

Development of road traffic safety in Latvia - measures, achievements, problems.

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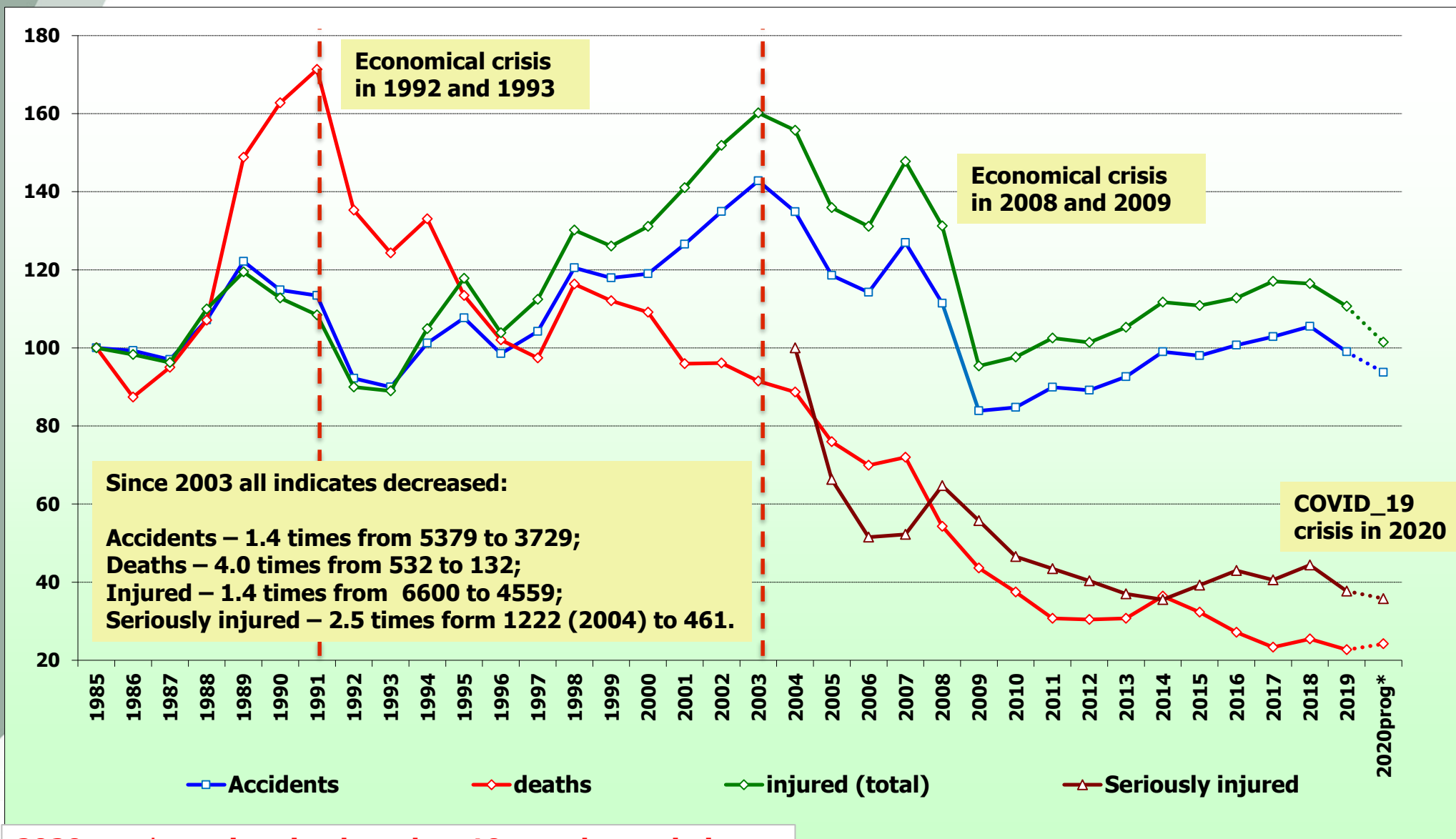
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The objectives of the presentation

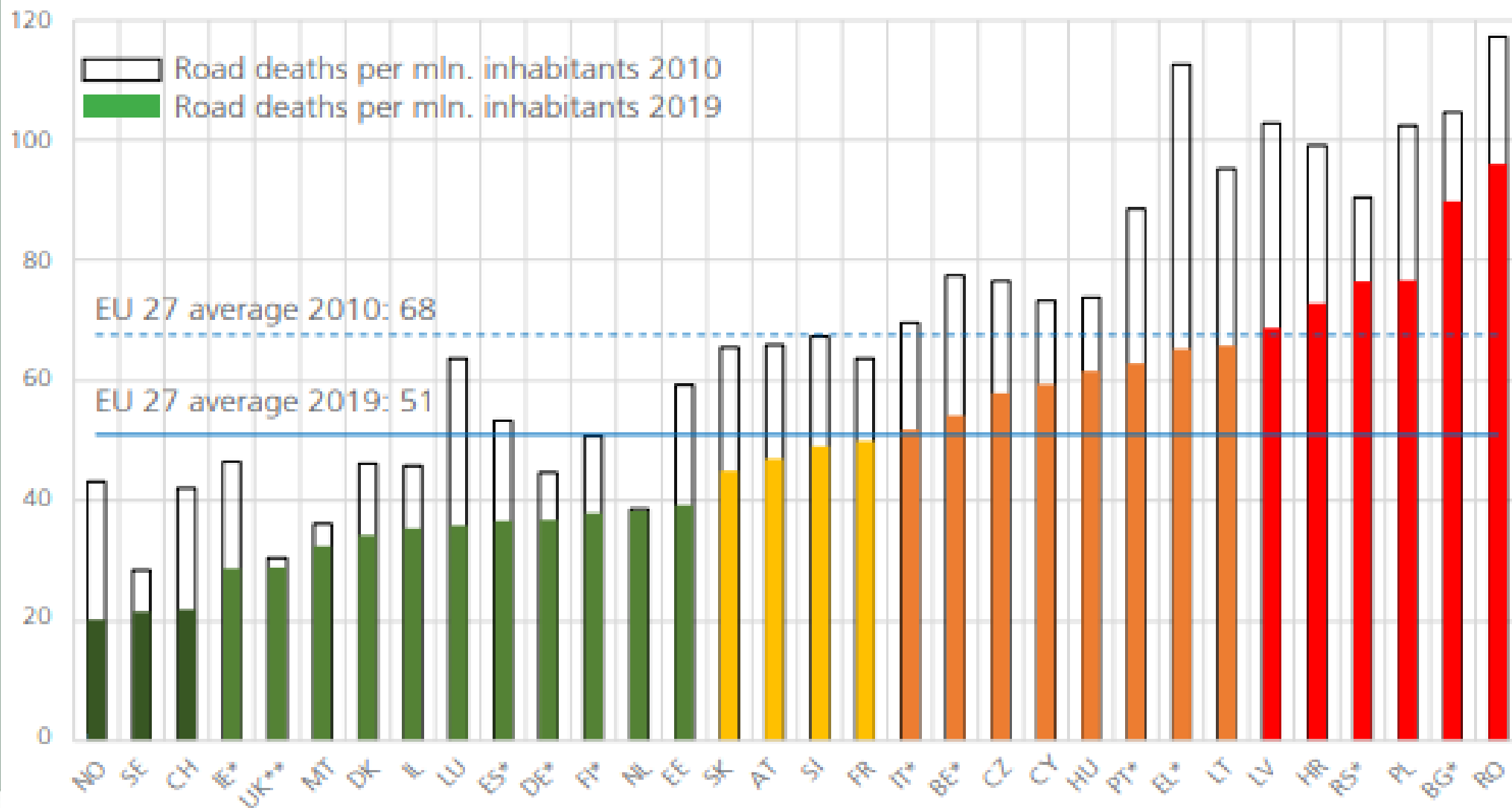
- ✚ **To show the policy of Road Safety in last 30 years;**
- ✚ **To show achievements of implementation;**
- ✚ **To show actual problems of road safety.**

