



EUROPEAN CITIES AND REGIONS NETWORKING FOR INNOVATIVE TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS

#### The Road Safety Report System: Objective & Subjective Database for Road Safety

POLIS working group meeting on road safety and vulnerable road users in cities and regions Urban road safety reporting, databases and data collection

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## What software can do for Road Safety

#### VIA's ambition

- » Gaining insight into Road Safety
- » Supporting work processes
- » Involving people

### » VIA's approach

- » Target: politicians, professionals and road users
- » Model: collaboration between relevant partners
- » Solution: providing data & know-how in the Cloud





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## Road Safety data

#### Several road safety databases

- » Accidents 1,2 million accidents
- » Road users' reports 6.000 reports & 14.000 concerns
- » Speeds 98% of the road network in both directions





## Road Safety under pressure

Major under registration accidents

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- » Successful Dutch approach endangered
- » Policy monitoring, analyses and evaluations become increasingly problematic





### Safety of vulnerable road users

- Large share of vulnerable road users in The Netherlands
- Safety position in danger\*
- » Increase in casualties
  - » among cyclists
  - » among elderly (60+)
  - » on municipal roads in urban areas

\* The number of severe casualties among cyclist in 2010, 2011, and 2012 can not be determined due to a lack reliable data.



Ontwikkeling in het aantal verkeersslachtoffers

Afbeelding 1: Ontwikkeling in het aantal verkeersdoden en ernstig verkeersgewonden en de verkeersveiligheidsdoelstellingen voor 2020. Bronnen: CBS (verkeersdoden), IenM/DHD/SWOV (ernstig verkeersgewonden).<sup>7</sup>



### Measuring is knowing

Two applications to gain insight:

- > Objective data: STAR
  Smart Traffic Accident Reporting
- Subjective data: RSRS
  Road Safety Report System
- » In general:
  - » Involving road users
  - » Collaboration between partners
  - » Collecting road safety data
  - » Sharing data with ICT solutions











# STAR: Smart Traffic Accident Reporting

- An innovative collaboration providing reliable accident analysis by focusing on reporting accidents efficiently
- » Focus on the entire chain: accident > registration > analysis
  - » Police
  - » The Dutch Association of Insurers
  - » VIA



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- » Broad societal representation in a Stakeholders' group for a large support
  - » Road authorities
  - » Interest groups
  - » Research organisations

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## Mobile Reporting App

- » A crucial role for those involved
- » Using 8 million smartphones
- » Goal
  - » Registering all accidents
  - » 'Real time' data available
  - » Complete and relevant information
    - Exact location and time **rapidly** accessible
    - Smart compiling in the Cloud
    - Manoeuvre diagram













#### VVN & VIA



» VVN and VIA work together on the Road Safety Report System (RSRS)



- » VVN represents road users
  - » Goal: supporting road users
  - » New generation of volunteers
  - » Attuned to today's society
- » VIA supports digitally and builds the road safety database

## Reporting



- Reports lead to contact and actions
  - » Detailed maps of cyclists' and pedestrians routes
  - » Questionnaire equipped for research and advice
- » App for on-the-spot reporting



## Citizen participation



- » VVN orchestrator of citizen participation
  - Connection between citizens (road users), VVN, municipalities and the police
  - Capacity building through volunteers
    - » Awareness
    - » Visibility
- Sharing experience and know-how



## Take action



- Enabling citizens to organise residential projects together with VVN and partners
- The software supports
- Sitizens get rewarded





# Insight into traffic experiences



- Statistic complement to accident data
- Add subjective data to municipalities' road safety policy
- » Data provides insight into
  - » Location
  - » Behaviour and road design
  - » Target groups
  - » Causes



### **Research results**





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## Traffic safety moves people

- A lot of national attention
- Not a place for complaints but a place for cooperation
- » Two years of experience
  - » Large potential of volunteers
  - » Insight into unsafe traffic







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