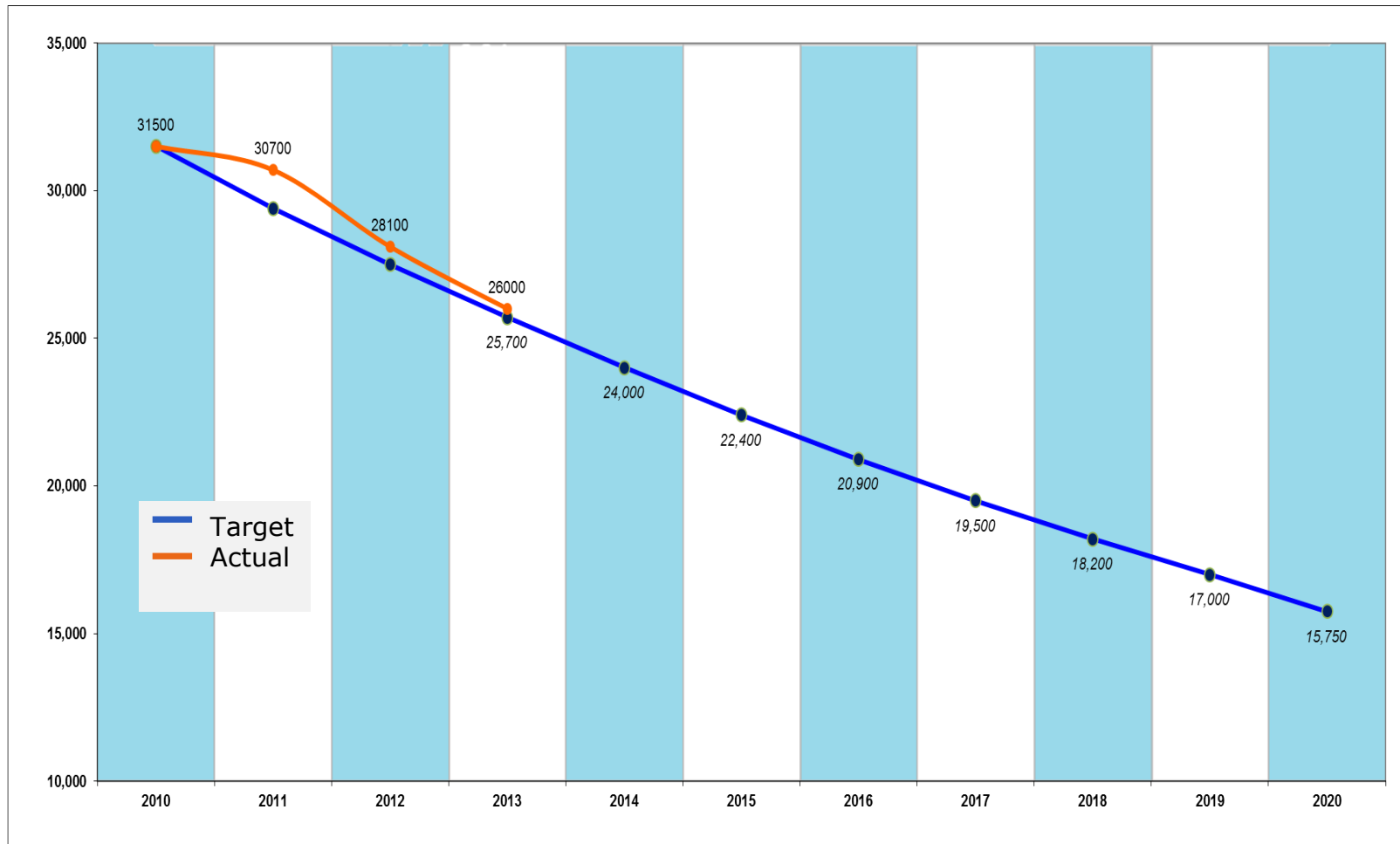


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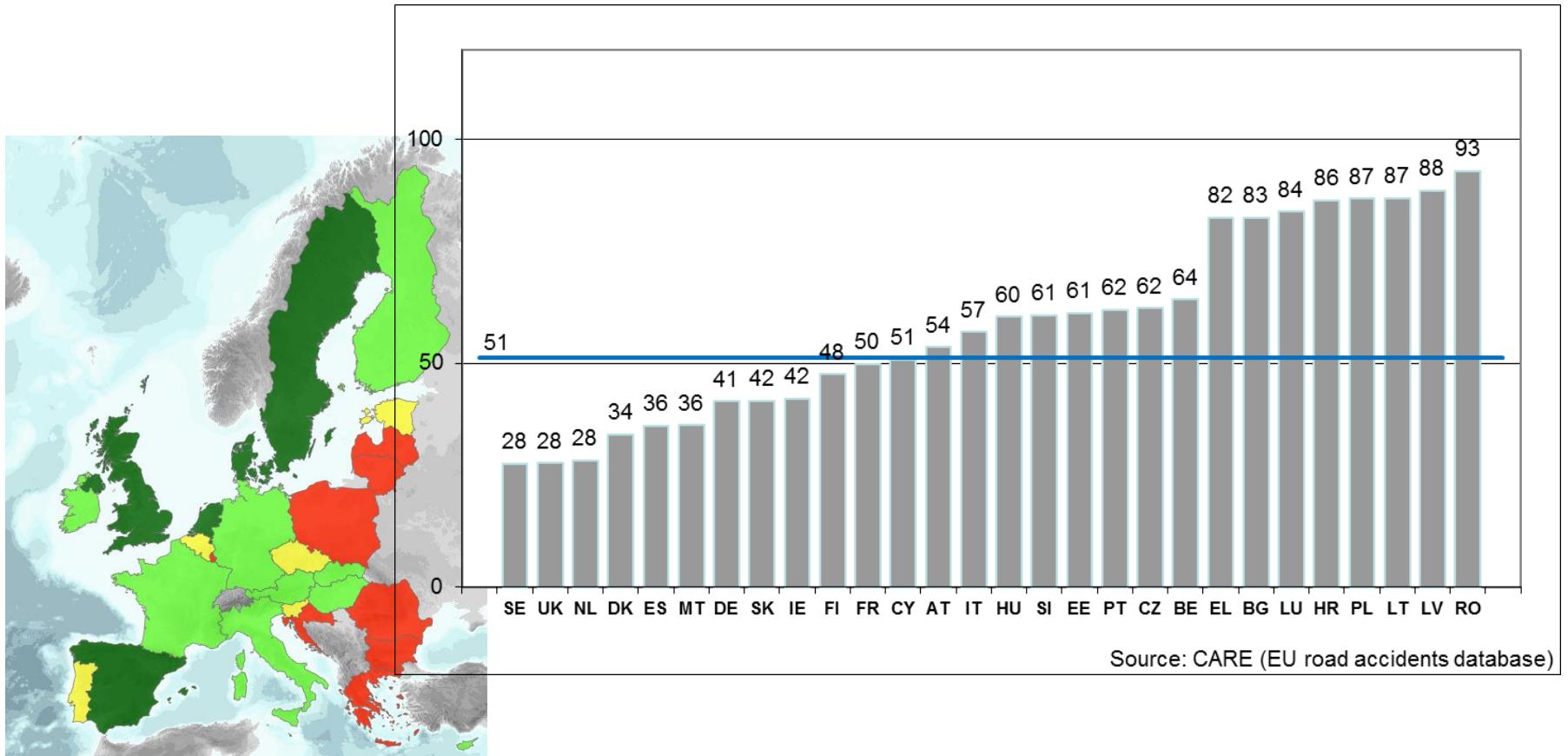
