

FATIGUE IN BUS, COACH AND TRUCK DRIVERS

Putting science behind driver safety



ETF launches Safer Roads project, to raise awareness about driver fatigue and to improve safety on EU roads

Why?

There has been no EU-wide study of driver fatigue for over 15 years.

In 2006 the EU adopted legally binding limits on driving time and minimum rest hours. However, since then, traffic conditions in Europe have changed substantially, and road transport volumes have risen constantly and at a fast pace.

The driver's profession is today more stressful and dangerous than it once was. Fatigue makes it harder for drivers to maintain vigilance, alertness and decision-making capacity in traffic, and this impairs their ability to drive freight and passengers safely to destination.

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What?

Consequently, in January 2020, ETF started an eighteen-month EU-funded project on driver fatigue, supported by **EVA Akademie**.

How?

Bringing existing national studies and academic work together with new evidence, the aim of the project is to develop a **science-based case for tackling driver fatigue** in bus, coach and road freight transport. Evidence collected during the project, including drivers' statements, will help us develop a **toolkit** on driver fatigue for our member organisations. ETF will be working together with the research institute **wmp consult**. Raising awareness

concerning driver fatigue with policy makers and our union members is the project's ultimate goal.

One seminar and two workshops – one for passenger and one for freight transport – will be held with a view to developing our science-based case and toolkit. **A final conference** is planned for spring 2021, to disseminate the project results.

JOIN US in our work to raise awareness concerning the life and work of our bus, coach and truck drivers!

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