



Conference Vision Zero

Road safety and speed as a key component in both the Baltic region and the EU

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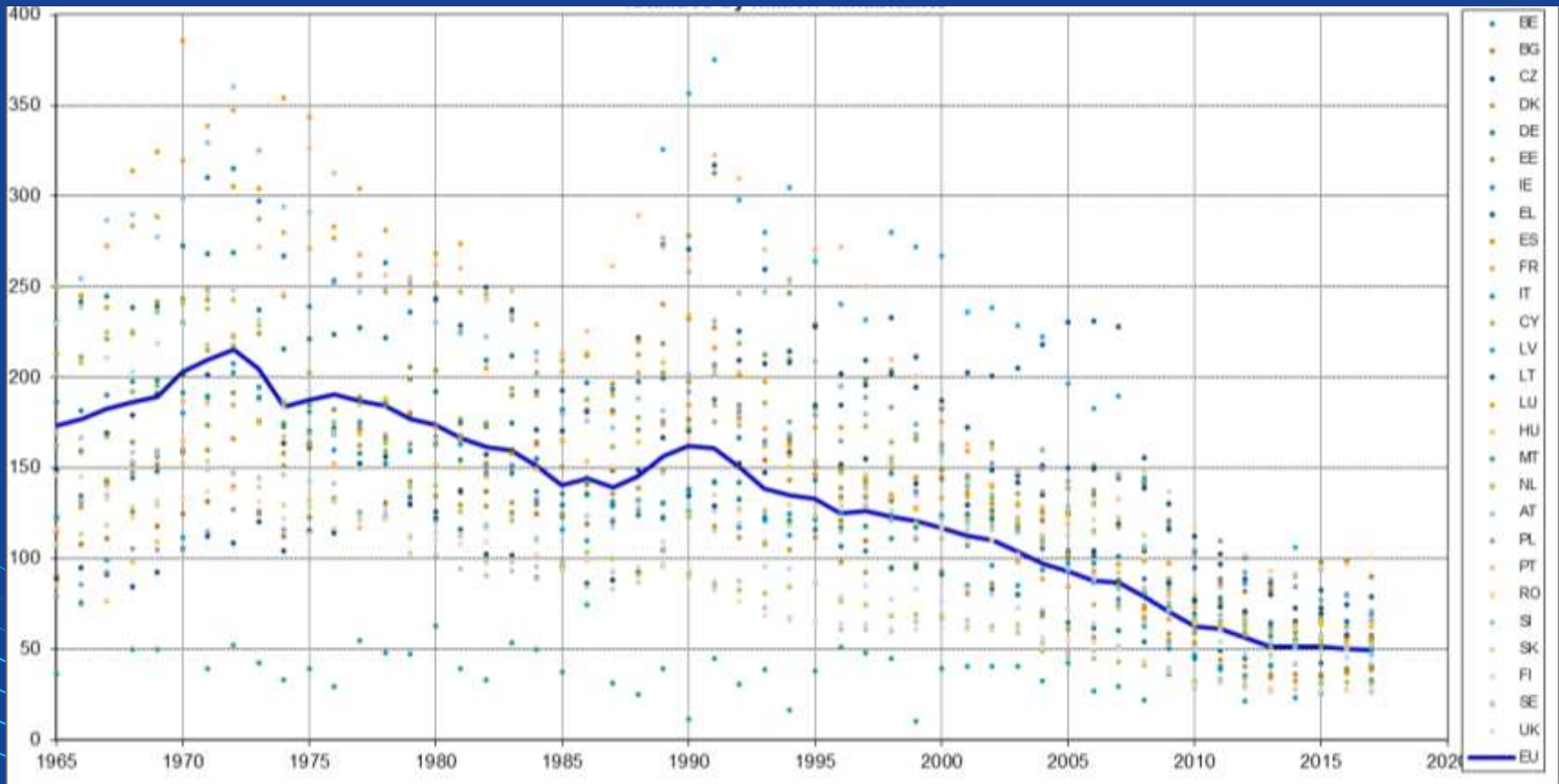
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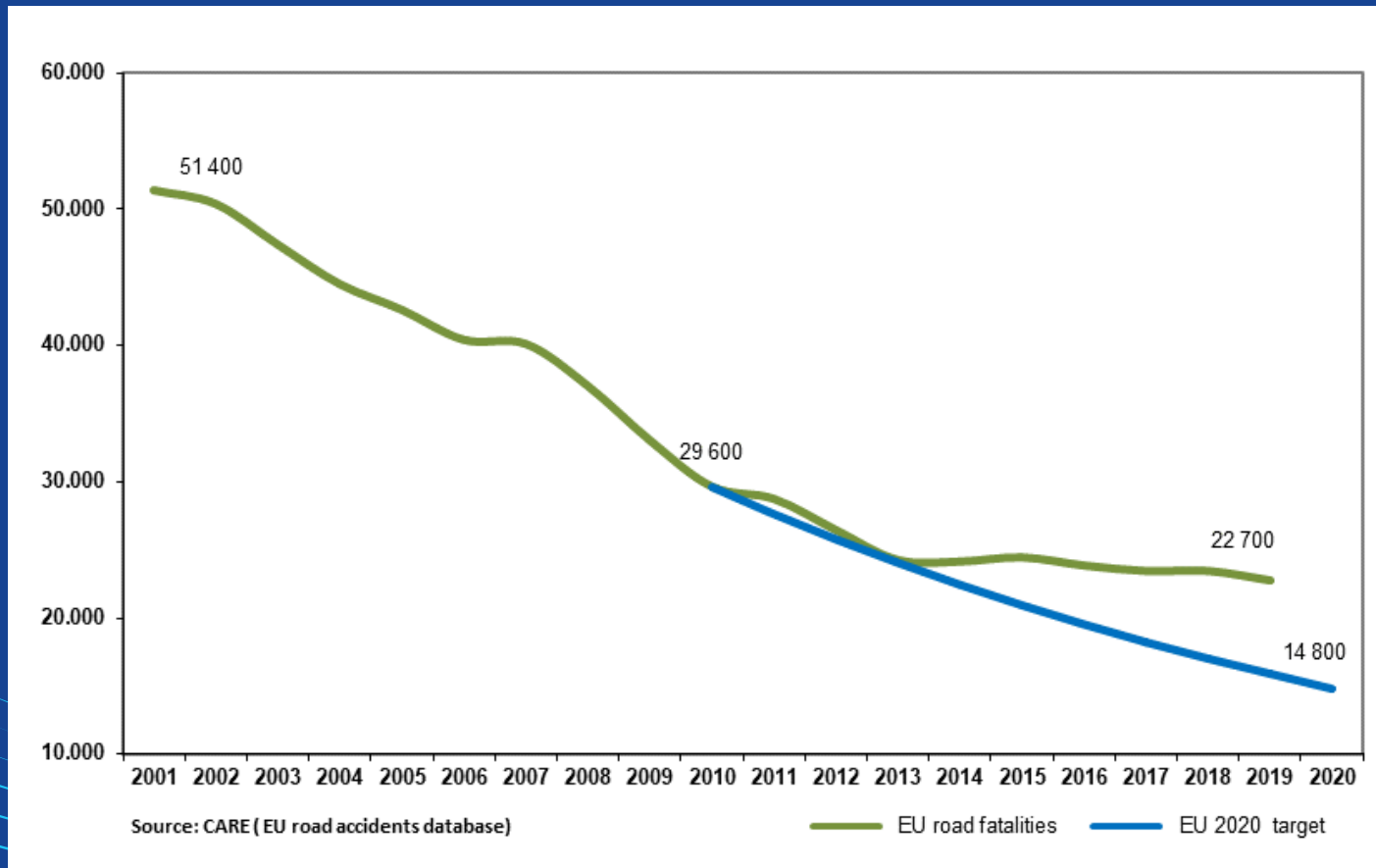
EU road fatalities 2019