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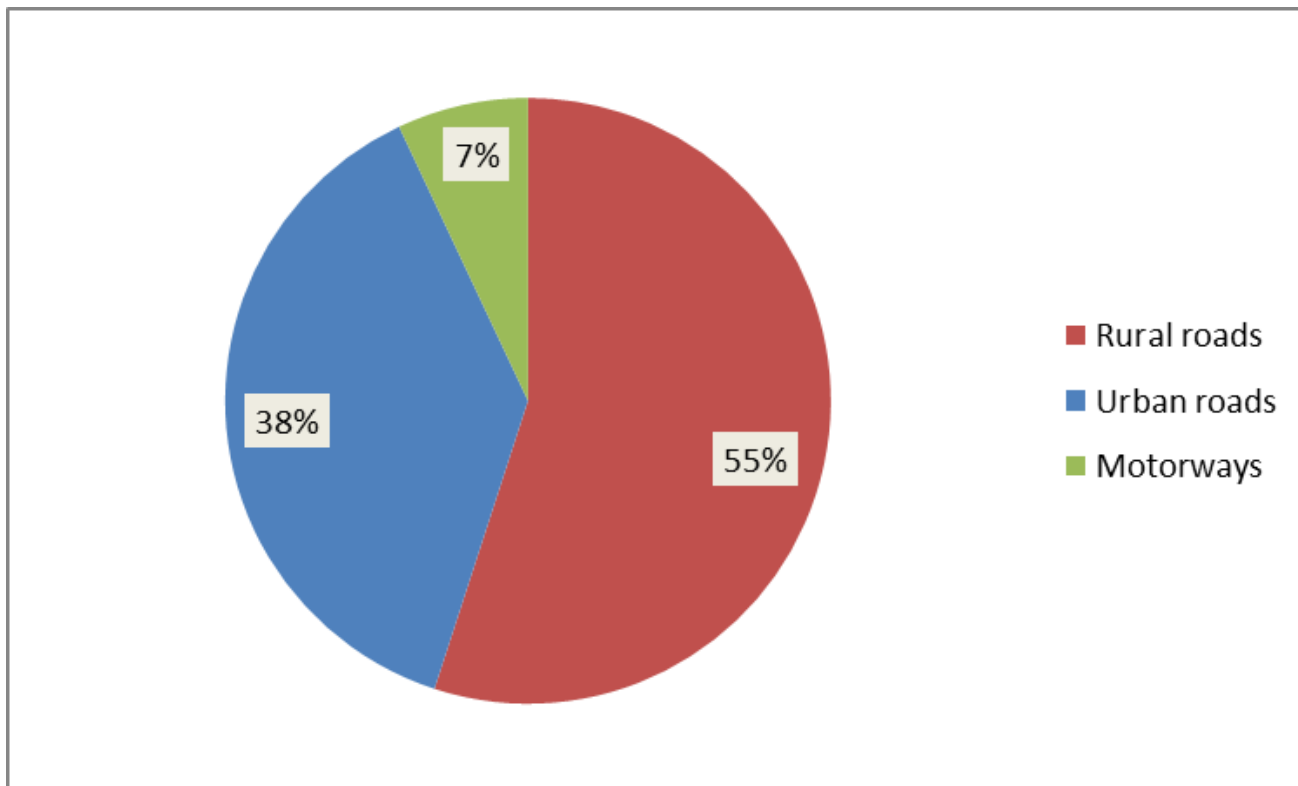
# Road fatalities in the EU (2010-2020)



