

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Annual Conference

Limerick, 2026

Welcome

**The conference will
start shortly**

Agenda

- **Session 1 | Opening**
- Session 2 | Enhanced Regional Connectivity
- Session 3 | Accelerating Infrastructure Delivery
- Session 4 | Mobility of People & Goods
- Session 5 | Protection & Renewal
- Session 6 | Decarbonisation & Environment

Session 1: Opening

Agenda

10.00 am	Welcome Address from Limerick City and County Council	Patricia Liddy, Director of Services, Limerick City and County Council
10.10 am	Address from the Department of Transport	Keith Walsh, Assistant Secretary, Road Policy and Investment Department of Transport
10.20 am	Conference Overview and Themes	Lorcan O'Connor, TII Chief Executive
10.30 am	Road Safety performance in the European Union: off target?	Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director, European Transport Safety Council
10.50 am	Sustainable Roads Funding: Needs and Options	Sarah Maddock, Tolling Programme Manager, TII Martin Bourke, Senior Operations Manager, TII
11:05 am	Q&A	
11.10 am	End of Session 1, Tea & Coffee	

LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL

Welcome Address

Patricia Liddy, Director of Services

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Departmental Address

Keith Walsh, Assistant Secretary, Road Policy and Investment

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IRELAND

Conference Overview

Lorcan O'Connor, Chief Executive

EUROPEAN TRANSPORT SAFETY COUNCIL

Is Road Safety Performance Off Target in the EU?

Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director

Road safety in the EU: off target?

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Antonio Avenoso
Executive Director

ETSC overview



European Transport Safety Council



A science based approach to road safety

Secretariat in Brussels

60 member organisations from across Europe

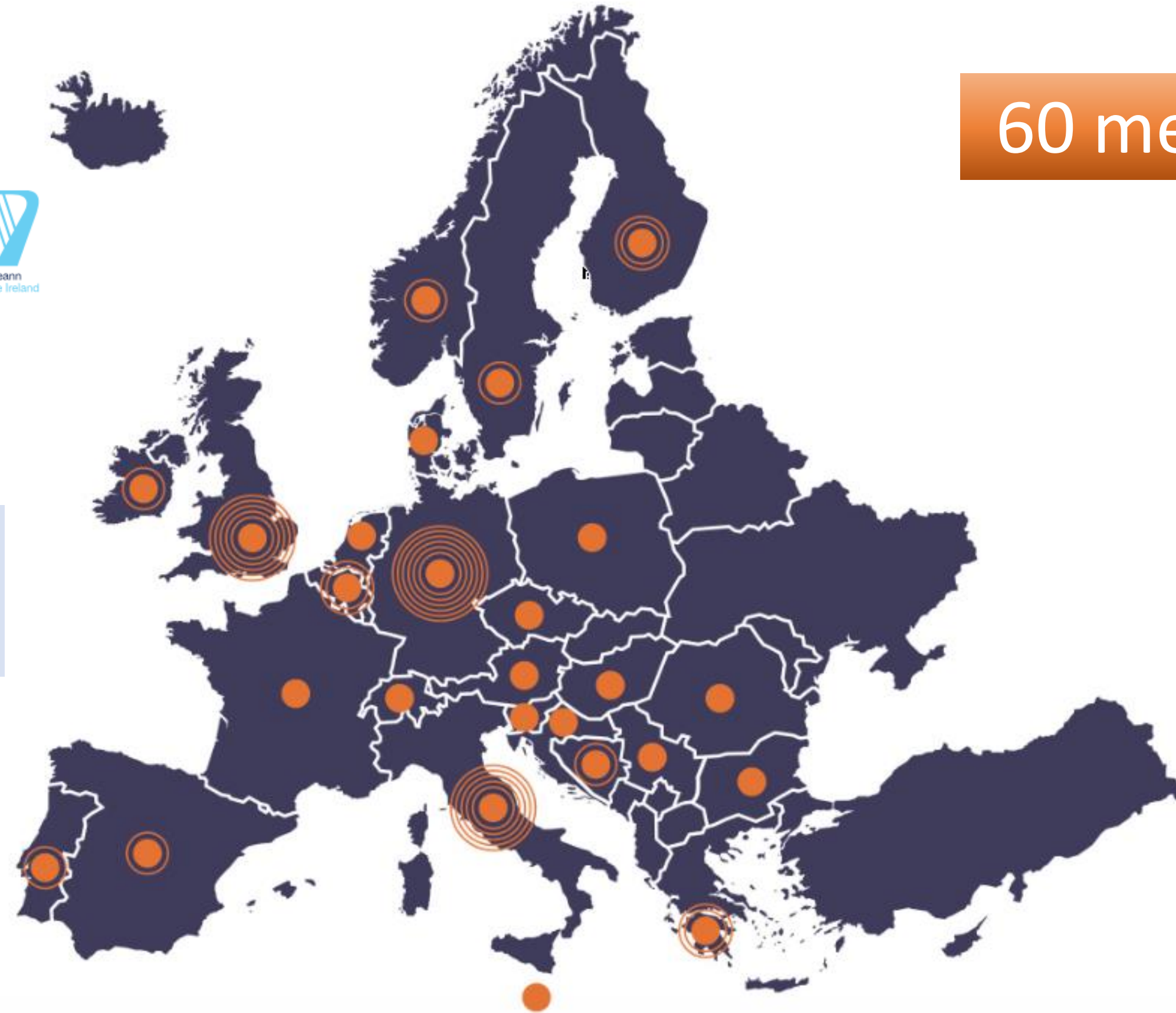
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ETSC members

60 members



WHAT WE DO?



Monitoring EU
transport
safety policy



Road Safety
Performance
Index (PIN)

EU ROAD SAFETY EXCHANGE

SMART 
SOBER MOBILITY ACROSS ROAD TRANSPORT

**SAFE
SOBER** 

LEARN!
LEVERAGING EDUCATION TO
ADVANCE ROAD SAFETY NOW!