Road traffic safety indicators in Latvia



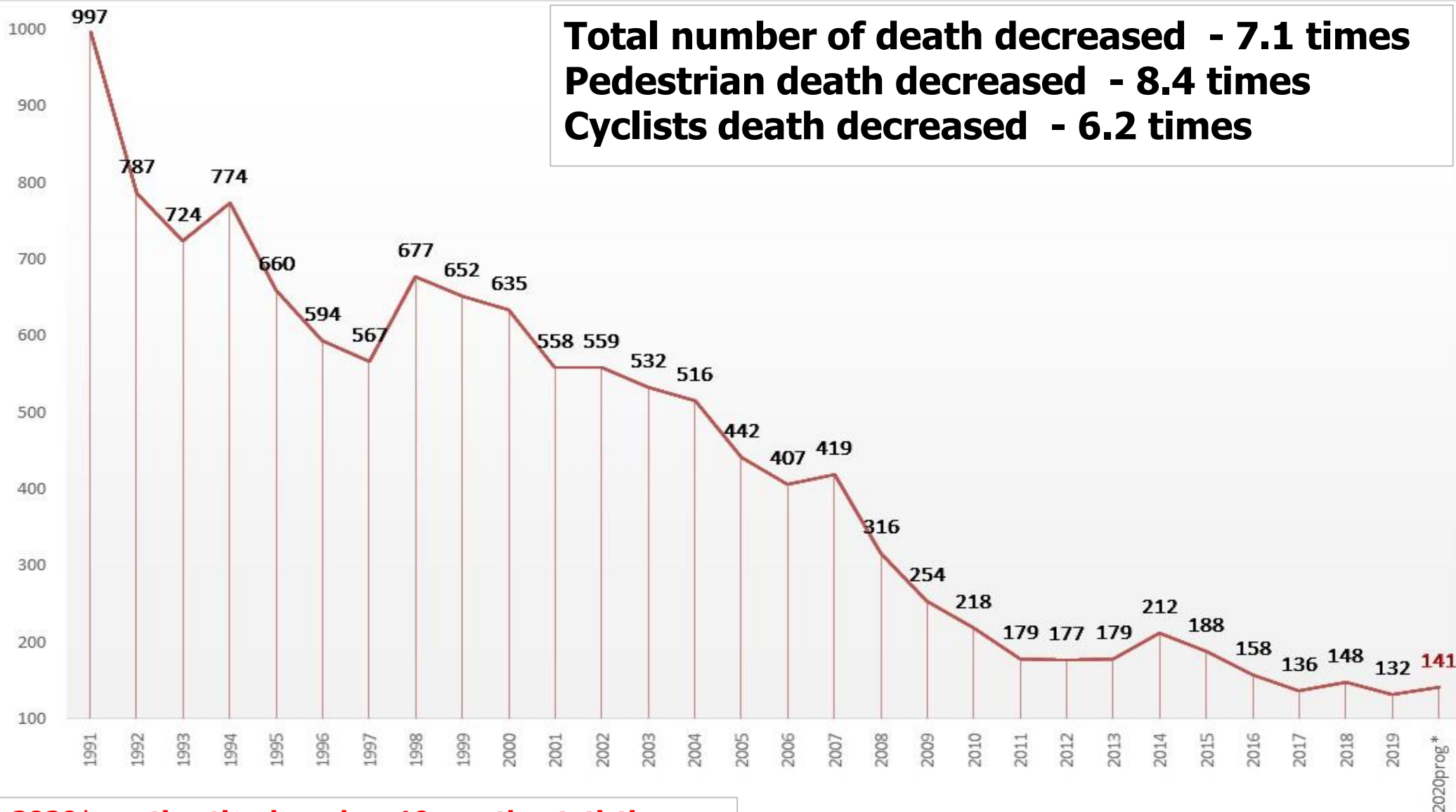
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Deaths per million population



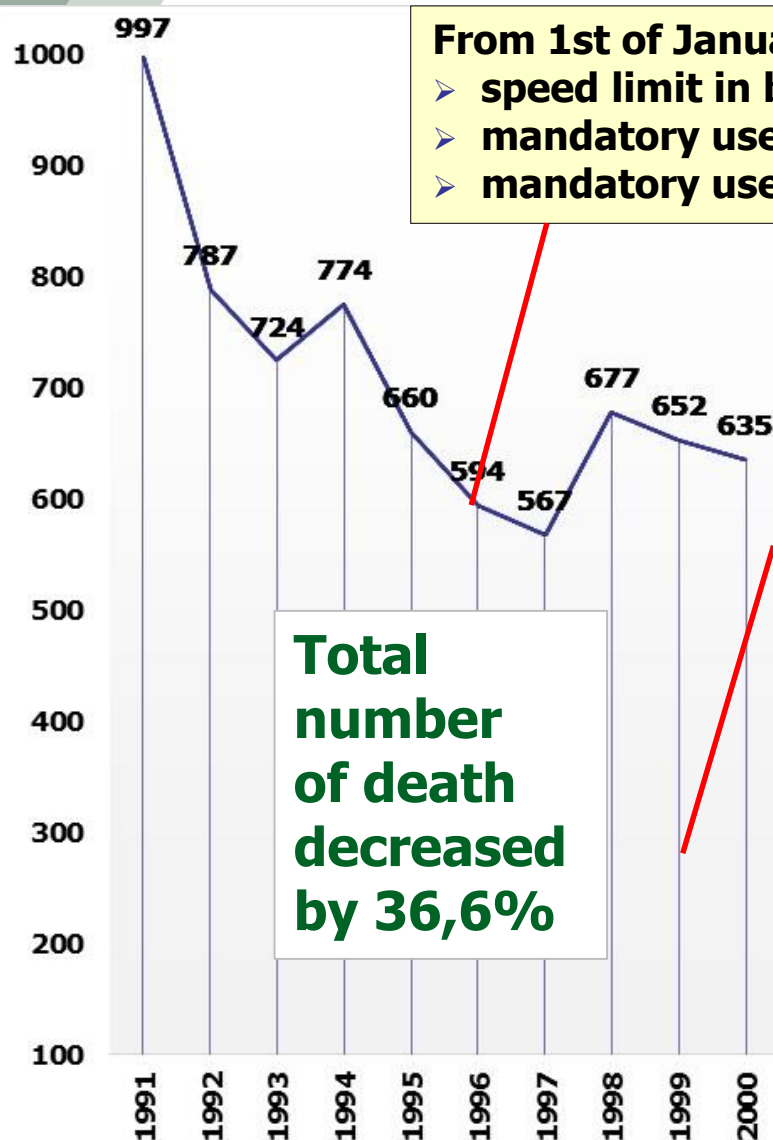
Deaths in Latvia

Total number of death decreased - 7.1 times
Pedestrian death decreased - 8.4 times
Cyclists death decreased - 6.2 times



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Deaths in Latvia from 1991 to 2000



From 1st of January, 1996:

