safer, cleaner and smarter.

The Intelligent car initiative was received positively by MEP's. The Committee backed the full-scale roll-out of eCall by 2010 and encouraged the Member States who have not yet signed the eCall Memorandum of Understanding to do so, preferably before mid 2008. Other safety measures supported by the report include the 100% availability of the Electronic Stability Control technology for 2012, the improvement of human machine interaction of nomadic devices and the need to develop cooperative systems based on vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication.

The issue of affordability and consumer awareness of these new features was also raised, as intelligent transportation systems will only be fully deployed if the consumer is aware of their benefits and if he can afford them. The committee urged stakeholders to take appropriate measures in this direction.

Following the Committee meeting decision-makers and stakeholders were invited to share a cocktail, whilst further information on the First Intelligent Car Report and eSafety were presented in an affable setting. Mrs. Gurmai stated in her opening speech: "As responsible European decision makers, we can possibly have one priority: human life".

Featured speakers included also MEP Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Hermann Meyer (ERTICO - ITS Europe, Chief Executive Officer) and Rosalie Zobel (EC DG INFSO).

Europe consults stakeholders on ITS Action Plan

Creation date: 26 March 2008

On 26 March 2008, the EC organised a public consultation workshop in order to collect stakeholders' views on an Intelligent Transport System (ITS) Action Plan in preparation. The Action Plan recognises the role that Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) can play to deliver clean, efficient and safe and secure road transport. It aims to create a consistent and comprehensive policy framework, including both hard and soft measures, to unlock the full potential of ITS in serving European and national policies. A draft discussion paper has already been released stressing a number of proposed areas of action.

Enhanced road safety and security was pinpointed as one of the three key themes requiring action. Various eSafety topics were addressed, such as making better use of newest active safety systems such as ESC, ACC, or eCall, improve human machine interface and the crucial need to study the potential of cooperative systems.

Greener transport, decreasing congestion and reducing energy consumption was also one of the major themes to be tackled by the Action Plan. Key elements discussed included traffic management systems to improve efficiency of travel journeys.

ITS can also play a crucial role in the mobility problem. This is the third theme addressed by the draft Action Plan. If Europe wants to achieve better mobility of people and goods, efforts should be done in providing more reliable real-time traffic and travel information and improving the efficiency of logistic chains (e-Freight). The consultation workshop brought forward some framework for discussion on the various themes and highlighted the strategic importance to assess the impact which ITS applications will have in the real life of the citizen.

Various European policy instruments were reviewed, which could be used to create synergies and allow ITS to contribute with its full potential to policy goals. These include financial support, through via existing programmes, standardisation, legislative measures and other soft measures.

As a result of this consultation process, the EC will propose a number of policy actions to accelerate deployment of ITS applications. The Commission is planning to release a communication mid July this year. The eSafety forum plans to discuss the priorities of ITS Action Plan during its 9th plenary meeting on 25 April in Ljubljana.

Visit the [European Commission website](#) for more information about the ITS Action Plan

European Parliament Committee adopts Intelligent Car report

Creation date: 08 April 2008

The First Intelligent Car" report has been adopted by the European Parliament Committee on Transport on 8 April 2008! The Hungarian Socialist MEP, Zita Gurmai has played a key role in promoting this European Commission initiative aiming towards Europe-wide Safer, Cleaner and Efficient Mobility.

The main objectives proposed by Mrs Gurmai were adopted almost unanimously. The report focuses mainly on information society perspective rather than a transport perspective. It fully supports the aim of a full-scale roll-out of eCall by 2010 and encourages the Member States who have not yet signed the eCall Memorandum of Understanding to do so, preferably before mid 2008.

Equally, the adopted report fully supports the goal of achieving 100 per cent availability of Electronic Stability Control for the model year 2012. If all cars had an ESC, 4000 lives could be saved each year. Even if saving lives is the main aim of the Intelligent Car initiative, Mrs. Gurmai rightly stated: "Intelligent cars need intelligent drivers and training of car dealers to be able to sell the product."

FESTA's final workshop on 29 April 2008

Creation date: 07 February 2008



The EC-funded [FESTA Support Action](#), in which ERTICO is a participant, will hold its final workshop, 29 April 2008, in Brussels. All stakeholders with an interest in field operational tests (FOTs) should attend. FESTA aims at producing a shared methodological framework to carry out future FOTs on in-vehicle support and information systems, nomadic device-based systems and cooperative systems. All FESTA results will be synthesized in a "handbook" that will be the guideline for all actors planning future field operational tests.

In December, the FESTA Consortium organised a workshop which attracted all European stakeholders with an interest in FOTs. Together, they defined a list of functions and systems to be included into European FOTs, identified the relevant results expected by the different stakeholders and discussed the FOT methodology covering all key aspects including safety, mobility and the environment. At the 29 April workshop, the FESTA consortium will present the project results and the handbook, as well as

- Guidelines for the implementation of FOTs
- Legal & ethical issues in the execution of FOTs
- Types of ICT functions considered
- Requirements & guidelines for data acquisition, storage and handling
- Experimental procedures, performance indicators, data analysis and cost-benefit analysis

Mark your agendas and participate! For further information about the FESTA project, please contact ERTICO Head of Sector Safety & Security [Maxime Flament](#)

ITS European congress from 2-6 June 2008 in Geneva

Creation date: 06 April 2008

The Preliminary programme is now available!

Get a first glance at the 2008 European ITS Congress with the newly released preliminary programme. "ITS for Sustainable Mobility", the 7th European Congress and Exhibition on Intelligent Transport Systems and Services, will take place in Geneva, Switzerland from 3-6 June.

The event is organised by ITS Congress Association, on behalf of ERTICO - ITS Europe, in co-operation with the Swiss Federal Roads Office, the State of Geneva, the European Commission and the United Nations.

Meet eSafety support at the ITS European congress in Geneva!

For more information visit the [ITS congress website](#)

ITS World congress from 16-20 November 2008 in New York

Creation date: 06 April 2008

Preliminary programme in preparation

The 15th World Congress on ITS and ITS America's 2008 Annual Meeting will be the largest event in the world for ITS leaders, policy makers and other industry professionals.

Registrants will have access to both the Annual Meeting and World Congress events, including more than 200 extraordinary education sessions, exciting tours, a grand-scale exhibition hall and limitless opportunities to connect with an international audience in a world-class city.

The submission of papers has been closed and the programme is currently in preparation. European ITS stakeholders will be widely represented in various technical sessions which will be dedicated to European ITS progress.

The eSafety forum invites you to join us for this international event in New York!

For more information, please visit the [ITS World congress website](#)

Second call CIP programme: ICT Policy Support

Creation date: 10 April 2008

The second call for proposals of the CIP ICT Policy Support Programme will open on 29 April 2008 and close on 9 September 2008. The evaluation of the proposals, assisted by independent experts, will take place in early October. Communication of selection results to proposers and start of negotiations are foreseen for November 2008.

The draft work programme which has been approved by the programme committee can be downloaded from the [ICT PSP website](#). The opening of this second call will follow the formal adoption by the European Commission of the Work Programme for 2008.

Please pencil in your agenda **23 April 2008** as the date for an [Information Day](#) on the ICT PSP call for proposals 2008, which will be held in Brussels.

More information can be obtained from the ICT PSP website at: http://ec.europa.eu/ict_psp