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eScope is an "eSafety Observatory" established by the European Commission to monitor and stimulate the eSafety initiative's progress and activities. It comprises three main activities aimed at mobilising the commitment of the eSafety community:

1. Monitoring progress on implementation of the 28 eSafety priority recommendations and the eSafety "Road Maps" to be agreed
2. Providing an overview of European emerging results on eSafety priority topics
3. Generating awareness and dissemination about the entire range of eSafety actions.

Best regards

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eSafety Forum Activities

- **HMI Workshop**

40 HMI experts participated at this 8 June workshop in Brussels. Human-Machine Interaction with increasingly more complex in-vehicle systems is a major concern. To tackle this important issue, the EC published a Recommendation on Safe and Efficient In-vehicle Information and Communication Systems in 2000, which has been welcomed by the industry.



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The eCall MoU now released for signature

Download the MoU [here](#).

The Human-Machine Interaction Working Group is assessing the situation in the light of technical progress in collaboration with the industry and the Member States, and will propose further measures on HMI if necessary. The workshop gave input to the work of moderating the European Statement of Principles (ESoP) and also valuable input for the preparation of the Communication on HMI, which is planned for the first half of 2005.

The next meeting of the HMI Working Group will take place 2 September in Brussels.

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- **International cooperation meeting**

The last meeting in the International Cooperation Working Group took place 17 June in Parma, Italy. Chaired by Mr Martin Rowell of Navteq, the meeting discussed the international aspects of the eSafety initiative and included participants from Europe, the US and Japan. The group made a prioritisation of the international cooperation activities and a paper will soon be released with the results from the discussions.



The next meeting of the International Cooperation Working Group will take place 20 October in Nagoya, Japan.

[More Information](#)

- **eCall MoU now released**

European wide eCall is a major priority of Europe's eSafety strategy and the MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) has recently been released for signature. All stakeholders interested in signing the MoU can contact the Working Group Chairmen: Mr Michael Nielsen, [ERTICO \(m.nielsen@mail.ertico.com\)](mailto:m.nielsen@mail.ertico.com) or Mr Wolfgang Reinhard, [ACEA, \(wr@acea.be\)](mailto:wr@acea.be).

The next meeting of the eCall Working Group will take place 8 September in Brussels.

[More Information and download of the MoU](#)

- **Technology road maps on the way**

The Road Map Working Group has been diligently working to produce road maps for eSafety technologies to support the development of activities in other eSafety Working Groups. Its aim is to draft some simplified implementation road maps, and details such as essential implementation issues for the systems selected will be submitted by September 2004. As an example, a table has been produced for autonomous vehicle-based systems as well as the vehicle and infrastructure based systems of E-call, extended environmental information, RTTI, dynamic traffic management (VMS), local danger warning, and Speed Alert. The tables will be validated in consultation with the key stakeholders. A table has also been drafted showing the eSafety functions against their technical prerequisites.

The next meeting of the Road Map Working Group will take place 14 September in Brussels.

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- **Accident Causation Workshop**

The Accident Causation Working Group hosted a 30 June workshop in Brussels with the purpose to present the status of its activities and discuss priorities for three main areas:

1. Integrated Prevention
2. Integrated Avoidance
3. Pre-crash

The next meeting in the Accident Causation Working Group will take place 15 July in Brussels.

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- **Heavy Duty Vehicles Workshop**

The 7 July Workshop in Brussels allowed participants to review the role of heavy duty vehicles in the frame of eSafety activities such as accidentology, and technology road maps. One target of the workshop was to create safety system portfolios that allow the comparison of eSafety systems in terms of

customer acceptance, effectiveness, availability, costs, and investments (incl. infrastructure).

The next meeting of the Heavy Duty Vehicles Working Group will take place 19 October.

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- **High Level meeting 27 September 2004**

The first concrete results from the eSafety Forum Working Groups have now emerged and were discussed at the latest Plenary Meeting 25 March in Brussels. The meeting formulated concrete recommendations for the next steps, but also concluded that the Public Authorities have not been fully integrated with the eSafety initiative and further actions are necessary.

Acting upon this direct recommendation, the Commission is planning to organise a High-Level Meeting on eSafety with the Public Authorities on 27 September. At this meeting, the Commission will give a summary of the results obtained so far, and suggest detailed discussion on the following three topics: In-vehicle emergency call (eCall), Real-Time Traffic and Travel Information (RTTI) and Human-Machine Interaction (HMI). There is a need to decide the way forward for these issues as well as the actions to be taken by the Member State Public Authorities. The Commission hopes for High-Level participation in this meeting, and plans to send out the invitations by the end of July.

[More Information](#)

Finland produces plan for national eCall

A consortium commissioned by the Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications has produced a plan for a national eCall pilot to start this autumn 2004. The plan concludes that aftermarket devices will enable more forceful and cost-efficient car fleet penetration than OEM eCall devices. It describes the E-Merge compatible system architecture for a national eCall system as well as accompanying technical specifications. The plan also includes an analysis of user requirements based on an interview study.

According to the plan, Finnish authorities will set up a system for receiving eCalls at the national emergency centres as well as the other required authority infrastructures. The authorities will provide the system for the device manufacturers and vendors in order to already ensure the operation of the devices this year. Next spring, studies on the private sector participation will be carried out, with the overall aim of full nationwide implementation of the authority infrastructures for eCall in the beginning of 2006. The plan is currently only available in Finnish.

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eScope Advisors and Observers

The next meeting for the eScope Advisors and Observers will take place 28 September in Brussels. Get involved and register for eSafety activities on this website.

[Registration Form](#)

Future events

Use the eSafety agenda to keep close tabs on eSafety activities. You are encouraged to provide eScope with any information on events or relevant activities.

[Registration form](#)

ITS World Congress in Nagoya

The theme for the 11th World Congress on ITS to be held 18-22 October 2004 in Nagoya, Aichi, Japan is "ITS for Livable Society" as the combination of three major elements: Safety, Sustainability and Accessibility/Comfortability. ITS Japan expects around 500,000 participants for the various pre- and post Congress events across Japan. The organisers have stressed to the eSafety Forum that eSafety will be an important topic at the event, with a strong focus in the programme and a dedicated area at the Exhibition. Please inform eScope if you are planning any specific eSafety activities at the event.

[Link to the 11th World Congress on ITS](#)



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