



Main Conclusions

**The 2nd eSafety High Level Meeting
with Member States
Brussels, 18 October 2005**

INTRODUCTION

eSafety is a joint industry - public sector initiative which aims to reduce the number of road accidents and fatalities by using new Information and Communication Technologies. The general objective of the eSafety Forum, established in 2003, is to promote and monitor the implementation of the recommendations on eSafety and to support the development, deployment and use of intelligent vehicle safety systems. The Forum typically meets twice a year.

The Commission organised the 2nd High-Level Meeting with the Member States on 18th October 2005. The meeting was attended by over 60 persons representing 21 Member States, Norway, industry associations, the eSafety Forum Working Groups and the European Commission. The goal of the meeting was to discuss progress and get further commitment from the Member States on the road map plan agreed by the Commission and the Industry on the priority topic, **the pan-European in-vehicle emergency call, eCall**.

Furthermore, the results achieved on three of the eSafety Working Groups (Implementation Road Maps, Human Machine Interaction and Real Time Travel and Traffic Information) as well as the i2010 information society strategy were presented.

The participants of this 2nd eSafety High Level meeting, having considered the 2nd Communication on eSafety and in particular the recommendations to the Member States, having received a summary report on the progress of the eCall initiative and having received the reports from the Implementation Road Map and the User Outreach Working Groups, made the following conclusions.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

The participants of the 2nd eSafety High Level Meeting with the Member States:

1. *Regard* road safety as an utmost priority for improving the quality of life of their citizens and *welcome* the idea of the next Austrian Presidency to include it as a priority;
2. *Consider* eSafety as a crucially important element in the general framework of improving road and vehicle safety in Europe;
3. *Support* the public-private partnership approach of the eSafety initiative, considering it as the most effective way for achieving its goals;
4. *Support* the Commission's approach to avoid unnecessary regulation and to proceed with voluntary measures and negotiated agreements;
5. *Express* their satisfaction with the progress achieved in the eSafety Forum and its Working Groups, and *congratulate* the chairs and members of the Working Groups for their work;
6. *Emphasize* the role of standardisation, harmonisation, and open in-vehicle platforms in accelerating the take-up of in-vehicle systems and services;

THE IN-VEHICLE EMERGENCY CALL (eCALL)

The participants of the 2nd High-Level Meeting on eSafety:

1. *Support* unanimously the realisation of a pan-European in-vehicle emergency call service, as it can have an important contribution to reduce the number of fatalities and the severity of injuries caused by road accidents;
2. *Highlight* the importance of having the service implemented in all vehicles in all Member States to produce the maximum benefits for all European citizens;
3. *Welcome* the signature of the eCall Driving Group Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by representatives from Greece, Italy, Lithuania and Slovenia, which join Finland and Sweden, which signed the MoU earlier;
4. *Welcome* the commitment of other Member States, which have already initiated the signature procedure of the eCall MoU, towards the implementation roadmap of eCall, such as the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, The Netherlands and Germany;
5. *Stress* the importance of having the eCall MoU signed by all Member States by the end of 2005 in order to show the necessary commitment to other stakeholders;
6. *Take note* of the progress on the implementation and handling of the pan-European emergency number 112, its location enhancement (E112) and eCall in the Member States;
7. *Welcome* the Commission's plans to increase its efforts to support the Member States, in particular by the creation of a Sub-Group under the Civil Protection Committee specialised in emergency calls and by monitoring the progress;
8. *Emphasize* the importance of establishing, at national level, interdepartmental working groups to support the deployment of eCall;
9. *Stress* the importance of developing pan-European standards for E112 and eCall, and *thank* ETSI for accepting this task on the Commission's request;
10. *Indicate* that other public service applications could use the eCall in-vehicle open platform in the future;
11. *Invite* the Commission and industry to pursue the efforts to solve pending issues concerning the eCall deployment, such as finding a positive business case including a deeper cost-benefit analysis, and addressing potential data privacy issues.

OTHER ITEMS

The participants of the High-Level Meeting on eSafety:

1. *Congratulate* the Implementation Road Map and the User Outreach Working Groups for the quality of the work done and the final report produced.
2. *Invite* the Commission, Member States and other stakeholders to take into account the results of the Implementation Road Map Working Group as a basis for future initiatives to accelerate the implementation of eSafety systems;
3. *Propose* that the Commission endorses the Final Report of the Implementation Road Map Working Group
4. *Urge* the Commission to address the need for radio-spectrum allocation for future eSafety applications;
5. *Welcome* the i2010 initiative proposed by the Commission, and in particular its Intelligent Car Flagship initiative, which may have positive social and economic impacts;
6. *Stress* the importance of promoting private-public partnerships including all relevant stakeholders as a way to create positive business cases, and where appropriate the necessary incentives to accelerate the introduction of eSafety systems.