- 22 700 road fatalities (EU-27)
- 51 fatalities per million inhabitants
- 8 Member States with lowest number on record in 2019 including Latvia
- But 2010-2019 decrease of just 23%, only 3% reduction since 2018 – target will be missed
- **AND 1.35 million global dead**

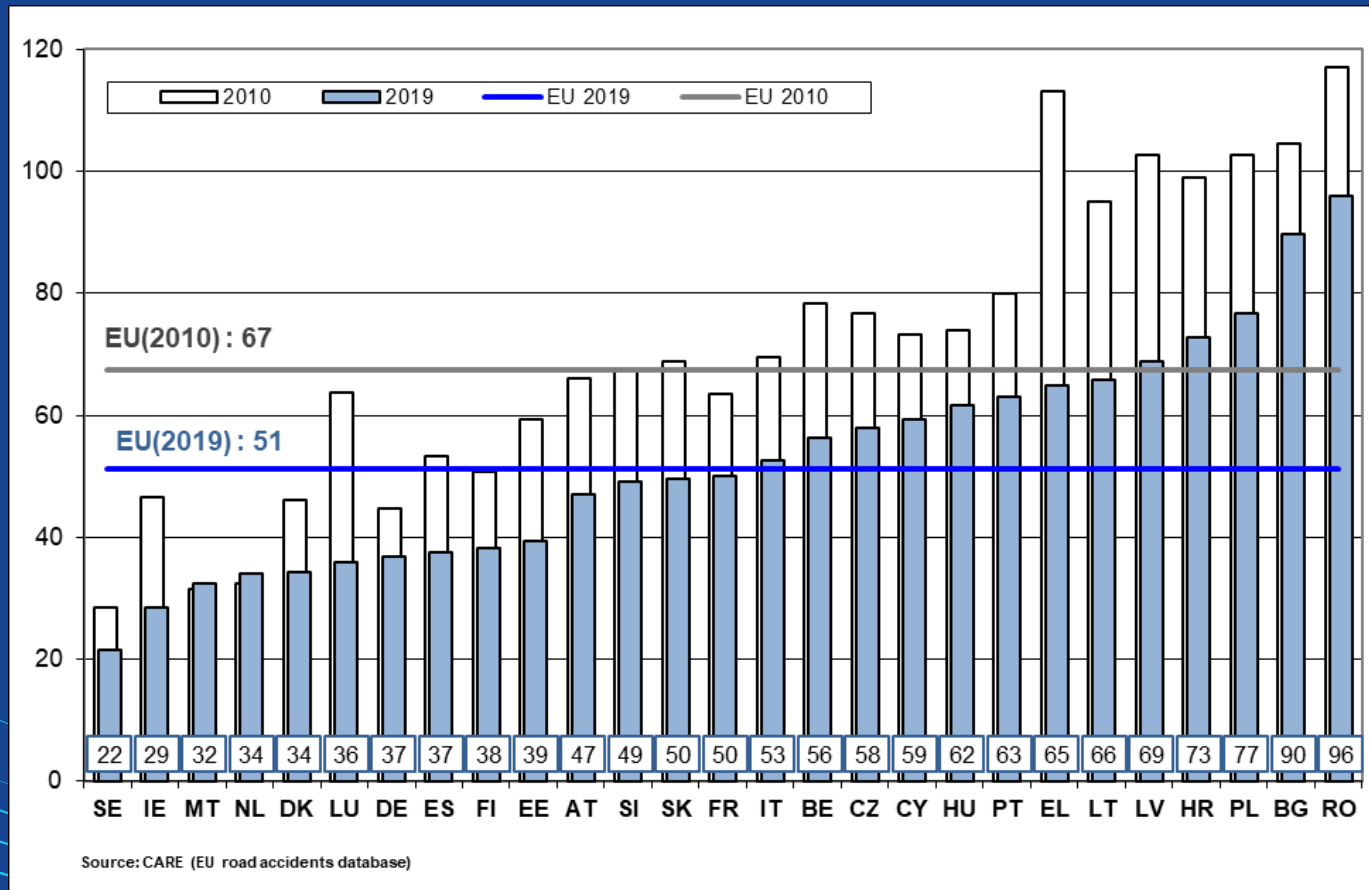
Long-term development



Road fatalities in the EU and current target



Trend in road deaths per million inhabitants



Underlying trends and policy focus

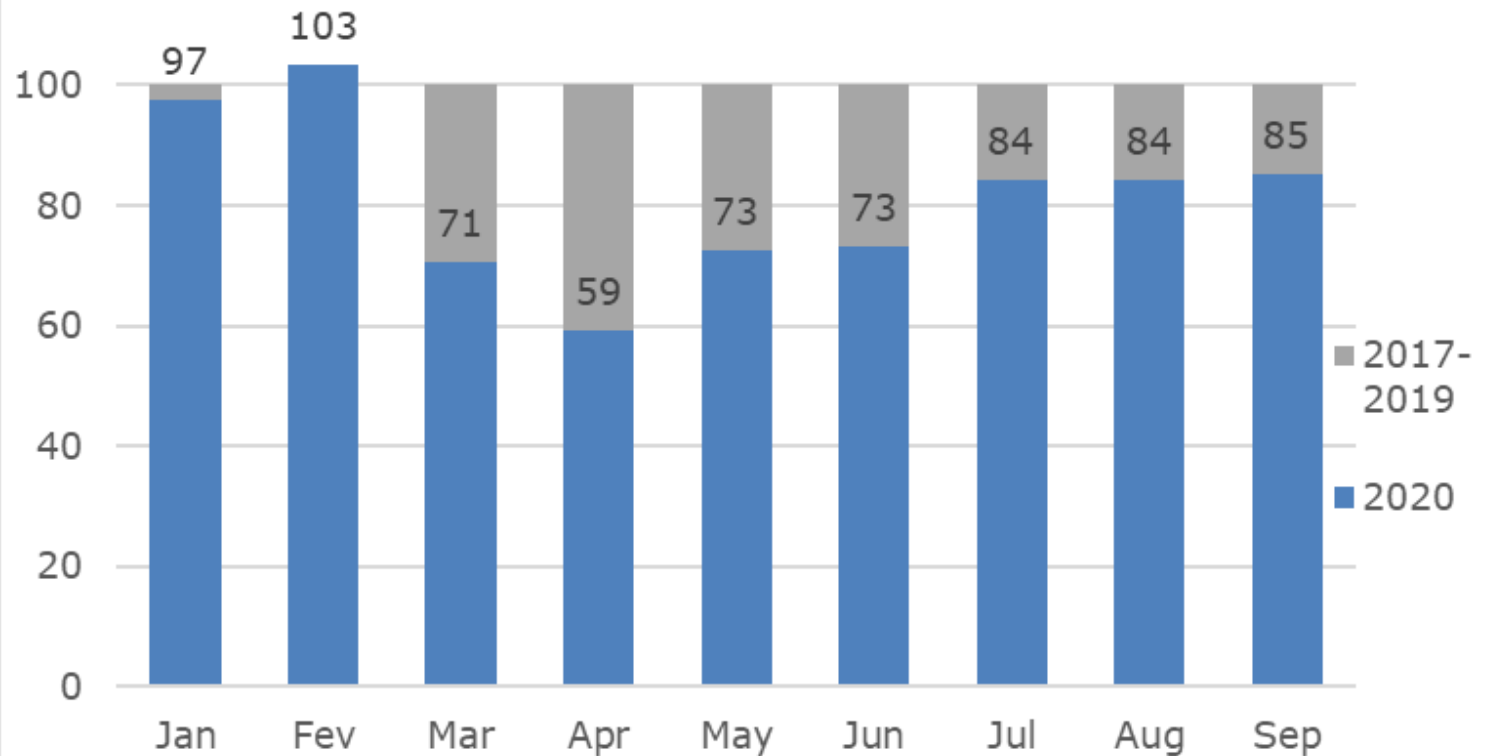
- VRU account for 70% of all fatalities in urban areas
- Only cyclists increasing since 2010 (1% increase)
- Big reduction among young (~ -40%) but increase +5% among elderly
- Speed as a key factor – more in a moment

The importance of targets

- Valletta Declaration of EU transport ministers (March 2017)
 - Renewed commitment to road safety
 - Confirmation of « Vision Zero »
 - 50% reduction target for deaths and serious injuries agreed at Council level
 - Lativa has taken on the 50% target for 2021-30

EU road fatalities - 2020 preliminary data

Index: baseline (average 2017-2019) = 100





EU instruments for road safety

- Strategic Action Plan on Road Safety 2018 and Staff Working Document 2019
- Legislation (where necessary) e.g. on infrastructure, vehicle safety, enforcement, roadworthiness
- Road crash data collection and analysis
- Funding/financing support for investment e.g. in safe infrastructure, research, studies
- Working with all in partnership



Role of speed

- Role of speed in the safe system approach...
- Evidence of speeding in Europe, including during COVID
- Situation in Latvia – high % share for pedestrians in all fatalities (34% cf EU average of 21%)
- But deploying speed cameras !



EU action on speed presently

- Member State competence, but:
- Vehicle safety – General Safety Regulation ensures speed limiters for trucks (90kmh) since 2005, and Intelligent Speed Assistance (from 2022)
- Enforcement of road traffic offences
- Monitoring - KPIs



EU action on speed – future ?

- Seminar with 25 leading road safety experts
https://ec.europa.eu/transport/road_safety/conclusions-executive-seminar-speed-and-speed-management_en
- Guidance eg Recommendation on speed ?
Covering urban/rural roads, motorways
- New use of technology
- Better enforcement
- Speed at the centre of road safety management and national strategies



Thank you for your attention !

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