DRUG DRIVING

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EU background



European Transport Safety Council

EU road safety Policy Framework 2021- 2030

- ‘Vision Zero’ for 2050: no one should be killed or seriously injured on EU roads by 2050.
- 2030 targets for
 - ❑ -50% for road deaths compared to 2019
 - ❑ -50% for serious injuries compared to 2019
- Safe System approach
- 5 pillars
- 8 KPI Key Performance Indicators
- European Coordinator for road safety: Kristian Schmidt

The 5 road safety pillars

- **Road safety management:** 2021-2030 EU road safety plan, KPI, data collection (CARE)...
- **Safer roads and mobility:** Road Infrastructure Safety Management, TEN-T, Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)...
- **Safer vehicles:** GSR, lorries' weights and dimensions...
- **Safer road users:** training for professional drivers (CPC), driving and resting time directive...
- **Post-collision response:** e-Call

Current status in the EU

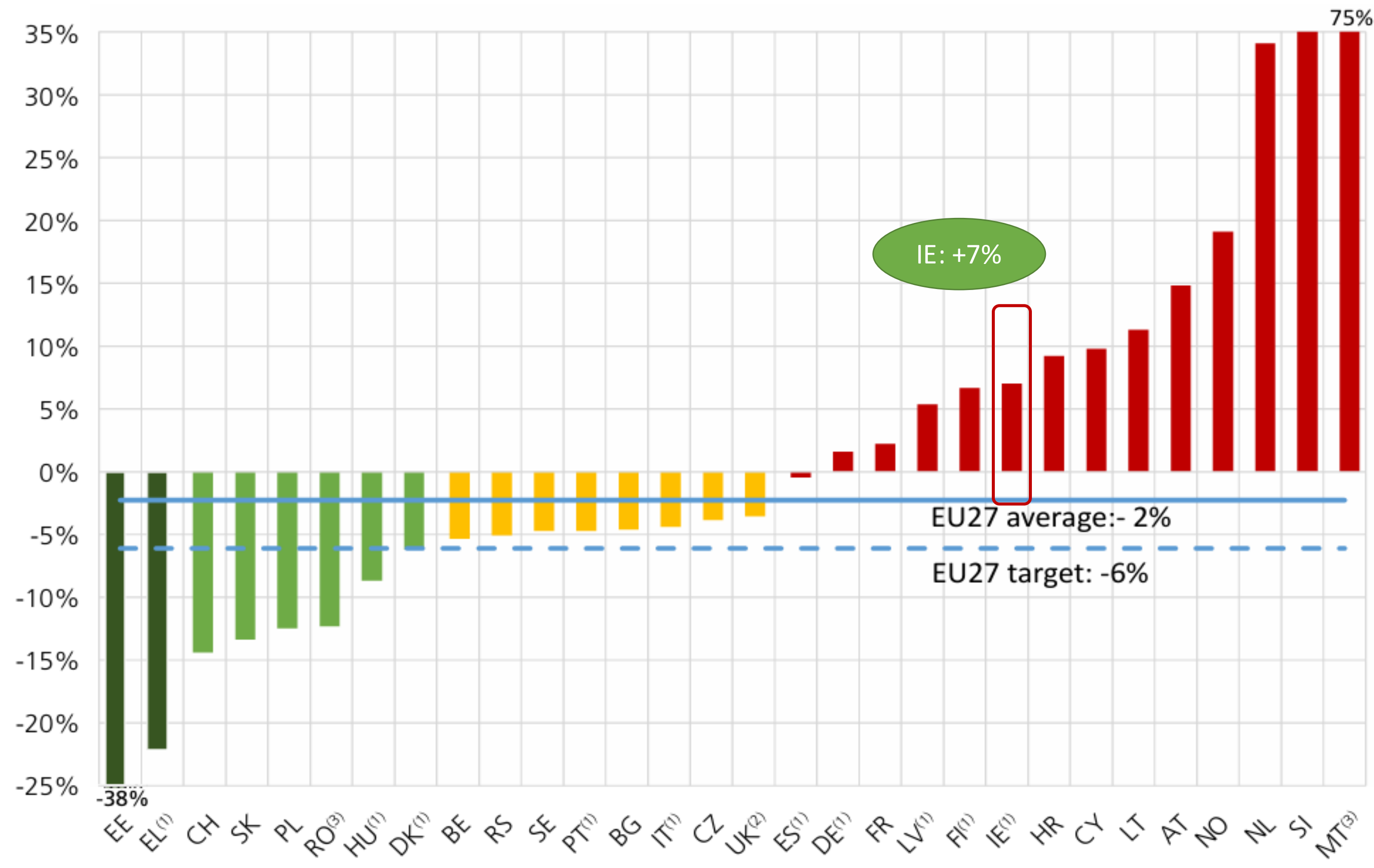


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19,492

people died in road traffic in
the EU in 2025

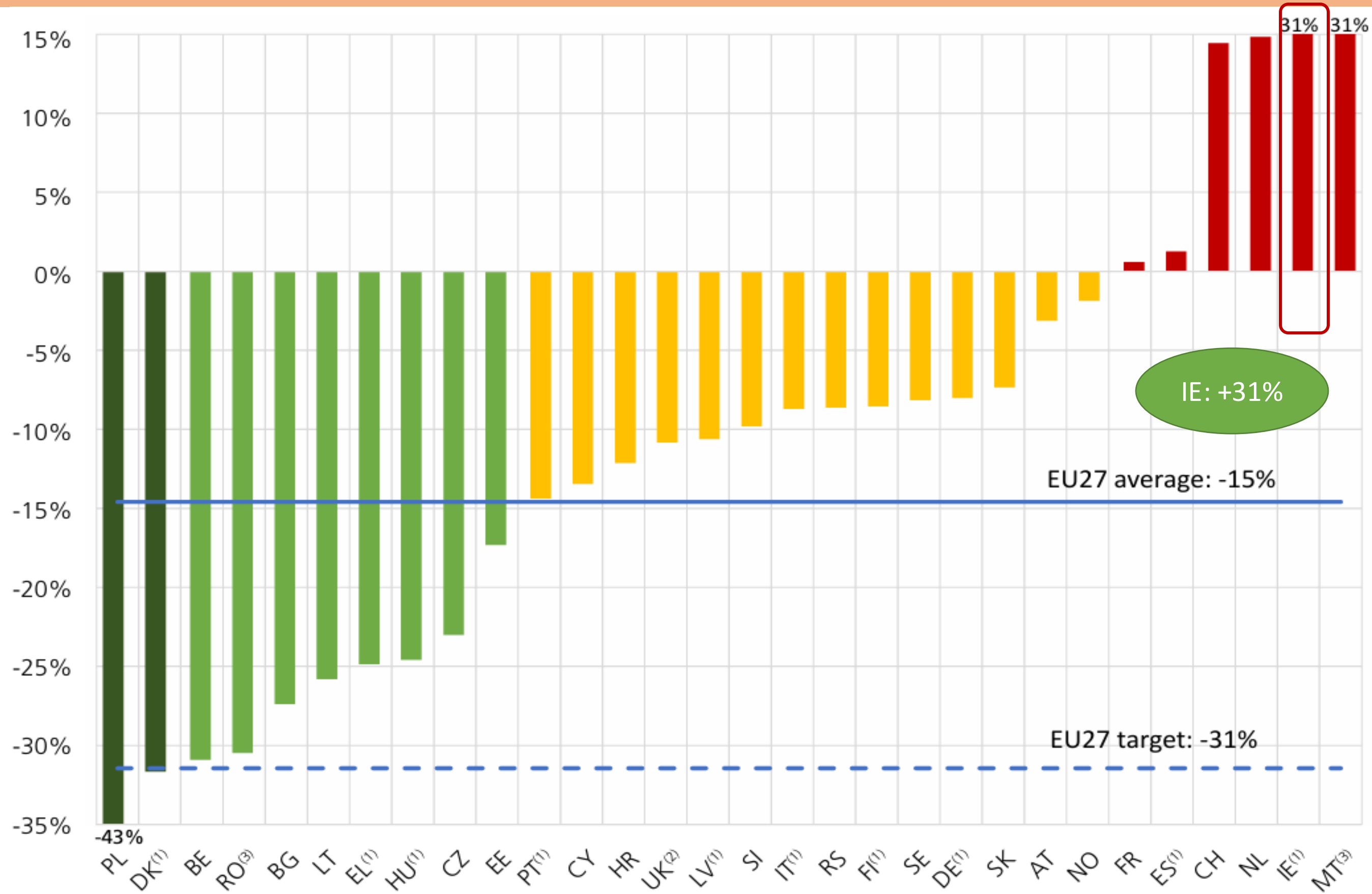
PROGRESS 2024-2025



EE: -38%
EL: -22%

MT: 75%
