


Procedure file

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| | | PSE BALDARELLI Francesco | |
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Strategy and framework for the deployment of road transport telematics in Europe

OBJECTIVE: The communication sets out a strategy, a framework and a number of initial actions for the deployment of road transport telematics in Europe. **SUBSTANCE:** The Commission considers that the development of road transport telematics in Europe can improve road safety and make road use more effective, while reducing the negative effects of road transport on the environment, as well as helping EU industry to remain competitive on the world market. Beneficiaries will include individuals, transport service providers, fleet managers, road operators and policymakers. The communication sets out the specific actions for 1997-1999, in five priority areas: - traffic information services based on RDS-TMC (Radio Data System-Traffic Message Channel), a broadcast service which gives drivers messages about the latest traffic conditions in their chosen language or on a visual display tailored to their journey; - traffic data exchange/information management: a framework will be created for the use of technical standards and operating protocols. This should be done by way of voluntary 'memoranda of understanding' between the actors involved, by October 1997; should this deadline not be observed, the Commission will consider putting forward legislative proposals; - electronic fee collection: the key action is to achieve convergence between existing and new systems to ensure an appropriate level of interoperability Europe-wide; - human/machine interface: a code of practice will be developed to ensure that on-board telematic devices do not impair driver performance or cause discomfort; - system architecture: the aim is to define a European open system architecture. The other priority applications mentioned by the Community include: information and guidance before and during the journey; the management, operation and control of interurban and urban traffic; other telematic services for urban transport; collective transport; advance vehicle safety/control systems; and commercial vehicle operations. Particular attention will be paid to incorporating telematic concepts into integrated transport strategies, with a view to achieving the objectives of the various policies (e.g. transport and the environment). The Commission will submit detailed proposals over the period 1997-1999, in order to promote the rapid development of road transport telematics. It will also monitor the progress achieved and submit annual reports, and will, in addition, follow up the existing list of actions and draw up new proposals concerning R & D, technical harmonization, coordination of implementation, financing and legislation. ?

Strategy and framework for the deployment of road transport telematics in Europe

The Committee demands a rapid implementation of road telematics applications in the member states. By adopting the report by Francesco BALDERELLI (PES, I) on the Community strategy and framework for the deployment of road transport telematics in Europe, members said that the time had come to move quickly from the actual research and experimental phase to a new phase in which EU citizens could benefit from the substantial advantages offered by modern technology. These new systems could reduce the number of accidents by up to 30% and bring about a 40% cut in the numbers of dead and injured. A 30% reduction in rain-related accidents and an 85% reduction in fog-related accidents. The Committee therefore followed its rapporteur by demanding more Community resources to be converted in road transport telematics. In the light of recent serious road accidents in which lorries were involved, the Committee supported, in relation to on-board telematics applications, the Commission's proposals for the visual display of information and vehicle control devices. Member states and local authorities were called on to implement telematics in their various transport systems, releasing the necessary funds.?

Strategy and framework for the deployment of road transport telematics in Europe

In adopting the report by Mr Francesco BALDARELLI (PSE, I) on a Community strategy and framework for the deployment of road transport telematics in Europe, Parliament called for road transport telematics applications to be implemented rapidly in the Member States. However, it considered that the scope of the Commission's priorities should be extended without delay to goods transport, and that there should be clearer

specification of the place of public transport, particularly to exploit the scope for intermodality of road transport. Parliament called for an increase in Community investment in road transport telematics and for priority to be assigned to funding of telematics applications in peripheral regions and urban areas covered by the Structural Funds. It called for a framework for legislative and other initiatives at EU, national and local level to give priority to safety and ergonomics in vehicle design, taking account of the interests both of the industry and of the public authorities and users and with particular regard to pedestrians, cyclists and persons with disabilities. It called on industry to develop an in-vehicle telematic device to indicate and encourage reductions in energy consumption. Parliament called on the Commission and Member States to apply the principle of free and universal access to a set of basic public services to cover, at least, emergency services, traffic congestion, dangerous goods and meteorological conditions. In the light of recent serious accidents involving trucks, it approved - in conjunction with in-vehicle telematics devices - the Commission's proposals concerning information display and monitoring devices for installation in vehicles. Member States and local authorities were called upon to apply telematics in the various means of transport and to allocate the necessary appropriations to it. Each Member State should as soon as possible appoint a national officer responsible for road traffic information management.?