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**ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN PORTUGAL.
THE PORTUGUESE ROAD CENTRE'S ROLE**

CRP – PORTUGUESE ROAD CENTRE

A not-for-profit organisation, which brings together most of the Portuguese Road Sector stakeholders: the national road authority (Estradas de Portugal, E.P.E.), motorways operators, public works companies, oil companies, consultants, etc.

CRP co-organised with ERF – European Union Road Federation, the 1st European Road Congress (Lisbon, 2004).

CRP is in charge of organising, in Lisbon, the 16th International Road Federation World Meeting 2009.



ROAD SAFETY TRENDS IN PORTUGAL

Year	Road accident deaths Variation (%)
2001	Base year
2002	+ 0.2
2003	- 7.5
2004	-22.6
2005	-25.4

ACTING UPON DRIVERS' BEHAVIOUR

Stiffening of penalties in respect of:

Drink driving

Excess speed

Right lane overtaking

Use of seatbelts

Child-restraint systems

Use of helmets (motorcyclists)

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADING

Construction of new roads – National Road Plan (1998)

Improvement of the existing roads

INFRASTRUCTURAL PROGRESS INDICES

**Construction in the 1995 – 2005 period:
1426 km (+ 153 %)**

**Black spot elimination:
From 211 (1999) to 86 (2004)
(- 59.2%; 50.3% relative to 2001)**

CRP INITIATIVES

Organisation of the 1st Road Safety Auditors Course

Registration of the 'ITS Portugal' mark

Establishment of the 'ITS Portugal Convention'

CRP'S ROAD SAFETY OBJECTIVES

To strengthen the 'human factor' in road safety – the “driver 'angle'” of the 'driver / vehicle / infrastructure' triangle.

To foster the adoption of safety-enhancing in-vehicle technology ('black boxes', e.g.) and road-vehicle real-time communication systems.

To promote best available technology and contribute to Portuguese entities participation in the technology development effort.