SI: 35%

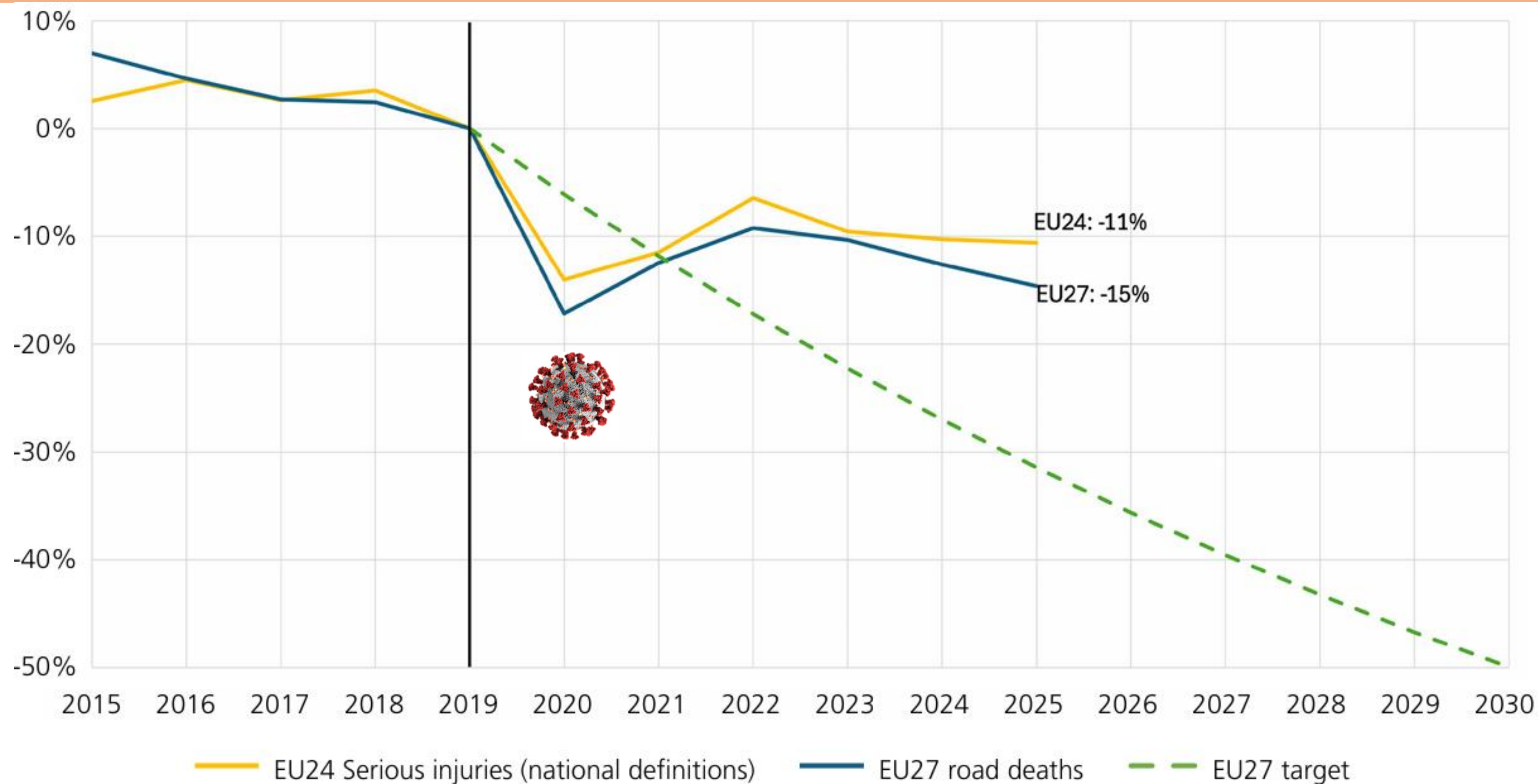
PROGRESS 2019-2025



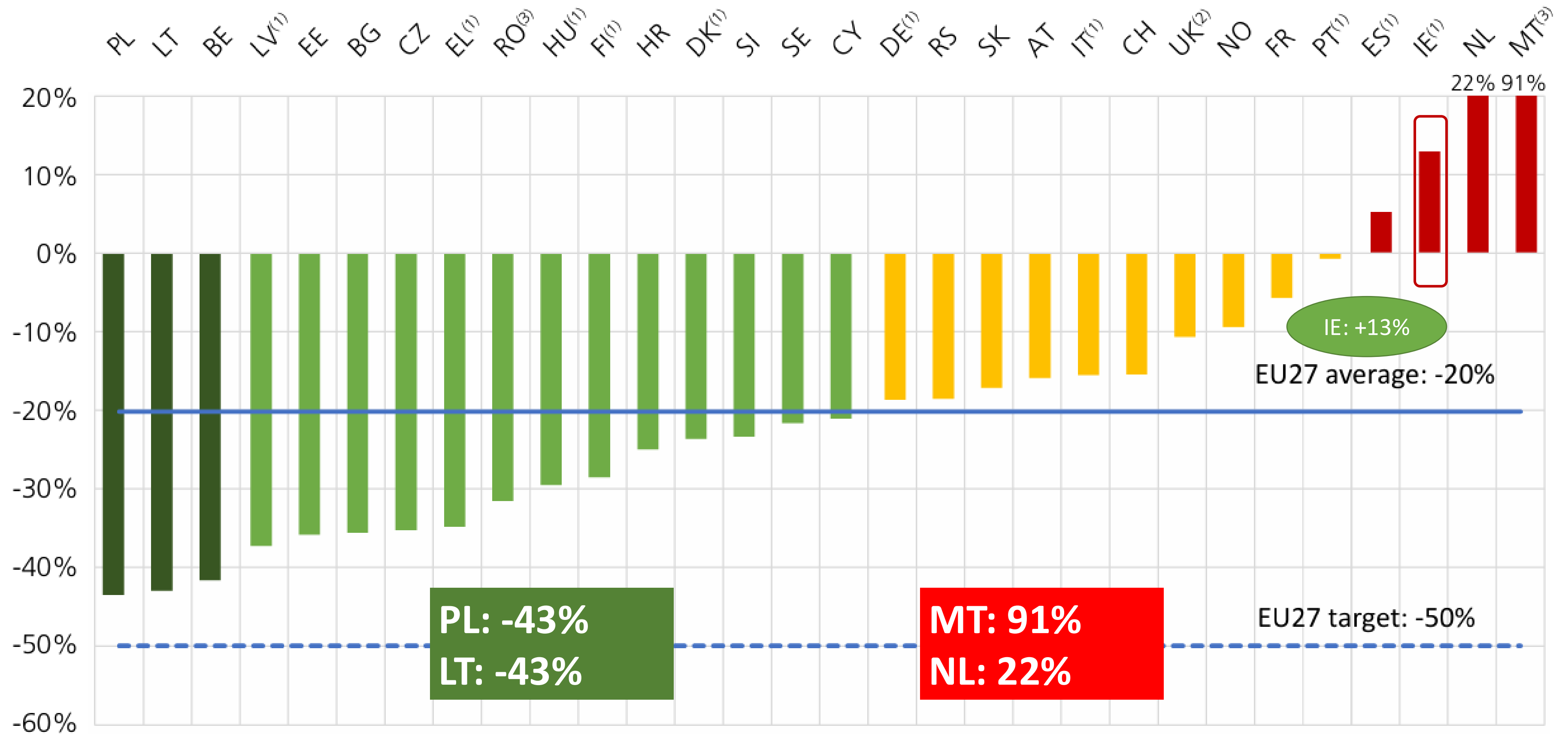
PL: -43%
DK: -32%

MT : 31%
IE: 31%

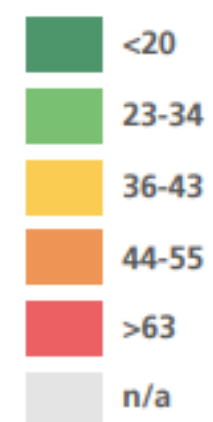
ROAD SAFETY PROGRESS 2015-2025



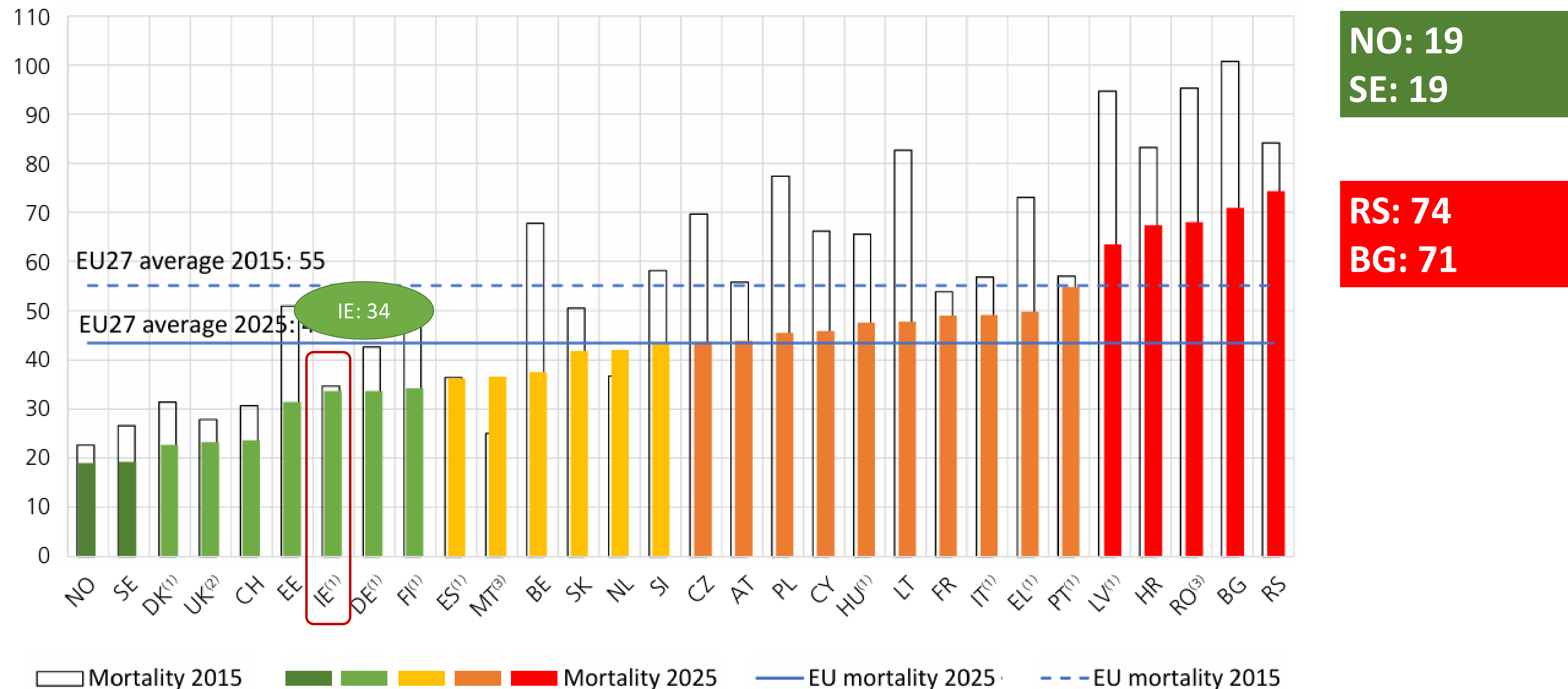
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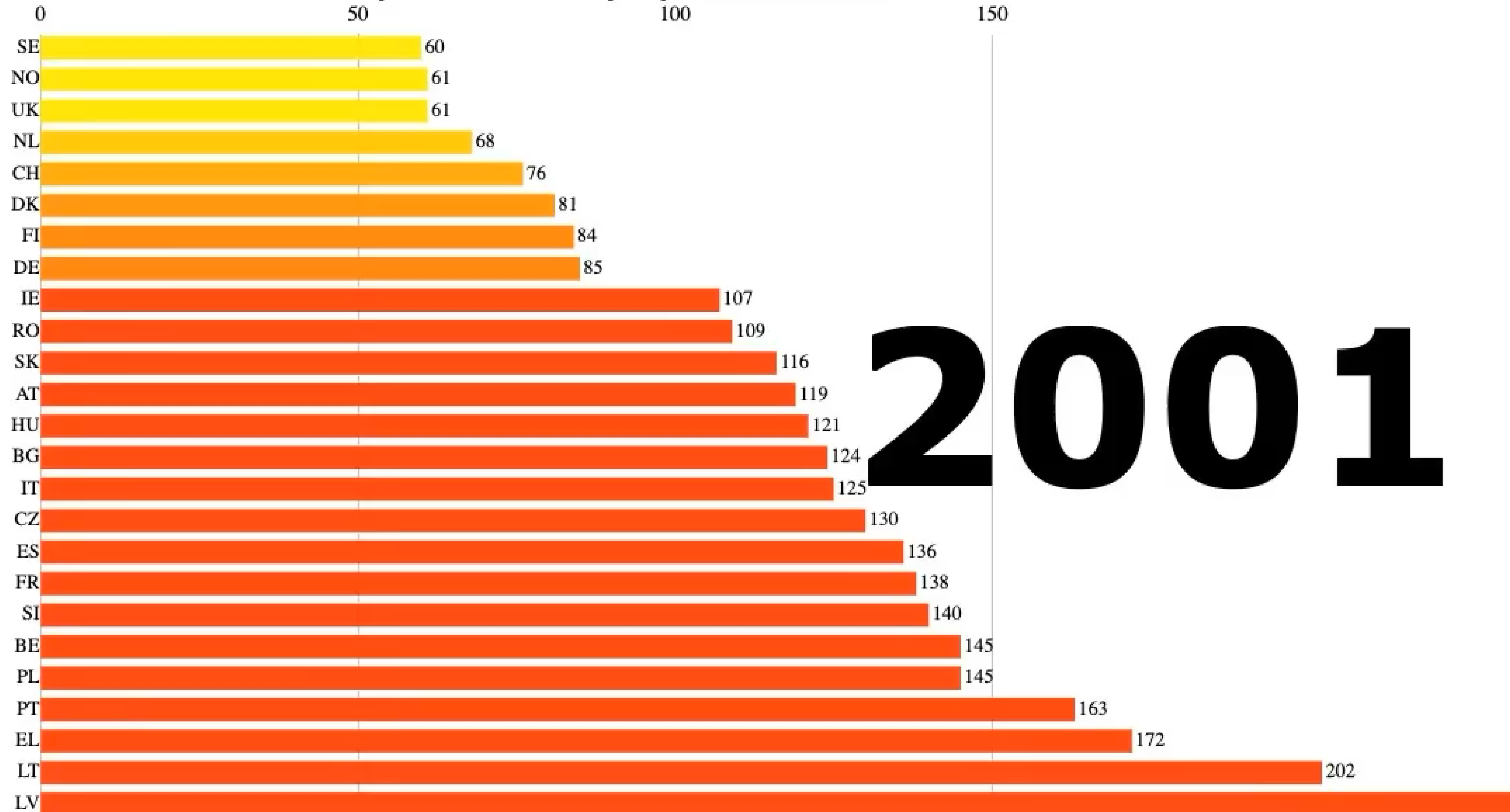
Road deaths per million inhabitants in 2025



EU ROAD MORTALITY 2025 AND 2015



Road deaths per million population in ETSC PIN countries



100,000

seriously injured in the EU in
2023 (MAIS 3+)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL POLICY

- Adopt and implement the Safe System approach
- Provide sufficient funds for road safety and enforcement
- Make the choice of measures based on sound evaluation studies

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EU POLICY

- Redouble road safety action in light of the conclusions of the Commission's Report on the Implementation of the EU Road Safety Policy Framework at the Mid-Point.
- Create a new EU agency to support safe, smart and sustainable road transport operations.
- Encourage Member States to apply safe speed limits in line with the Safe System approach.

Thank you!

