**National road accident statistics submitted by AEBTRI, Bulgaria**

Bulgarian statistics are collected by the Traffic Police and issued by the Public Consultative Commission on the Problems of Road Safety. There is no available detailed information on the number of accidents with drivers of trucks and buses involved.

As can be seen from the figures and graphs below, there is a sustainable decreasing trend regarding the number of fatalities over the last five years - by more than 43%, i.e. by about 9% yearly in a comparison with the base year 2008.

Very recent data: Up to 8.07.2013 the number of fatalities from the beginning of this year is 253 i.e. about 20 cases less compared to the same period in 2012. A new decrease of at least 5-6% (on an annual basis) can be expected.

The number of those injured in 2012 was 8,193, compared to 8,301 injured people in 2011, showing a slight reduction of about 1.5%.

During 2012 the number of road accidents was at 6,717, slightly increasing by about 1% in comparison with 6,638 registered cases in 2011.

Regarding national road safety targets, there is nothing new to report.

On 22 December 2011, a new National Strategy for Improving Road Safety was adopted by the Bulgarian Council of Ministers aimed to further decrease of the number and consequences of road accidents, i.e. to decrease fatalities (by 50%) and injured people (by 20%) by 2020 compared to 2010. This means no more than 388 people killed and no more than 6,363 people injured per year.

Currently, the first one of these two targets (number of fatalities) is partially achieved; Bulgaria is on the right track. There are still many problems to be solved with the other crucial consequences of road accidents; the number of those injured, which nevertheless has already reduced during the last five years by about 18%.

**Statistical Data**

***Source: State – Public Consultative Commission on the Problems of Road Safety***

 ***Sofia, Bulgaria***

**Recent Data**

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| **Year** | **No of Accidents** | **Fatalities** | **Injured people** |
| 2012 | 6,717 | 601 | 8,193 |
| 2011 | 6,638 | 658 | 8,301 |
| 2010 | 6,610 | 775 | 8,080 |
| 2009 | 7,068 | 901 | 8,674 |
| 2008 | 8,042 | 1,061 | 9,951 |

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