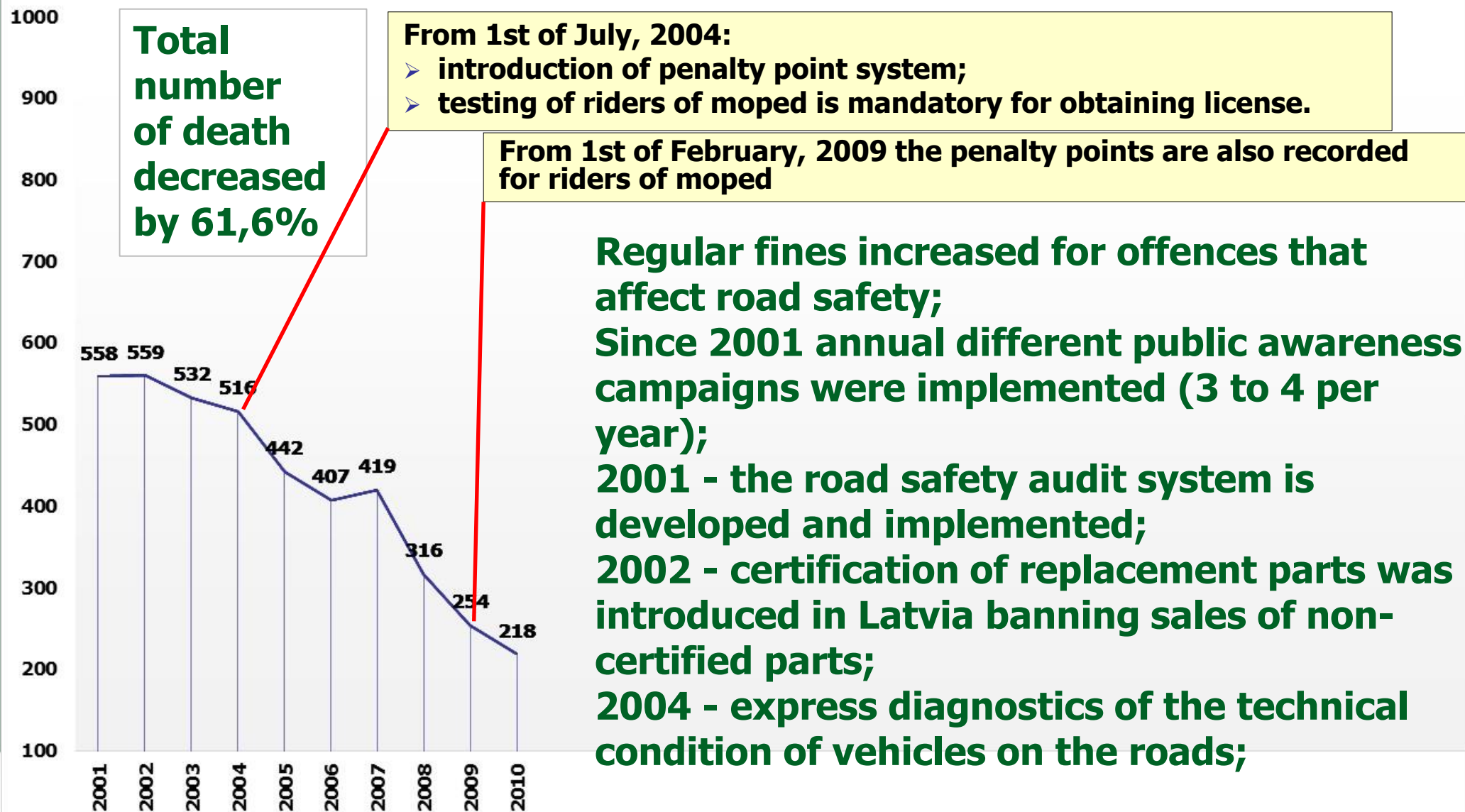
- speed limit in built-up areas limited to 50 km/h;
- mandatory use of safety belts, helmets;
- mandatory use of head lights from 01.10. till 01.04.

From 1st of April, 1999:

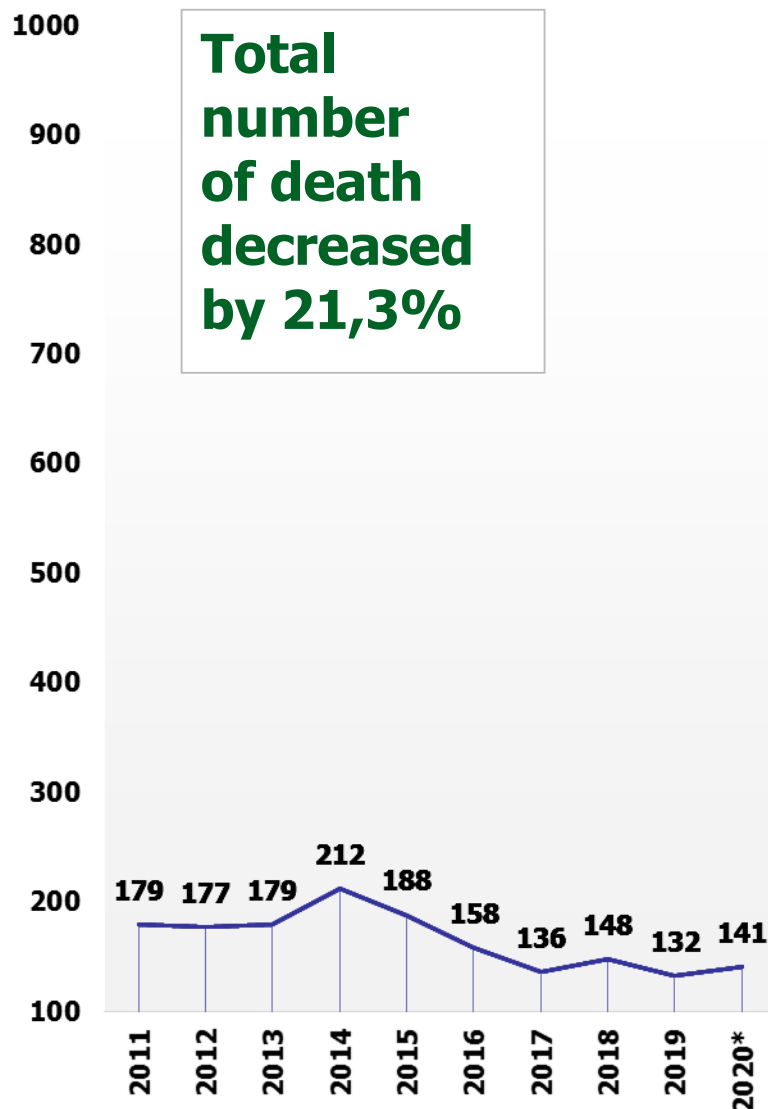
- compulsory use of head lights at all time;
- compulsory use of child restraint systems;
- compulsory use of reflectors for pedestrians in darkness;
- compulsory use of winter tires from 01.12 till 01.03;
- use of mobile phone in vehicle only with hand free system;

- 1991- Road Traffic Safety Directorate (RTSD) was established as public administration institution;
- 1993 - RTSD formed register of vehicles and register of drivers;
- 1994 - information system (local PC networks and dial-up data download) was introduced in regional offices;
- 1995 - the register of road traffic accidents was created;
- 1995 - the Road Traffic Safety council was established;
- 1997 - the road safety audit system is developed and implemented;
- 1995 - testing system of new drivers to obtain driving license was established;
- 1995 - annual vehicles' technical inspection was introduced;
- 1996 - black spot management system developed;
- 1997 - road traffic safety informative system was introduced
- 1997 - the road safety audit system is developed and implemented;

Deaths in Latvia from 2001 to 2010



Deaths in Latvia from 2011 to 2020



Total number of death decreased by 21,3%

Regular fines increased for offences that affect road safety;

