

Europe-Asia Road Safety Forum

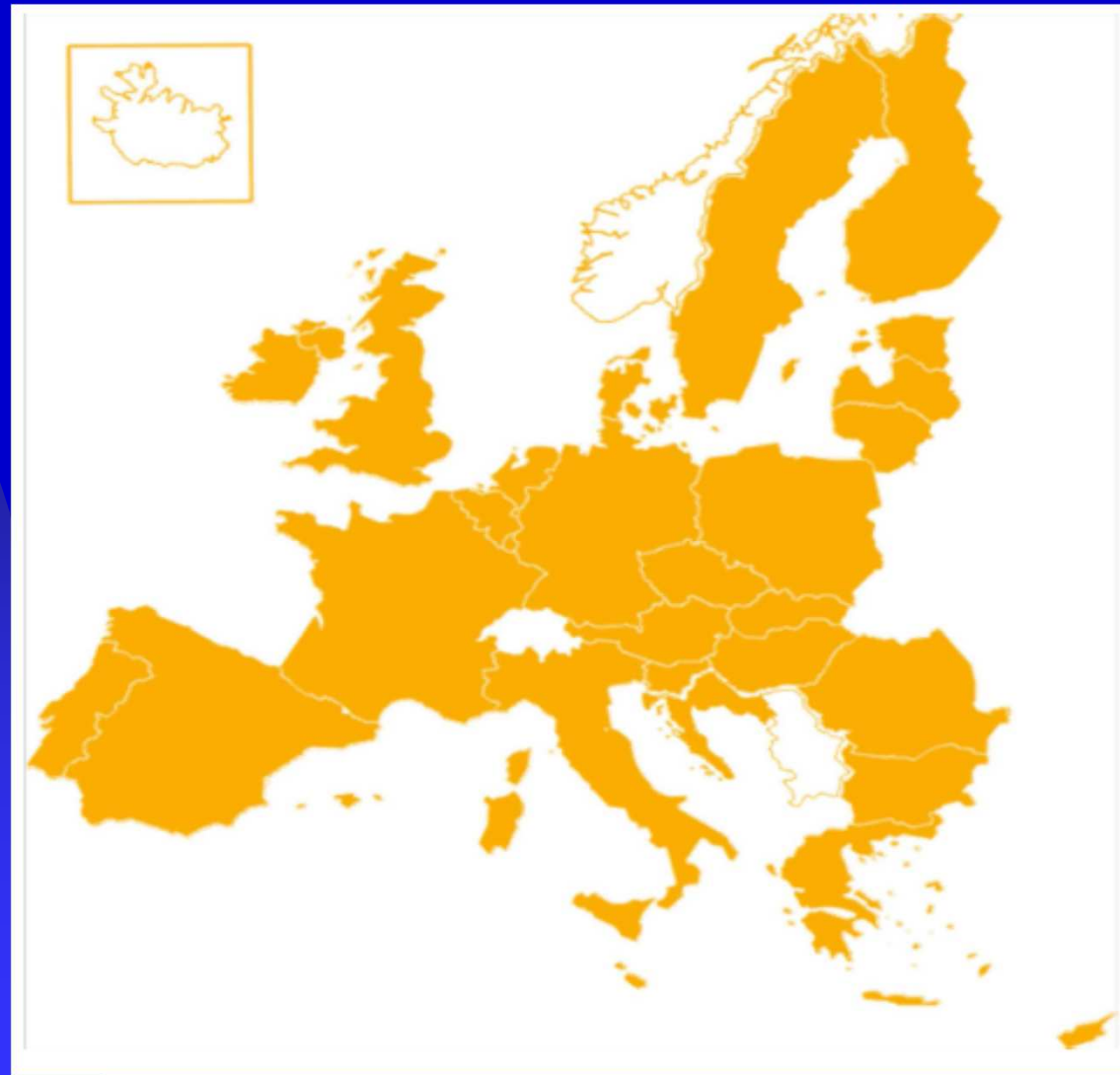
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European Union (a mosaic of 28 countries)



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European Union traffic rules (1)

- **Wearing seat belts mandatory in all vehicles throughout the European Union (EU) laid down by European Regulations/Directives. Wearing helmets on PTWs as well.**
- **Traffic lights and road signs are in general the same (some slight discrepancies).**
- **Legislations on speed limits, blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level, drugs and use of mobile phone behind the wheel exist; they are close to each other but not completely harmonised.**
- **An harmonised European driving licence.**



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European Union traffic rules (2)

- Speed limits

- In urban areas in general 50 km/h (one exception = 60 km/h in Poland during the night);
- on rural roads the speed limit varies between 70 and 100 km/h, with a majority of countries (18 countries) with 90 km/h;
- on motorways the speed limit varies between 100 and 140 km/h, with a majority of countries (16 countries) with 130 km/h;
- on rural roads with double carriageway the speed limit varies between 80 and 130 km/h



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European Union traffic rules (3)

- BAC levels
 - 17 countries = 0,5 mg/ml
 - 1 country = 0,4 mg/ml (Lithuania)
 - 3 countries = 0,2 mg/ml (Estonia, Poland et Sweden)
 - 4 countries = 0,0 mg/ml (Hungary, Czech Republic, Romania and Slovakia)
 - 2 countries = still 0,8 mg/ml (United Kingdom and Malta)
 - Switzerland, Iceland and Croatia = 0,5 mg/ml (Croatia = 0,0 mg/ml in case of traffic crash)
 - Norway = 0,2 mg/ml

European Union traffic rules (4)

Lower BAC level for novice and commercial drivers:

- 0,0 mg/ml in Italy and Germany,
- 0,1 mg/ml in Austria,
- 0,2 mg/ml in Greece, Ireland et Lithuania,
- 0,3 mg/ml in Spain

Lower BAC level for novice and commercial drivers:

- 0,2 mg/ml in France (buses and coaches)

Lower BAC level for novice drivers:

- 0,2 mg/ml in Cyprus, Latvia, Luxemburg and The Netherlands.



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European Union traffic rules (5)

- Use of mobile phones
 - Hand-held mobile phones in general forbidden in the EU (except in Sweden). Tolerance for hands-free mobile phones.
 - Demerit and/or penalty points driving licence systems.
 - The issuance of driving licences almost harmonised in the EU: driving tests (theory and practical tests), common medical fit to drive standards and the driving licence model (see next and last slide!).



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5. Driving Licence (3rd Directive)

Legislation adopted on 20 December 2006, in force by 19 January 2013

The most visible part of it:



From 110 models...

... to a single model

For more details:

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