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TPI –
who we are and what we do?

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About TPI

What is TPI?

TPI is a initiative of the German Society of Traffic Psychology (DGVP).

Why TPI?

It becomes more and more necessary to disseminate knowledge about traffic psychology in Europe. European regulations will gain more and more importance for national legislation Traffic psychologists from DGVP and VdTÜV (Association of Technical Inspection Agencies) in 2009 decided to install a task force for international affairs, called “Traffic Psychology International” (TPI).

Who is TPI?

Founding members: Don M. DeVol, Margit Herle, Jürgen Merz and Karin Müller. They form the actual TPI-Steering Committee (TPI-SC).

Colleagues from different EU-countries, working actively in TPI-Workshops



Goals and Interests of TPI

TPI should

- represent continuously the national traffic psychology at international scientific and political events,
- receive recognition as an expert group in psychological issues of traffic safety, contact EU- and international organizations such as CIECA, EFPA, ETSC, ICADTS,
- find common perspectives and strategies concerning traffic-psychological issues in Europe,
- define standards as one prerequisite for implementing psychological measures,
- participate in European research projects.



Strategic Perspectives of Traffic Psychology in the EU

One of the most important demands of European traffic psychologists must be implementation of psychological expertise in annex III of the EU driver's license directive*:

ALCOHOL

14. Alcohol consumption constitutes a major danger to road safety. In view of the scale of the problem, the medical and psychological professions must be very vigilant.

Group 1:

14.1. Driving licenses shall not be issued to, or renewed for, applicants or drivers who are dependent on alcohol or unable to refrain from drinking and driving. After a proven period of abstinence and subject to authorized medical and psychological opinion and regular medical check-ups, driving licenses may be issued to, or renewed for, applicant or drivers who have in the past been dependent on alcohol.

Group 2:

14.2. The competent medical and psychological authority shall give due consideration to the additional risks and dangers involved in the driving of vehicles covered by the definition of this group.”

*Suggestion by DGVP to the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG Move) of the European Commission in 2009



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What Traffic Psychology needs is

- ⇒ recognition as a science based field within the traffic safety system
- ⇒ implementation of evaluated psychological measures, i.e. in assessment and rehabilitation
- ⇒ communication between EU-member states and between different traffic safety disciplines
- ⇒ promotion of education and research in traffic psychology on a European level.

We are ready to take responsibility and determined to contribute our share to traffic safety in Europe!