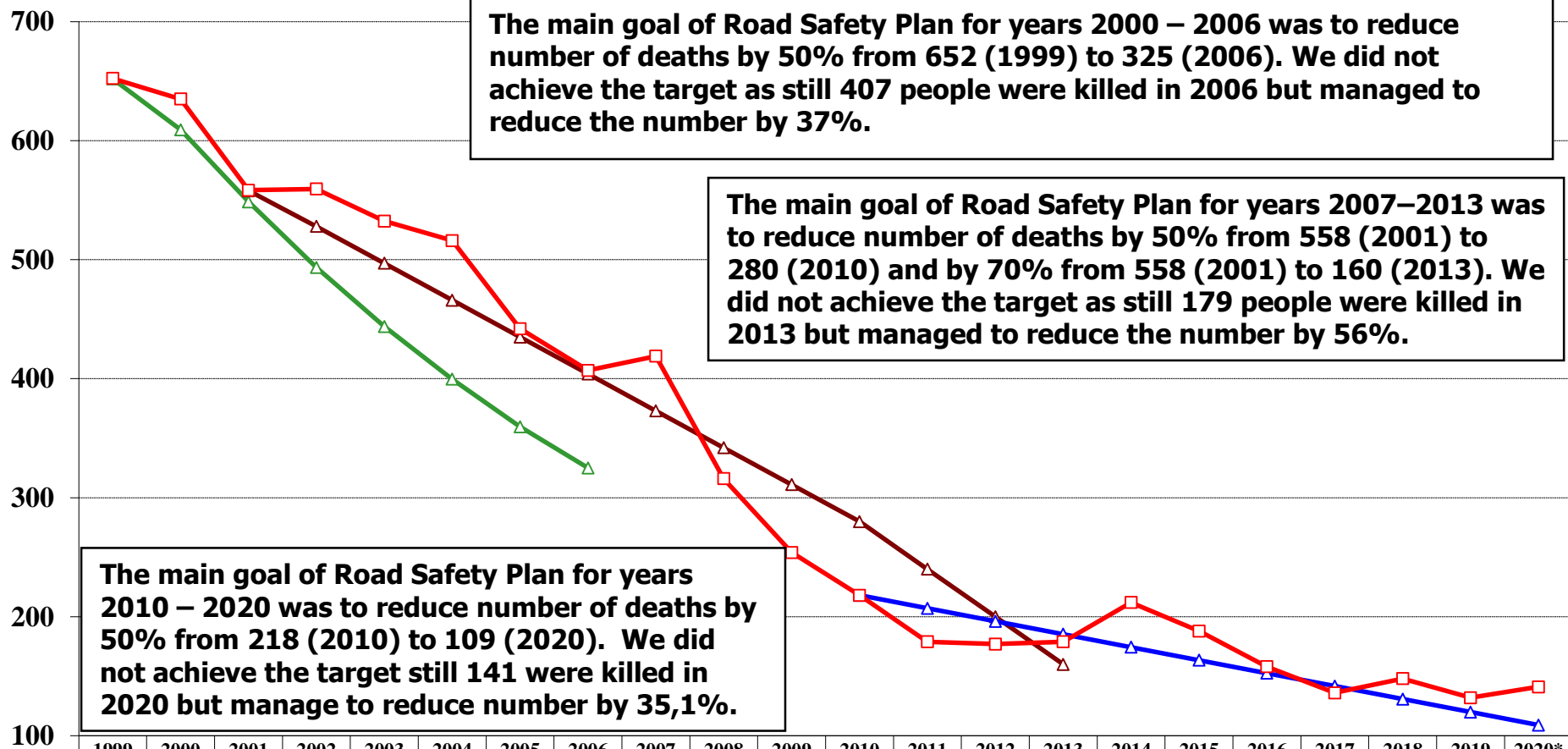
Latvia organizes 2-3 road safety campaigns every year, that changes road user's awareness and behavior, for example - after road safety campaign "Life belt" the number of passengers, who uses seat belt, increased by 6%.

100 stationary safety cameras have been installed by the end of 2018.

Traffic control – traffic lights, speed, overtaking etc. - Police has unmarked police cars and mobile speed cameras that will help to increase traffic control in mentioned areas.

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Main goals of Road Safety plans



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	
Target_2000-2006_50%	652	609	549	494	444	400	360	325															
Target_2007-2013_70%			558	528	497	466	435	404	373	342	311	280	240	200	160								
EU target_2010-2020_50%												218	207	196	185	174	164	153	142	131	120	109	
Actual data	652	635	558	559	532	516	442	407	419	316	254	218	179	177	179	212	188	158	136	148	132	141	
Deflection (%)	0,0%	4,3%	1,8%	13,3%	20,0%	29,1%	22,9%	25,2%	12,3%	-7,6%	-18,3%	-22,1%	-25,4%	-11,5%	11,9%	21,6%	15,0%	3,5%	-4,0%	13,1%	10,1%	29,4%	

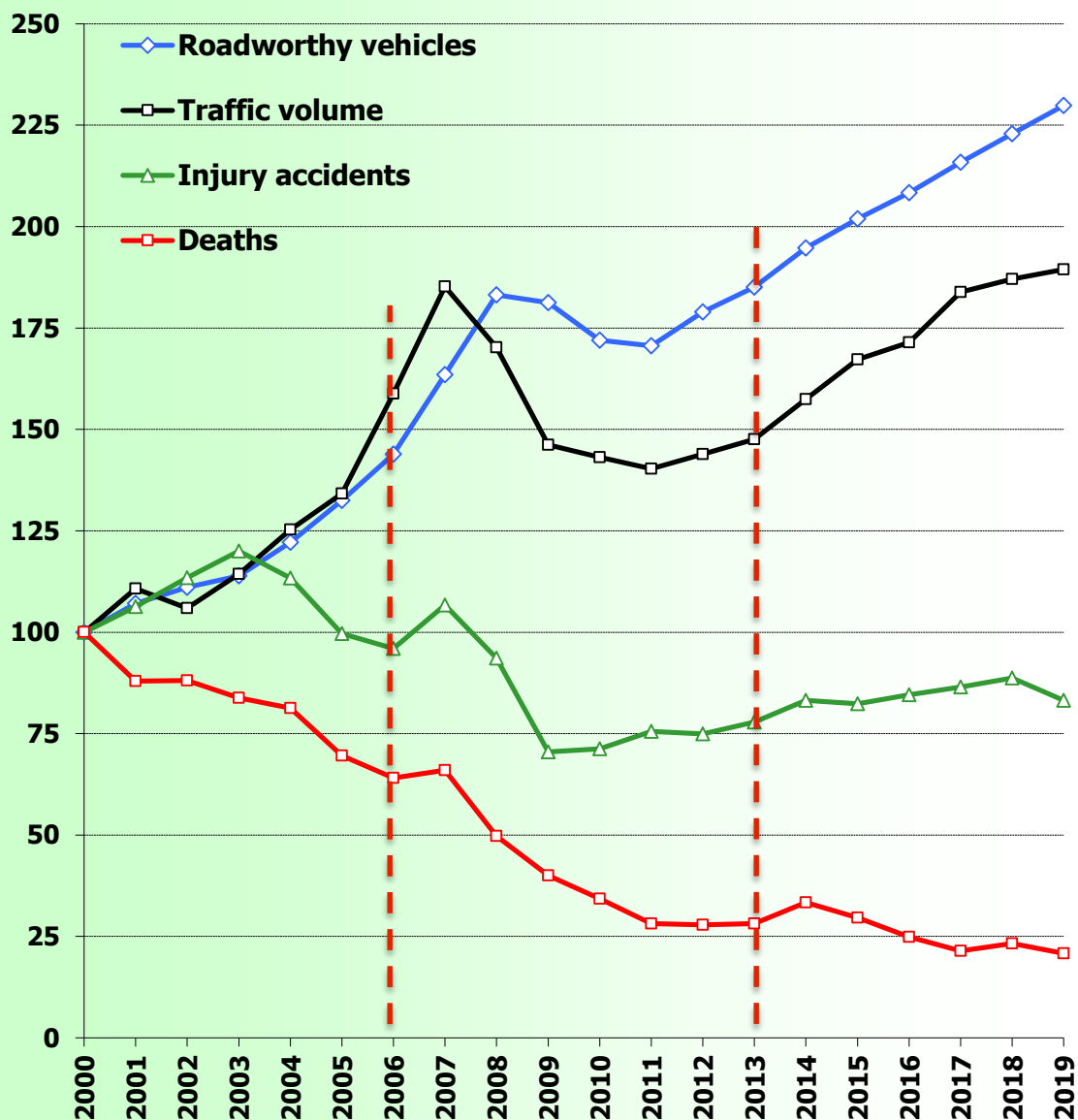
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Monitoring of implementation of program

