Cycling in the EU Directive on Road Infrastructure Safety Management

Long-term, EU-wide effects of the CHIPS project

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Directive 2008/EC/96 on Road Infrastructure Safety Management

- Road Safety Impact Assessment (RSIA) (planning)
- Road Safety Audit (RSA) (design & build)
- Road Safety Inspection (RSI) (operation)
- Network Safety Ranking (evaluation)
Current scope: TEN-T roads
• What does it have to do with cycling?
Big infrastructure projects
• can sabotage cycle routes
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• can be an opportunity
Cycle highways extend the range of daily cycling from municipal to regional. More interactions with main non-urban roads.
Lesson learned:
sections along/across major roads, railroads etc. are often the most expensive part of cycle network
FEBRUARY 2019
A revision of the RISM directive is agreed upon by the European Parliament and Council of the EU.

AUTUMN 2019
Expected publication in the Official Journal of the EU.

2024
Deadline for updating training curricula for Road Safety Auditors.

2021
Deadline for transposition into national laws.

2025
Deadline for first Network Wide Road Assessment.
New article 6b

Member States shall ensure that the needs of vulnerable road users are taken into account in the implementation of the procedures [...]
Problem:

- Many MS do not know **how** to take into account the needs of cyclists
Indicative elements of Road Safety Impact Assessments:
[...]
estimated pedestrian and bicycle flows determined from adjacent land-use attributes
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That guidance shall be developed in close cooperation with Member State experts.
Member States shall ensure that the training curricula for road safety auditors includes aspects related to vulnerable road users and the infrastructure for such users.
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• Integrating elements of cycling infrastructure in major road projects
• Quality requirements for cycling infrastructure

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Upcoming:
• Revision of the TEN-T guidelines – consultations until 17 July 2019
• ECF: cycle highways as relief for TEN-T roads around big cities

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