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1 SafetyCube Final Conference - Better decision making for road safety in Europe

1.1 INTRODUCTION-PURPOSE OF THIS DELIVERABLE

The SafetyCube project team has organised the SafetyCube European Conference on Better Decision Making for Road Safety, held on 22-23 March 2018, in Vienna, Austria. This brief management document aims to provide evidence of the project conference organisation, containing information from the conference website, emails to invite attendance, the final conference program and photos from the conference.

1.2 INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE

SafetyCube European Conference on Better Decision Making for Road Safety, Vienna – March 2018

The SafetyCube European Conference on Better Decision Making for Road Safety was held on 22-23 March 2018, at Palais Auersperg in the city centre of Vienna, Austria. The SafetyCube project started on May 1st, 2015 and run for a period of three years. Its results were presented in the conference, with special focus on the SafetyCube Decision Support System (DSS), which is the primary objective of the project. The DSS is expected to enable policy-makers and stakeholders to select and implement the most appropriate strategies, measures and cost-effective approaches to reduce casualties of all road user types and all severities in Europe and worldwide.

The conference brought together experts, stakeholders and decision makers from across Europe to discuss the latest developments in road safety: European Commission, FERSI, ETSC, IRTAD, FIA, individual research institutes, consultants as well as national, regional and local road safety experts. There was a simultaneous interpretation in English and German.

Sessions overview

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- **Consequences of Crashes**: How to document societal costs of crashes in an accessible way for stakeholders?
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- **Hands-on user testing** of the DSS with support of SafetyCube “personal trainers”
- **Challenges for road safety decision making**: Important lessons learned from the development of the Road Safety DSS
- **The Future of the European Road Safety Decision Support System**: Panel discussion with high-ranking representatives of international institutions
A link to the conference website can be found here: https://www.safetycube-project.eu/safetycube-final-conference-vienna-march-2018/

1.3 EMAILS TO INVITE ATTENDANCE

In this section, the information included in the emails sent for attendance is provided.

Interested in better decision making in road safety? Don't miss the European conference on March 22 and 23 in Vienna. Around one hundred delegates from over 20 different countries have already registered. Attendance of the event is free, but availability is limited, so make sure to reserve your seat in time!

You will be introduced to SafetyCube’s innovative European Road Safety Decision Support System (DSS) that will help policy-makers as well as decision makers and other stakeholders in road safety to identify the best solutions to their road safety problems.

When and where?

- 22 March (9am) - 23 March (1pm) 2018
- Palais Auersperg in the city centre of Vienna, Austria

Hotels & how to get there?

- Check this list of hotels
- Download this map of Vienna’s public transport
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More information on SafetyCube

Please visit our website at [safetycube-project.eu](http://safetycube-project.eu) and subscribe to the SafetyCube Newsletter to stay informed.

Any questions? Please send an email to safetycube@lboro.ac.uk

The screenshots below present the exact email that was sent to invite attendance.
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Preview

Feel free to tryout the European Road Safety Decision Support System:

[roadsafety-dss.eu](http://roadsafety-dss.eu)

Video

Let us tell you more about the Road Safety Decision Support System and the Conference in March!
1.4 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - 22 March 2018
09:00 Registration

Welcome Address

09:30 Prof. Pete Thomas, SafetyCube Coordinator | Loughborough University,
Eva Eichinger-Vill, Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology
Othmar Thann, Director | KFV – Austrian Road Safety Board

Keynote Speeches
Violeta Bulc, Commissioner for Transport | European Commission (Video Address)
Jean Todt, President of FIA, UN Special Envoy for Road Safety (Video Address)
Antonio Avenoso, European Transport Safety Council

Overview of the project
Maura van Strijp | SWOV
Klaus Machata | KFV

10:45 Refreshment Break

Session 1: Vision for Decision Support Systems and Tools
Chair: George Yannis | NTUA
What are the stakeholder needs when faced with safety issues? What information, what analyses, how to investigate further?

11:00 Ingrid Skogsmo, European Commission | DG-Research
The SafetyCube European research project – Prof. Pete Thomas | Loughborough University
The SafetyCube Methodology - Heike Martensen | VIAS
Linking road safety risk factors and measures - Eleonora Papadimitriou | NTUA

Session 2: Consequences of Crashes
Chair: Wouter Van den Berghe | VIAS
The societal costs of crashes must be documented in a way that stakeholders can assess and choose different solutions to a road safety issue.

12:00 International road safety overview – Dinesh Mohan | IIT Dehli
Serious injuries - Wendy Weijermars | SWOV
Socio-economic costs of crashes in Europe - Wim Wijnen | SWOV/ W2Economics

12:45 - 13:45 LUNCH

Session 3: Implementation of a Decision Support System – SafetyCube
**Chair: Klaus Machata | KFV**

13:45 The SafetyCube European Road Safety Decision Support System – Prof. George Yannis, NTUA, Discussion

**Testimonials & User Feedback**
Fred Wegman | IRTAD/SWOV/ TU Delft  
David Davies | PACTS  
Horst Schulze | FERSI  
James Bradford | EuroRap  
João Queiroz | Estrada Mais Segura

15:00 **Refreshment Break**

15:30 **Hands-on user testing of the DSS with support of SafetyCube “personal trainers”**

17:00 **End of Day 1**

19:00 **Conference Dinner** at Justizcafe, Schmerlingplatz 10, 1016 Vienna

**DAY 2 - 23 March 2018**

**Session 4: Challenges for road safety decision making**  
**Chair: Heike Martensen | VIAS**

This session brings forward the important lessons learned from the development of the SafetyCube DSS and discusses the current and future potential of the DSS in meeting the global challenges of decision support in road safety.

9:30 Lessons from applying the systems approach - Ashleigh Filtness | Loughborough University  
Challenges for transferability - Rune Elvik | TØI  
Meeting the needs of different stakeholders - Klaus Machata | KFV  
Integrating new measures and new technologies – Anne Guillaume | LAB

11:00 **Refreshment break**

**Session 5: The Future of the European Road Safety Decision Support System**  
**Chair: Pete Thomas | Loughborough University**

The Road Safety DSS is now open and fully operational. It offers great potential to improving evidence-based approaches in road safety decision making. The following open questions for its future will be discussed:

- What are the steps and actions needed for making evidence-base a routine in Europe?
- What will be the future questions that policy makers will face in an era of rapid changes?
- How should the Road Safety DSS further develop? What are the needs and priorities for improvement?

11:30 **International Discussion Panel. Chair: Prof. Pete Thomas** | Loughborough University

Maria-Theresa Sanz-Villegas | European Commission
Horst Schulze | FERSI
IRTAD - Veronique Feypell | IRTAD
Antonio Avenoso | ETSC
Ferry Smith | EuroRAP
Eva Eichinger-Vill | Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology

12:30 Lunch

Conference Adjournment

1.5 CONFERENCES PHOTOGRAPHS
Review of existing frameworks

- Multilevel approach
  - Different levels of decision-making, from local to national
- Hidden models
  - Models that are not directly observable, but influence outcomes
- Safe Systems Approach
  - Focus on understanding the system as a whole, rather than individual players

All of these approaches contribute to the safety of road users.
Costs as road safety indicator
Time to take score!