Since 2001 annual monitoring is done, the monitoring includes:

- 1. Estimation of actual road safety situation – achievements and losses;**
- 2. Execution of the program implementation, legislative changes and trends in the EU;**
- 3. Assessment of fulfilment and realization of program defined tasks;**
- 4. Achievements and effectiveness of implementation of programme by using cost benefit analyses;**
- 5. Conclusions and recommendation.**

Indicates of realisation of road safety plans



From 2000 till 2006

Number of vehicles increased by 43,9%
 Number of traffic volume increased by 58,8%
 Number of accidents decreased by 4,0%
 Number of deaths decreased by 35,9%

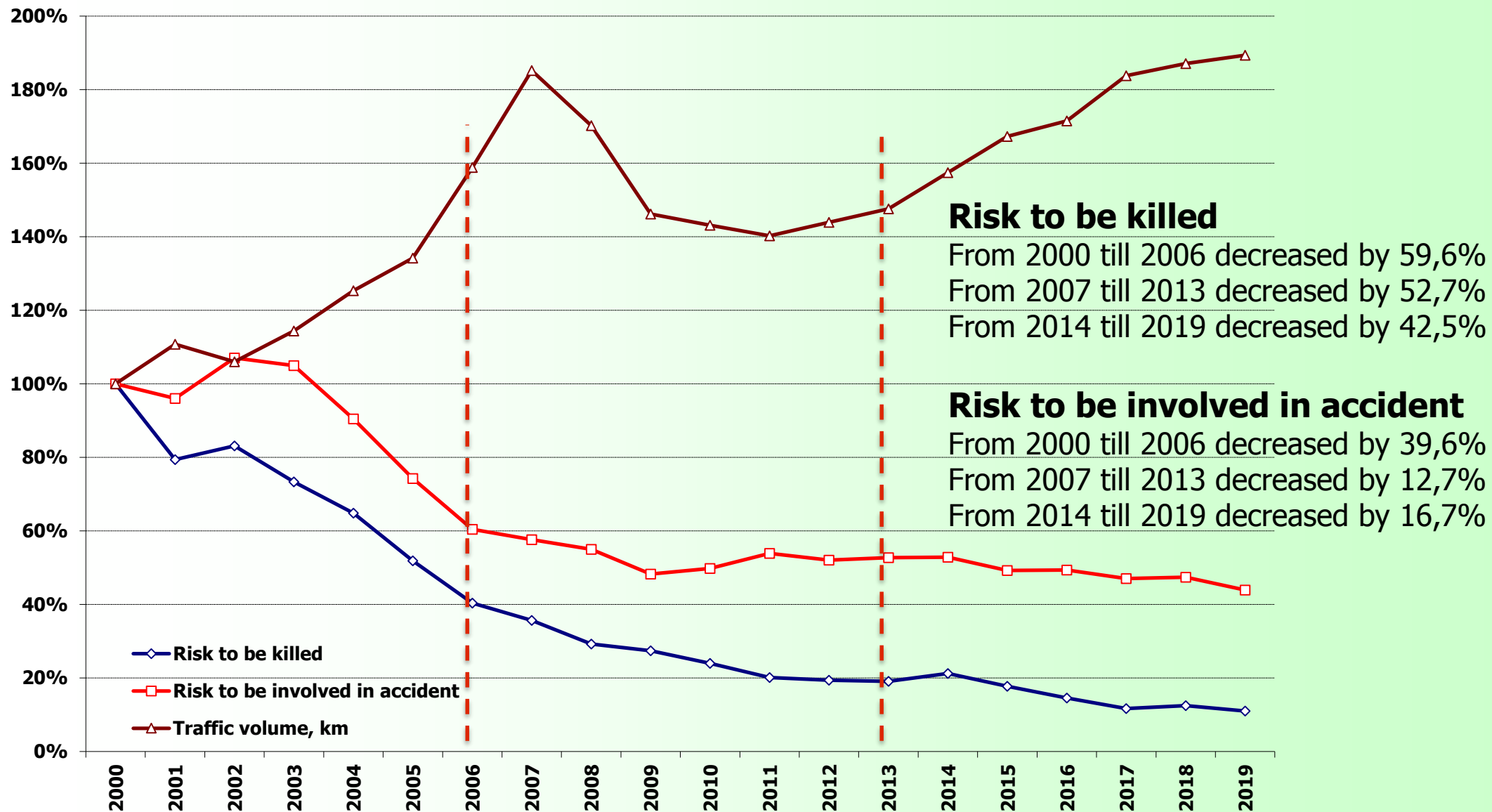
From 2007 till 2013

Number of vehicles increased by 28,6%
 Number of traffic volume decreased by 7,1%
 Number of accidents decreased by 18,9%
 Number of deaths decreased by 56,0%

From 2014 till 2019

Number of vehicles increased by 24,2%
 Number of traffic volume increased by 28,3%
 Number of accidents increased by 6,9%
 Number of deaths decreased by 26,3%

Traffic volume and risks



Benefits of realisation of road safety plans

Years	Killed				Injured				Accidents				Total benefits, million EUR
	Average of 1998-1999	Actual data	Losses of deaths, EUR	Benefits, EUR	Average of 1998-1999	Actual data	Losses of injured, EUR	Benefits, EUR	Average of 1998-1999	Actual data	Losses of accident, EUR	Benefits, EUR	
2000	664	635	227850	6607654	5280	5402	4735	-577709	4491	4482	1787	16084	6,05
2001	664	558	314066	33291020	5280	5811	5028	-2670096	4491	4766	1830	-503199	30,12
2002	664	559	328580	34500849	5280	6259	5706	-5585896	4491	5083	1895	-1121997	27,79
2003	664	532	326350	43078184	5280	6600	5757	-7599160	4491	5379	1952	-1733536	33,75
2004	664	516	348239	51539422	5280	6416	5691	-6465530	4491	5081	2003	-1182008	43,89
2005	664	442	376479	83578355	5280	5600	4920	-1574493	4491	4466	2225	55634	82,06
2006	664	407	393176	101046354	5280	5404	5541	-687042	4491	4302	2282	431352	100,79
Total benefits for years 2000-2006												324,44	
2007	455	419	286831	10325910	5807	6088	5102	-1435304	4616	4781	1831	-301517	8,59
2008	455	316	338646	47071818	5807	5408	4305	1716391	4616	4196	2321	975431	49,76
2009	455	254	308754	62059512	5807	3930	3036	5697693	4616	3160	2436	3547107	71,30
2010	455	218	308838	73194610	5807	4023	4101	7313961	4616	3193	2378	3384380	83,89
2011	455	179	352618	97322623	5807	4224	4263	6746908	4616	3386	2392	2942957	107,01
2012	455	177	354922	98668293	5807	4179	4326	7041453	4616	3358	2430	3057976	108,77
2013	455	179	350540	96748980	5807	4338	4230	6212460	4616	3489	2416	2723785	105,69
Total benefits for years 2007-2013												535,02	
2014	178	212	500083	-17002822	4247	4603	4312	-1535072	3411	3728	2436	-772212	-19,31
2015	178	188	514875	-5148750	4247	4566	4293	-1369467	3411	3692	2510	-705310	-7,22
2016	178	158	474957	9499146	4247	4648	3960	-1587861	3411	3792	2044	-778739	7,13
2017	178	136	473948	19905831	4247	4824	4003	-2309556	3411	3875	2117	-982454	16,61
2018	178	148	488674	14660219	4247	4798	4539	-2501082	3411	3975	2178	-1228649	10,93
2019	178	132	502718	23125039	4247	4559	4448	-1387915	3411	3729	2229	-708964	21,03
2020*	178	141	502718	18600574	4247	4181	4448	295363	3411	3531	2229	-268343	18,63
Total benefits for years 2014-2020												47,80	

