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Road safety and driving licences

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Current issues regarding driving licenses

- › The driving license and road safety
- › Challenges for the Netherlands
- › Integral approach for novice drivers and driving under the influence
- › Next steps

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Road safety in the Netherlands

- > Joint vision: national, regional and local government together with civil society organisations
- > Goal is zero casualties → 2050
- > In 2021: 68.700 incidents, 17.842 injuries and 478 casualties
- > By identifying risks and focusing on measures to reduce those risks





Goals of the driving licence system



ROAD SAFETY



MAKE SURE EVERY
DRIVER IS PREPARED



TEMPORARY PERMIT



How to obtain a licence?



Medical fitness



Lessons



Theoretical exam(s)



Practical exam(s)



European licence system

- > Harmonisation towards a European system
- > Some competences for member states
- > 4th driving license directive





Driving licence innovation and cooperation

- › European cooperation to exchange information
- › The driving licence as an identity card
- › Future = digital driving licence





Challenges for the Dutch system

- > Safer roads than in the past, but new challenges arise
- > Vulnerable road users
- > Novice drivers
- > Driving under the influence





Challenge 1: novice drivers

- > Certain group of young drivers who know exactly how to drive in the right circumstance but commit offences in weekend nights when driving with friends
- > Tackling this behaviour is complex
- > Integral approach together with law enforcement, schools and driving trainers
- > Taking measures on 4 different stages
 1. Road safety awareness for young people during school
 2. Improving learning to drive and the exams to make sure young people are prepared
 3. Lifelong learning
 4. Law enforcement





Challenge 2: Driving under influence

- › Many accidents by people under influence of alcohol
- › Drugs and medicine also form risks (less data available)
- › Penalties and courses for driving under influence
- › Integral approach on this topic, possible measures:
 1. More road side checks
 2. Alcohol interlock
 3. Campaigns





Next steps

- > We want to know best practices to learn from you
- > How do you come to an integral approach as shown above?
- > How can we cooperate internationally on these topics?





Thank you!