# Fatality rates 2013 (deaths/million inhabitants)



# EU Road Accident Fatalities by Road Type (2013)



## 7 Policy objectives

- Education and training
- Compliance with road traffic rules
- Safer road infrastructure
- Safer vehicles
- Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- Emergency and post-injuries services
- Vulnerable road users



## Objective 3: Safer road infrastructure

- Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management
- Directive 2004/54/EC on minimum safety requirements for tunnels



# Principal requirements of Directive 2008/96 on road safety infrastructure management

- **Road safety impact assessment** at planning stage
- **Road safety audits** at draft design, pre-opening and early operation
- **Ranking of high accident concentration sections** (black spots) to be reviewed every three years
- **Periodic road safety inspections**
- **Data management** - reporting of fatal accidents and calculation of accident costs

# Effectiveness and impacts of Directive 2008/96

- External consultants (consortium led by Transport & Mobility Leuven) commissioned to carry out assessment
- Final report is being finalised – publication expected in March 2015
- The study looked into the following:
  - **State of implementation**
  - **Relevance for road safety policy objectives**
  - **Utility**
  - **Efficiency**
  - **Sustainability**
  - **Coherence with other EU legislation**
  - **EU added value**





# Effectiveness and impacts of Directive 2008/96

- Conclusions include the following:
  - **Different way of thinking** about road safety infrastructure management challenges has been triggered by the Directive
  - **Common language is spoken** by road infrastructure safety professionals across the EU
  - **Generalised use of relevant procedures** established in all Member States
  - **Exchanges of national best practices** reflected in operational activities
  - **Limited scope of mandatory application** (only TEN-T roads) but most MSs have extended the application of some of the procedures on a voluntary basis

*In parallel, the effects of the Tunnel Safety Directive are also being studied with a view to identifying possible common approaches*

## Some areas for further improvement for road infrastructure safety management identified

- Support the deployment and provision of **ITS services**
- Reinforce the **protection of vulnerable road users**
- **Certification of road safety performance** (risk rating of roads)
- **Promote the use of standards** and in some cases possibly make their application mandatory
- **More detailed definitions** of procedures
- Explicit **mutual acceptance of road auditor certificates** across Member States
- **Extension of scope** beyond the TEN-T to other roads

# Other new EU road safety initiatives

**Roadworthiness** package – adopted in March 2014

**Serious road traffic injuries** – data collection with new common EU definition started 2014

**Cross-border enforcement** Directive re-tabled

Review of rules for **professional drivers'** training and qualifications





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