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2000 - 2006

Benefits ~ 324 million, EUR

Saved 999 lives

Total number of injured people increased by 4532

2007 - 2013

Benefits ~ 535 million, EUR

Saved 1443 lives

Total number of injured people decreased by 8457

2014 - 2020

Benefits ~ 47 million, EUR

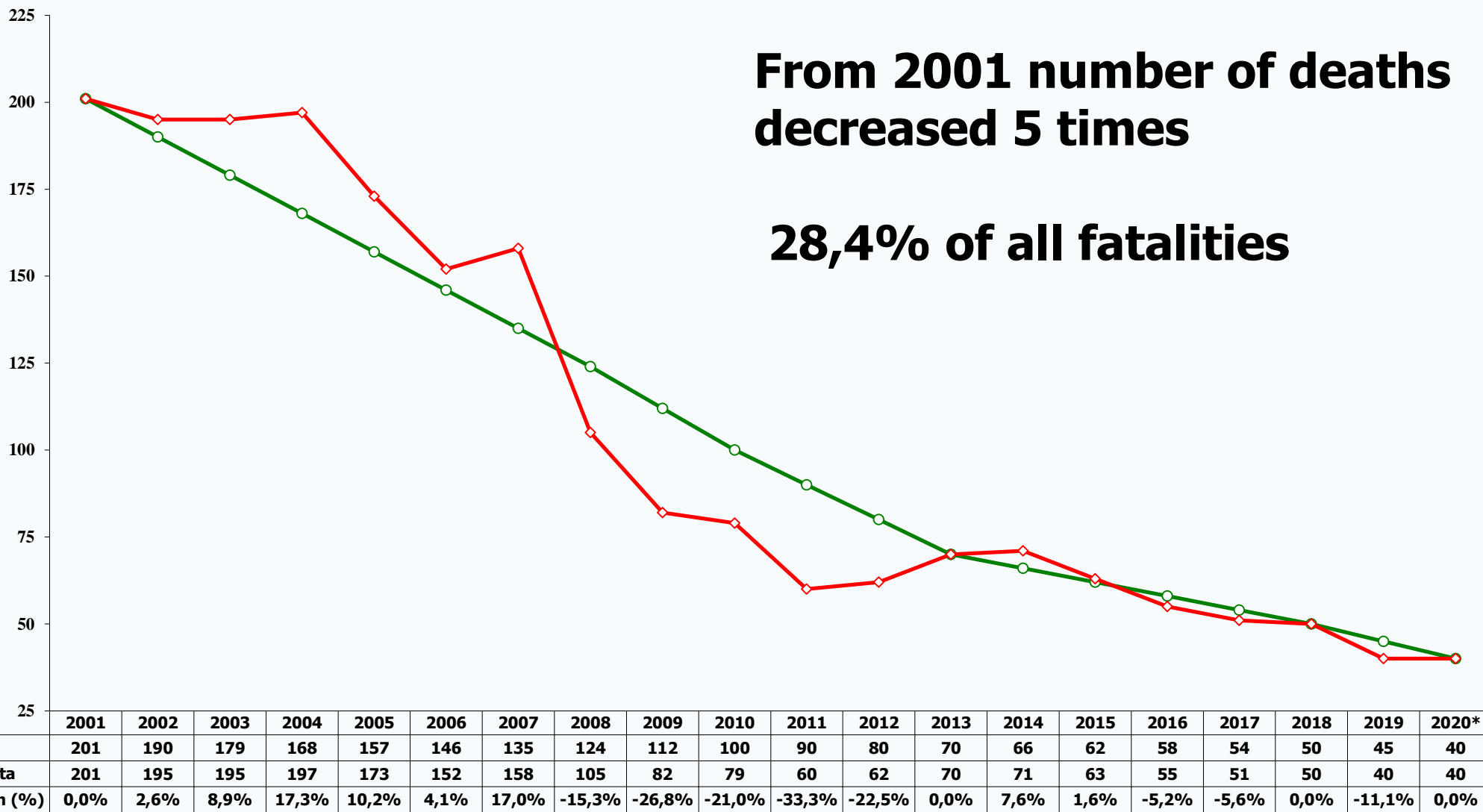
Saved 131 lives

Total number of injured people increased by 2450

Ensuring safety of pedestrians

