Development of the European Road Safety Observatory
Work Package 1 – « Policy »

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Goals of WP1

- Strengthening the content of ERSO (data and decision-support tools) by assessing the needs for knowledge-based policy-making

- Introducing a new area of knowledge into ERSO: national road safety management systems (existing situations, identification of elements of « good practice »)
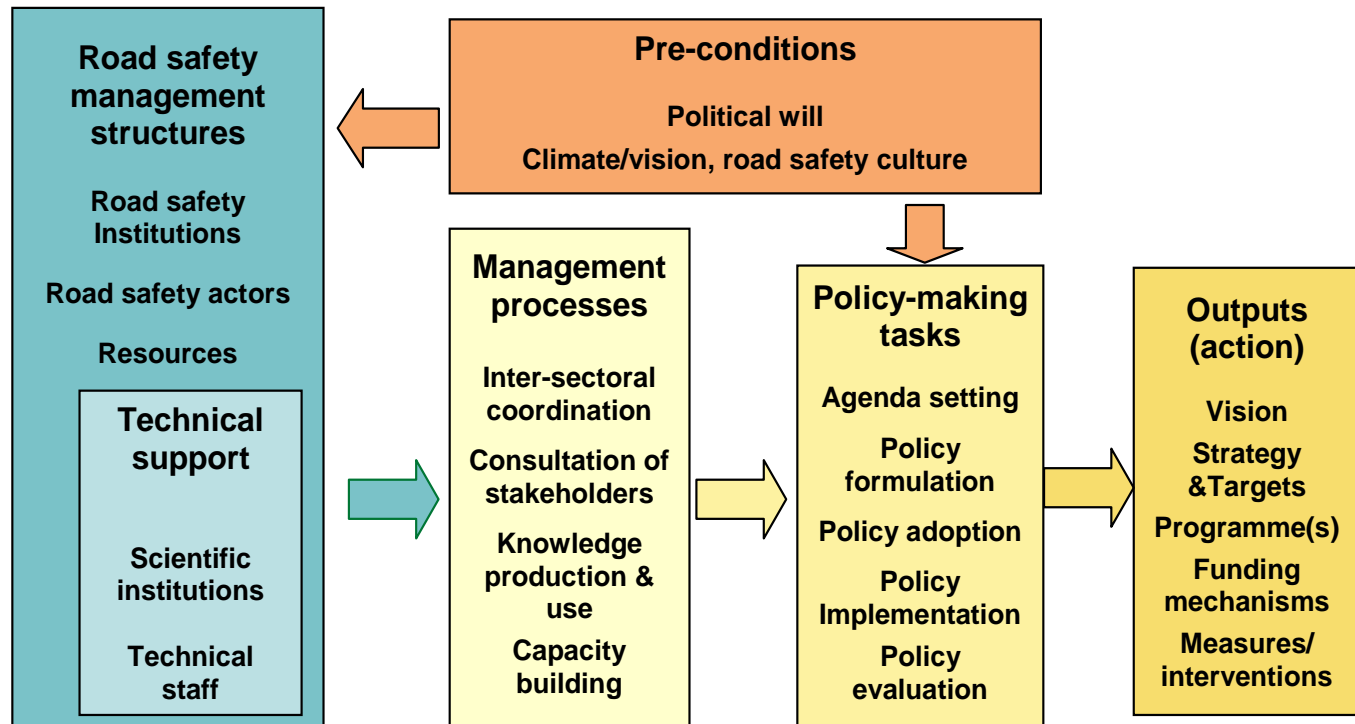
Complementary approaches

- Consultation of a panel of experts on needs for data and decision-support tools for RS policy-making (*common task of WP1 and WP4)*

- On the same issues: large scale questionnaire survey of major RS stakeholders in the EU and associated countries (*governmental actors, NGOs, businesses, researchers, professional organisations, etc.*)

- Development of a methodology to describe and compare RS management systems at the national level, survey carried out in a sample of countries

- Quantitative and qualitative analyses (*on-going)*

Consultation of a panel of experts

- EU CARE experts and other scientists (*contacted: 79*)

- Consultation through three broad open questions on policy-making tasks and technical needs (*online and through interviews*)

- A matrix crossing four key policy-making tasks (*fact-finding, action programme development, preparing implementation, monitoring and evaluation*) and four categories of needs (*data, data treatment, decision-support, and training tools*)

- Text analysis of 30 valid answers: preliminary results on needs (*for use in other WPs on « decision-support » and « data warehouse » and to develop the broader questionnaire survey of stakeholders*)

A methodology to investigate road safety management systems

1. Describing road safety management systems

Road safety management structures	Pre-conditions
Road safety Institutions	Political will
Road safety actors	Climate/vision, road safety culture
Resources	

Technical support

Scientific institutions

Technical staff

Management processes

Inter-sectoral coordination

Consultation of stakeholders

Knowledge production & use

Capacity building

Policy-making tasks

Agenda setting

Policy formulation

Policy adoption

Policy Implementation

Policy evaluation

Outputs (action)

Vision

Strategy &Targets

Programme(s)

Funding mechanisms

Measures/ interventions

2. Defining « good practice » criteria
3. Building up a semi-closed questionnaire

Results

- Already available from http://www.dacota-project.eu/deliverables.html

    - Experts opinions of needs for data and technical tools (D-1.1)

    - Needs expressed by stakeholders (D-1.3)

    - A first analysis of needs according to types of stakeholders (D-1.4)

    - A methodology for investigating RS management systems at the national level

- To be available in November 2012:

    - Quantitative and qualitative analyses of needs

    - Quantitative and qualitative analyses of RS management systems and « good practice » elements