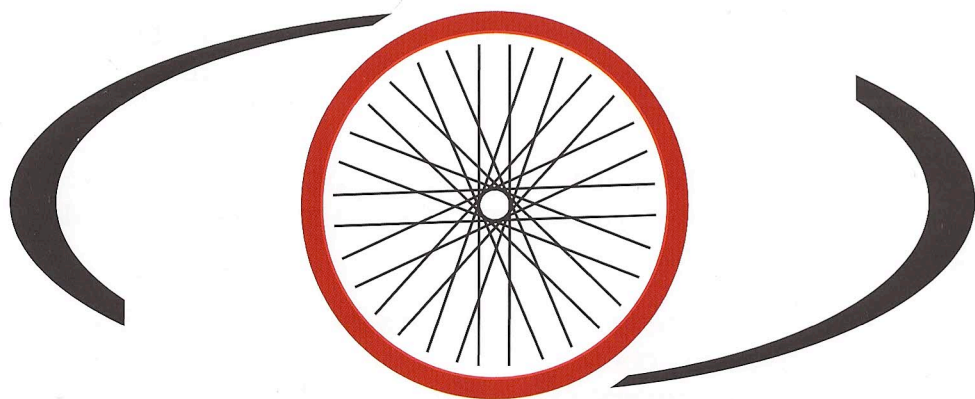


See me...



...save me

Please sign WD 81 to end lorry blind spots

An estimated 2000 cyclists are killed on roads in the EU each year.

Many of these deaths are caused by blind spots. Despite extra mirrors truck drivers still have limited vision.

The solution is to install sensors and cameras to warn drivers when pedestrians and cyclists are nearby.

Advances in technology mean this is affordable and practical.

By signing Written Declaration 81 (full text overleaf) you can help to save lives and make our roads safer.

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Written declaration on heavy goods vehicle collisions

The European Parliament,



- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) are 3% of the EU vehicle fleet, but give rise to 14% of fatal collisions, amounting to more than 4000 annual fatalities in the EU27,
 - B. whereas in Europe every year, some 400 people, mostly unprotected road users such as cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians, are killed because of HGV 'blind spots',
 - C. whereas many of these fatalities could be avoided by full installation of mirrors or increasingly cheap camera-monitor devices, active warning systems, advanced emergency braking and lane departure warning systems,
 - D. whereas significant and dangerous blind spots remain around HGVs despite the increased visibility requirements of 2003/97/EC and 2007/38/EC for newly registered HGVs and HGVs in circulation respectively;
 - E. whereas the 2007 requirements are weaker than those of 2003 and have been insufficiently implemented by Member States, despite the EU aspiration to cut road fatalities by half;
1. Urges the Commission to speed up its evaluation of 2007/38/EC and to revise it in order to align it with technological advancement and with the latest indirect vision equipment requirements for newly registered trucks so as to ensure an optimum level of safety;
 2. Urges the Commission to ensure that no exemptions are provided to the mandatory fitting of advanced emergency braking systems and lane departure warning system according to the General Safety Regulation 661/2009/EC;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.