From 2001 number of deaths decreased 5 times

28,4% of all fatalities

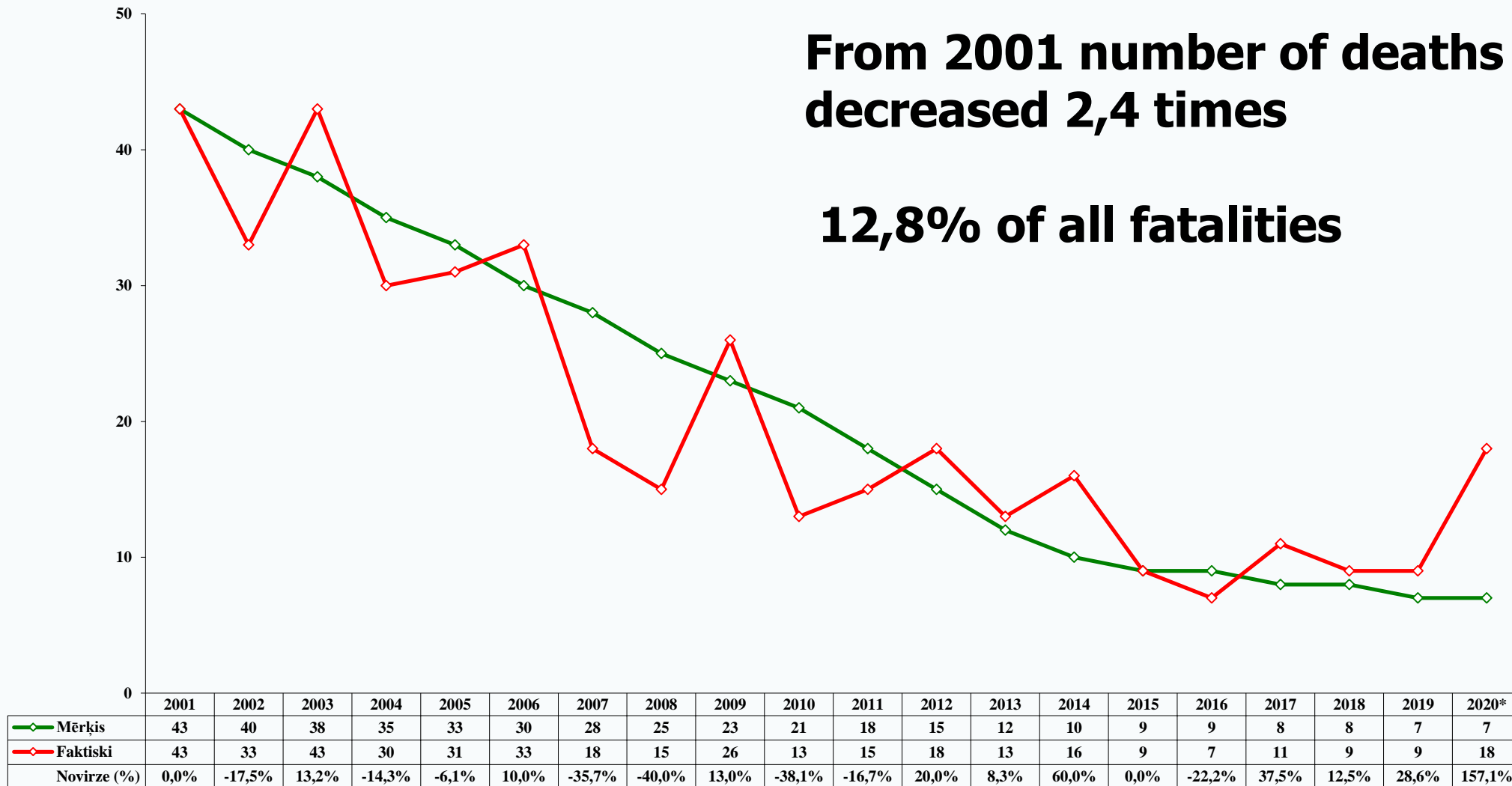


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Ensuring safety of cyclists

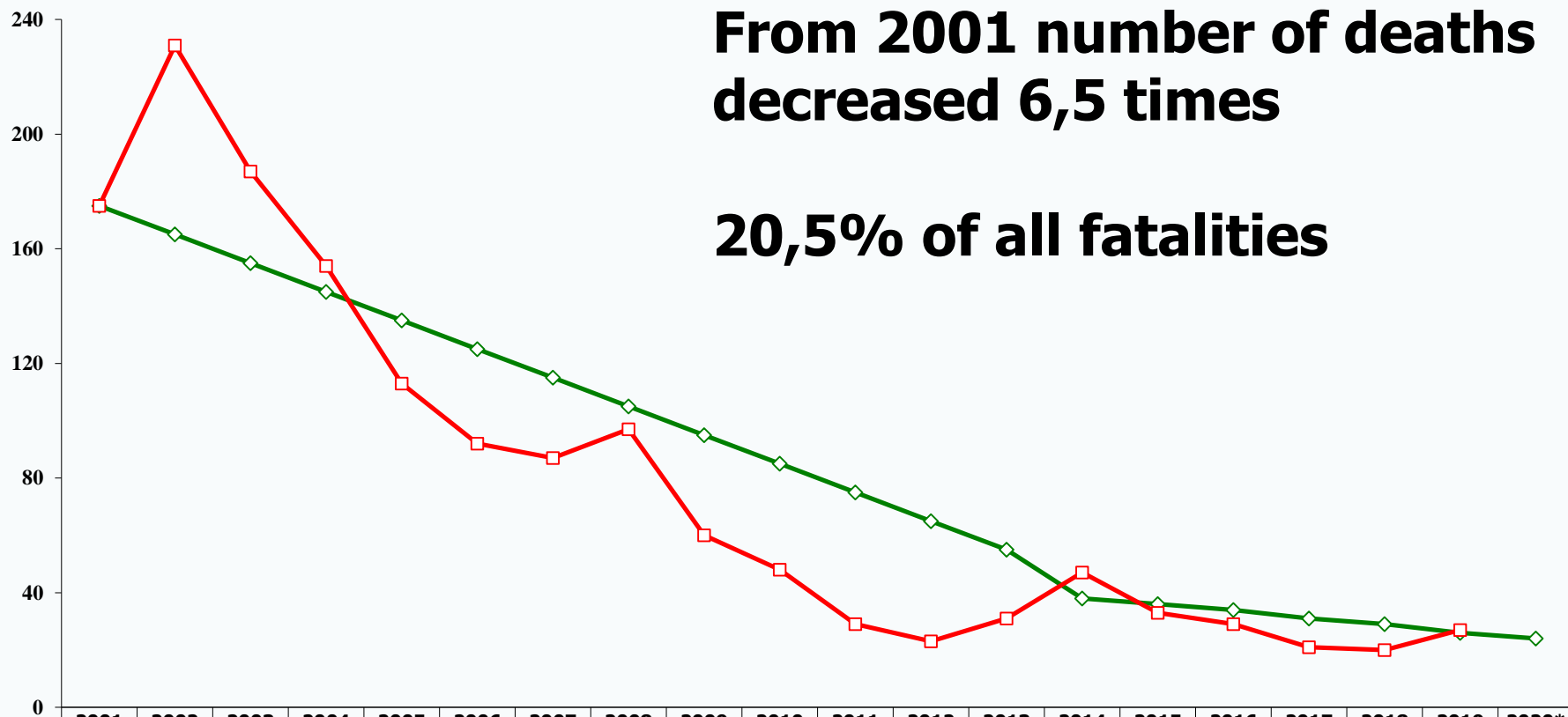
From 2001 number of deaths decreased 2,4 times

12,8% of all fatalities



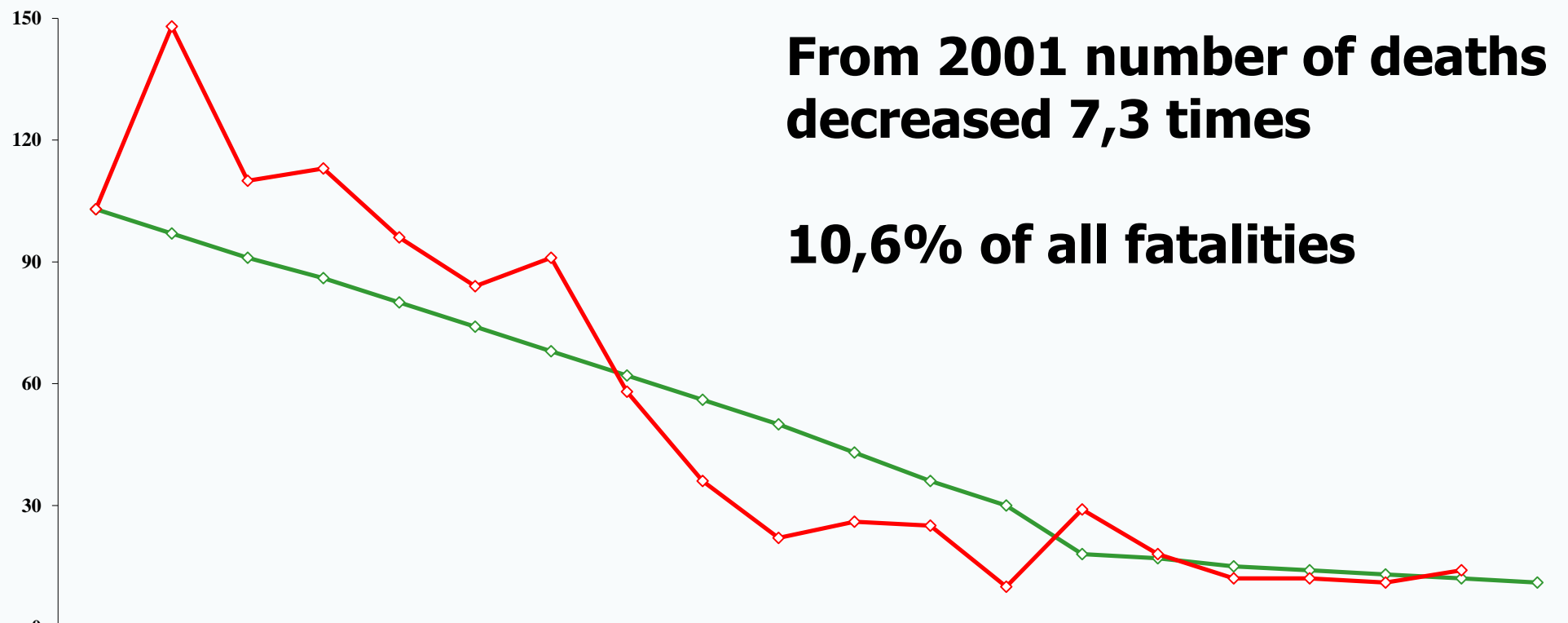
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Ensuring the keeping of safe driving speed