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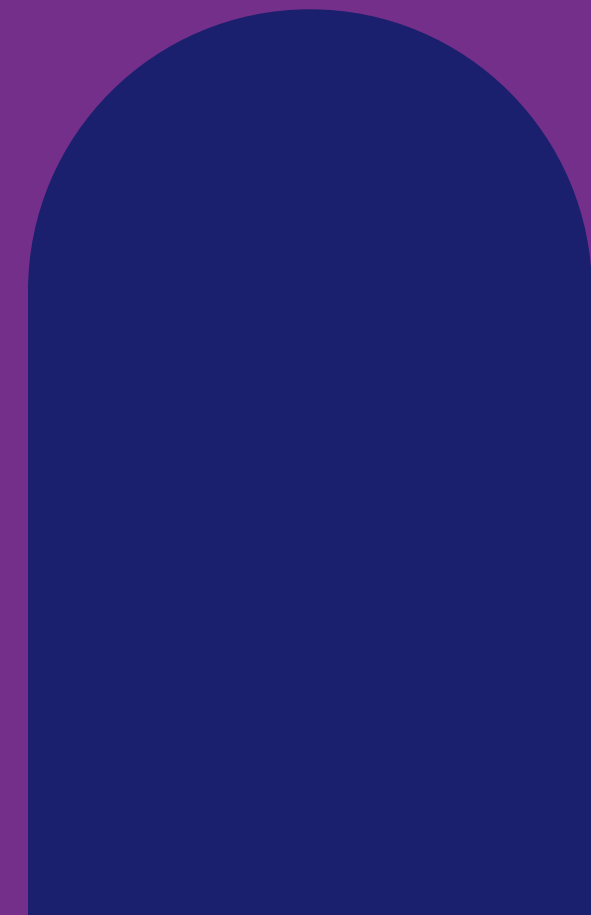
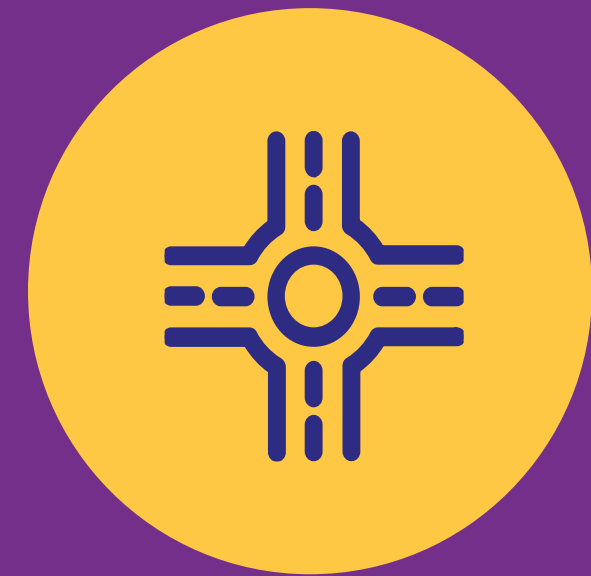
Sustainable Roads Funding Needs and Options

Martin Bourke, Senior Operations Manager
Sarah Maddock, Tolling Programme Manager

Sustainable Roads Funding Needs & Options

Sarah Maddock – Tolling Programme Manager

Martin Bourke – Senior Operations Manager



The National Roads are Assets Worth c.€31bn

Delivering Benefits and Critical for:

- Economic activity and growth
- Social interaction and wellbeing
- Regional development & integration
- Access to essential services
- Movement of freight
- Tourism

Expectations and Questions

- Society expects good, safe roads and ongoing improvements
- How will we continue to fund this deliverable and protect our network in a sustainable way?
- **Will the user pay or should society pay?**



As citizens how the national road network is funded, operated and maintained will impact us all

Key Question

How do we achieve a source of funding that is:

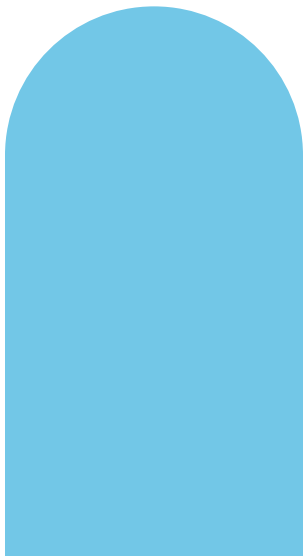
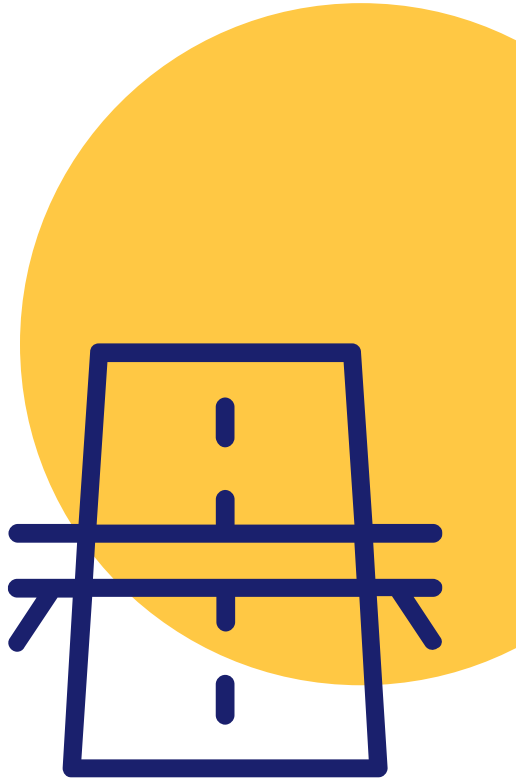
- Publicly acceptable
- Deliverable
- Sustainable
- Supports demand management efforts
- Complies with EU Directives/Irish law



