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1. OBJECTIVES OF THE DACOTA WEBTEXTS

One of the valuable products that were initialised in SafetyNet, are the web texts on a number of relevant road safety issues. Within DaCoTA, these web texts have been updated and also a few issues have been added. Another aim regarding the web texts was to organise them better in order to prevent problems when they are transferred to ERSO.

The information in the web texts is scientifically founded, easy to read and ready to use. For each subject, the information consists of an overview of the magnitude of the problem, prevalence and countermeasures.

In order to guarantee the quality of the web texts and the state-of-the-art of the updates, a sound production and controlling procedure has been set up. In this procedure, experts were asked to write or update the text, and this was done under supervision and responsibility of an editorial board.

In DaCoTA, the following highly esteemed experts were member of the DaCoTA Editorial Board, which was chaired by Divera Twisk (SWOV Institute for Road Safety Research):

- Rune Elvik, TOI, Norway
- Ralf Risser, Factum, Austria
- Claes Tingvall, Swedish Road Administration, Sweden
- Pete Thomas, VSRC Loughborough university, UK

The topics that are covered by the web texts are:

- Age groups
    o Children
    o Novice drivers
    o Older drivers
- Road users
    o Pedestrians and cyclists
    o Powered two wheelers
- Hazardous behaviour
    o Driver distraction
    o Cell phone use while driving
    o Fatigue
    o Alcohol/drugs
    o Speed and speed management
    o Work-related road safety
- Post crash
    o Post impact care
    o E-safety
- Road safety measures
    o Roads
    o Speed enforcement
    o Vehicle safety
- Policy issues
    o Quantitative targets
    o Cost-benefit analysis

- o Safety ratings
- o Road safety management
- o Integration of Road Safety in other policy areas

The individual webtexts, which together form this deliverable, are attached as an Appendix.

The organisation of the web texts in relation to ERSO has been tackled by transferring the original web text format into an interactive pdf-format. This enables users still to navigate within the text, but also to use the texts as print-out for other uses. A short introduction of the problem has been added in the website to attract the attention of the user to the text and to indicate the relevance of the issue at hand.