	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
◆ Target	175	165	155	145	135	125	115	105	95	85	75	65	55	38	36	34	31	29	26	24
■ Actual data	175	231	187	154	113	92	87	97	60	48	29	23	31	47	33	29	21	20	27	
Deflection (%)	0,0%	40,0%	20,6%	6,2%	-16,3%	-26,4%	-24,3%	-7,6%	-36,8%	-43,5%	-61,3%	-64,6%	-43,6%	23,7%	-8,3%	-14,7%	-32,3%	-31,0%	3,8%	

Extermination of driving under the influence of alcohol



	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
Target	103	97	91	86	80	74	68	62	56	50	43	36	30	18	17	15	14	13	12	11
Actual data	103	148	110	113	96	84	91	58	36	22	26	25	10	29	18	12	12	11	14	
Deflection (%)	0,0%	52,6%	20,9%	31,4%	20,0%	13,5%	33,8%	-6,5%	-35,7%	-56,0%	-39,5%	-30,6%	-66,7%	61,1%	5,9%	-20,0%	-14,3%	-15,4%	16,7%	

Use of helmets and implemented measures

Fines for driving without the helmet

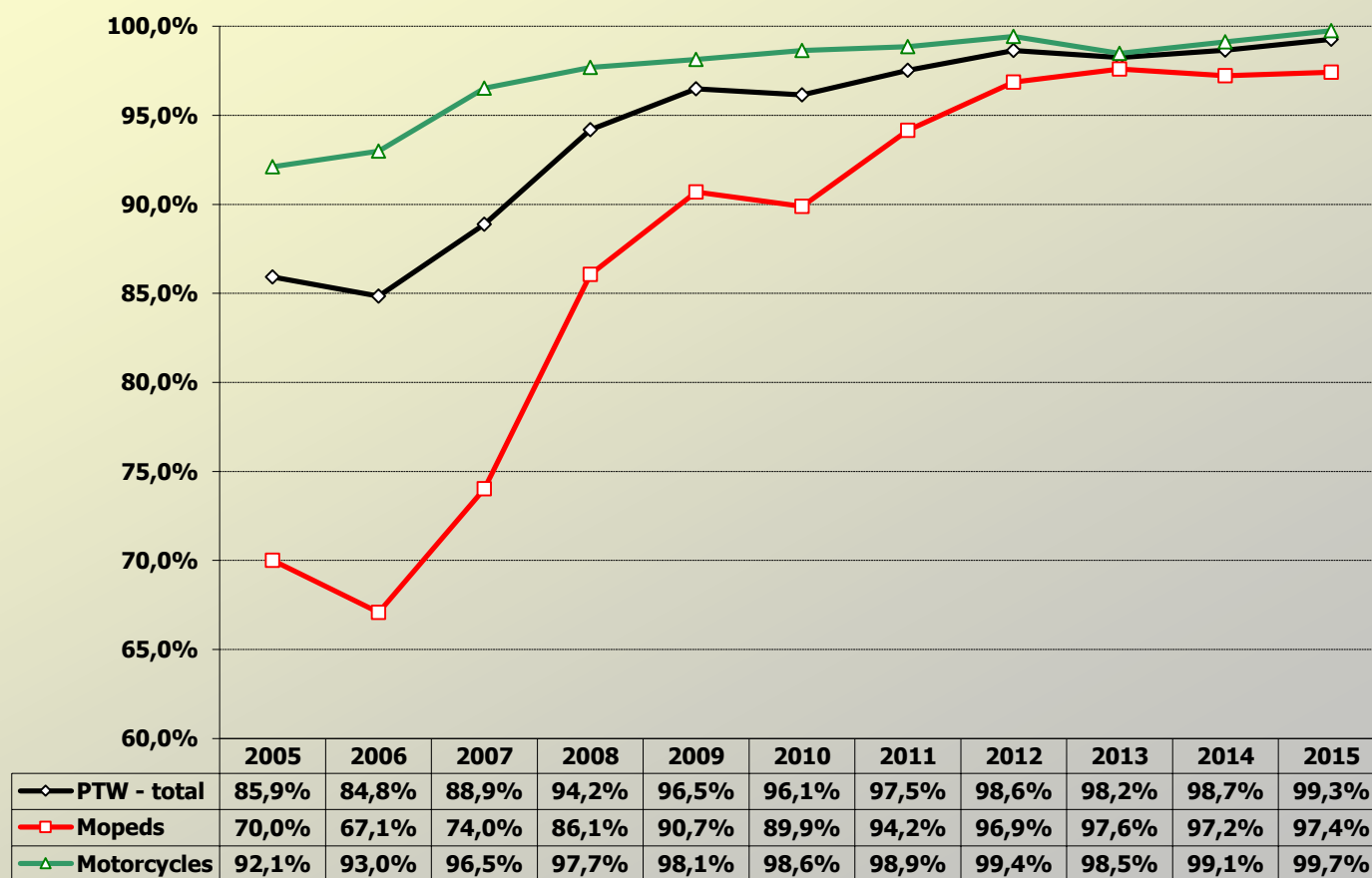
From 01.07.2004 - 10 LVL

From 09.03.2007- 20 LVL.

Penalty points

From 13.10.2006. the one penalty point are given to the riders of motorcycle for driving without the helmet.

From 1st of February, 2009 the penalty points are also recorded for riders of moped.



CASUALTIES BY CATEGORY OF ROAD USER IN 2019

	Deaths				Injured				of them Seriously injured			
	Driver	Passenger	Total	%	Driver	Passenger	Total	%	Driver	Passenger	Total	%
Pedestrian	40			30,3%	794			17,4%	106			23,0%
Car	46	16	62	47,0%	1225	928	2153	47,2%	102	113	215	46,6%
Other vehicle	12	5	17	12,9%	206	357	563	12,3%	18	16	34	7,4%
Bicycles	9	0	9	6,8%	607	6	613	13,4%	43	0	43	9,3%
Mopeds	1	0	1	0,8%	118	12	130	2,9%	13	3	16	3,5%
Motorcycles	1	0	1	0,8%	251	33	284	6,2%	34	5	39	8,5%
Quadricycles	2	0	2	1,5%	17	5	22	0,5%	5	3	8	1,7%
Total	71	21	132	100,0%	2424	1341	4559	100,0%	215	140	461	100,0%

- 1. Problem - Safety of cars occupants**
- 2. Problem - Safety of pedestrians**
- 3. Problem - Safety of cyclists**

CASUALTIES IN 2020 (10 MONTHS STATISTICS)

	Deaths			Injured		
	2019	2020	%	2019	2020	%
Passenger cars	54	51	-5,6%	1810	1699	-6,1%
Pedestrians	31	31	0,0%	610	537	-12,0%
Cyclists (scooterists)	5	16	...	559	608	8,8%
Riders of motorcycle	1	6	...	275	238	-13,5%
Riders of moped	1	2	...	125	120	-4,0%
Quadricycles	1	1	...	19	29	52,6%
Other	12	5	...	471	317	-32,7%
Total	105	112	6,7%	3869	3548	-8,3%

Main conclusions

- ✚ **The road safety in Latvia is improved during last 30 years;**
- ✚ **Despite of achievements the level of road safety in Latvia is worse than the average level of European Union;**
- ✚ **According to statistics the road safety situation has worsened in 2020.**

Thank you for attention!