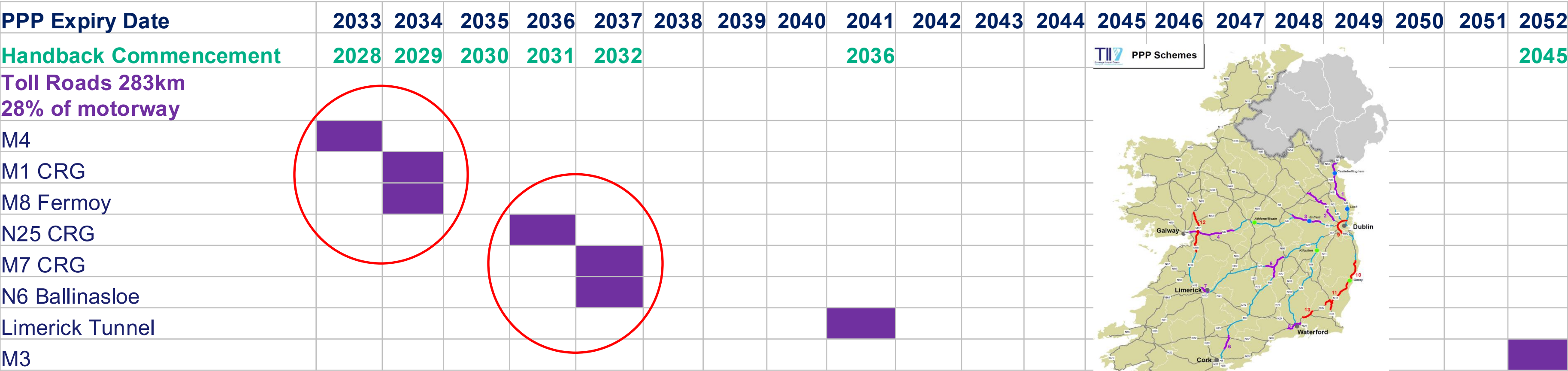
Funding for Roads is Required in Perpetuity



- Build
- Operate
- Maintain
- Renew

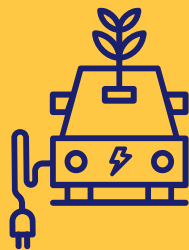


PPP Concession Expiry Timings & Challenges



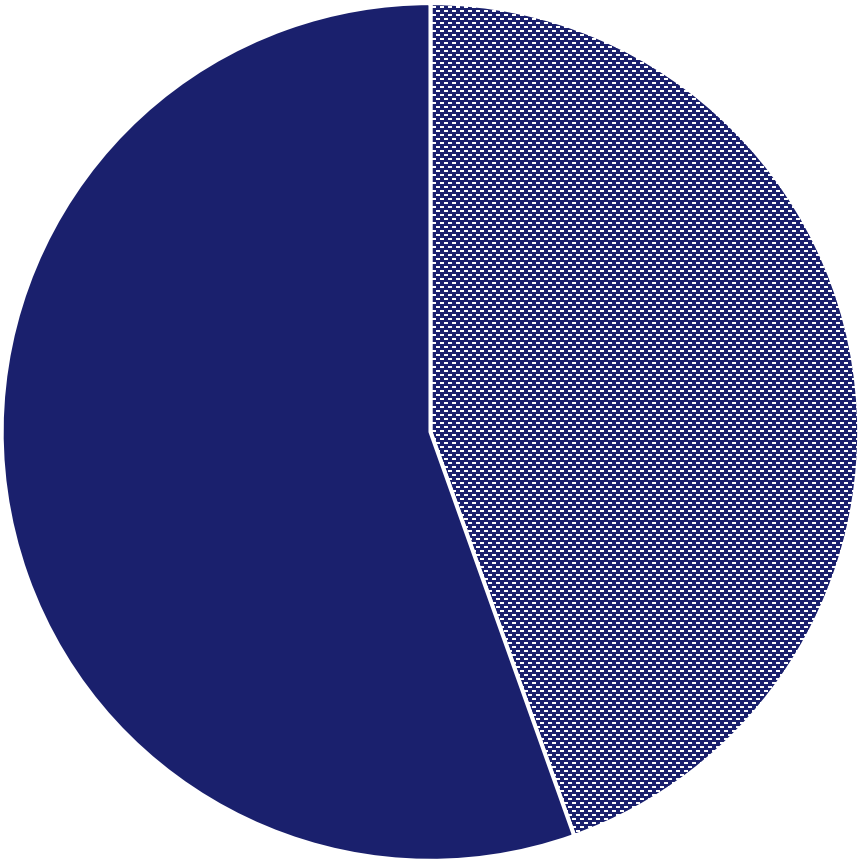
Key Considerations

- Current toll revenue from PPP concessions is approx. €200m
- Current PPP sections will likely come under TII remit at expiry. Where will required additional funding come from?
- Broader context – electrification, declining motor taxes – common problem with different approaches by Member States
- EU legislation – impact of Eurovignette Directive
- Opportunity is time sensitive: TII will require certainty to start to plan and implement new arrangements in 2027



Sources of Funding and Costs – National Road Network

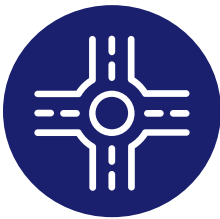
In 2025 Tolling Revenue
represented 47% of Operation,
Maintenance, Protection &
Renewal Costs



Tolling Revenue:
M50 + DT: €267m

Operation, Maintenance, Protection and Renewal Costs: €565m

Costs are dictated by available funding



Total NRN 2025 - €565m

Operation, Maintenance, Protection and Renewal



Increasing Funding Gap

Leading to an accumulating backlog



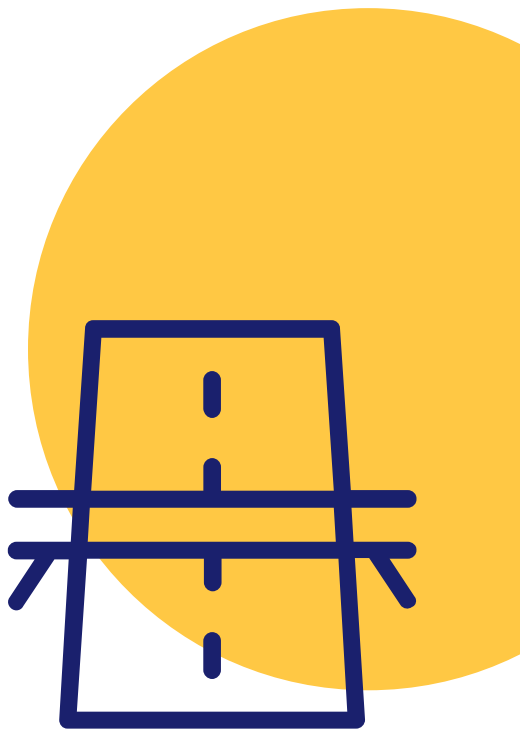
Aging Infrastructure



PPPs Handed Back



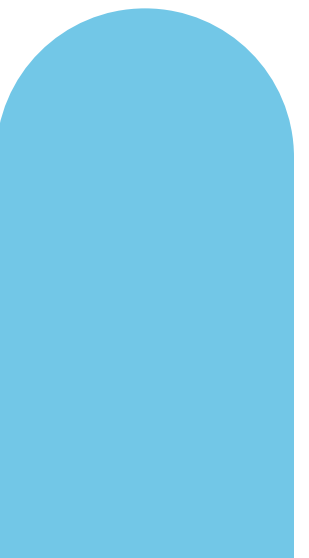
Climate Adaptation



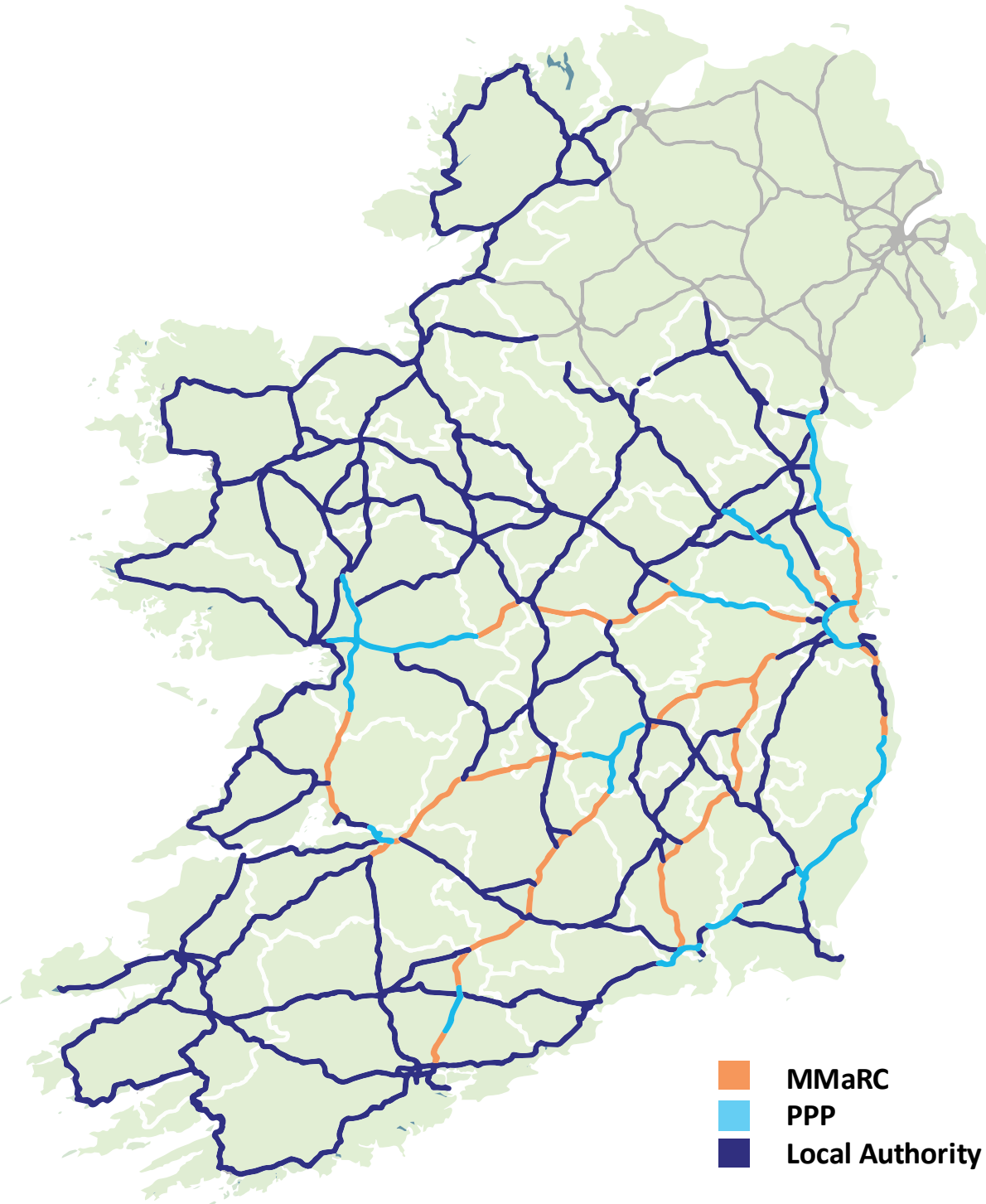


Ageing Infrastructure and Funding Gap

- **Historic Underinvestment:** Backlog built up, principally on legacy sections
- **Aging Asset Base:** Pavements, bridges, drainage systems and ancillary infrastructure are experiencing increased wear and degradation
- **Honeymoon period is over:** MIU network delivered during “Celtic Tiger” years & PPP expiry
- **Network Resilience Risks:** Ageing infrastructure is more vulnerable to external impacts, extreme weather, EALs...
- **Safety Impacts:** Asset deterioration can adversely affect service quality & road user safety
- **Rising Maintenance Costs:** Delayed interventions are a false economy
- **Funding Pressures:** Growing investment requirements compete with other transport and public expenditure priorities



Secure, Sustainable Funding => Multi Annual Programmes



Conclusion

- €28bn required for P&R over the profile period to 2050
- Ringfenced multi-annual funding required
- Sustainable & (partly) self-financing model
- What changes will transport electrification bring?
- Equitable system for all road users
- Continue tolling in some form to maintain revenue stream?
- Change it to – something totally different?
- Align with Europe re HGV tolling: Eurovignette Directive
- Ultimately delivering a safe and resilient NRN for Ireland



€28bn

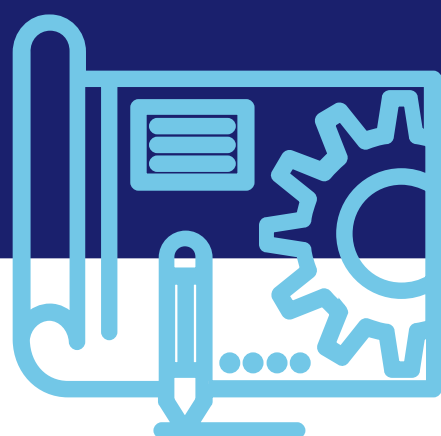
Roads P&R investment, 2026–2050

**Revenue
Stream**

**Multi-Annual
Funding**



Q&A



Tea & Coffee Break

Session 2 starting at 11:40am

