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**European Road Safety Charter Workshop: 'Working Together on Road Safety'
in collaboration with OVK – SAVE (Ouders van Verongelukte Kinderen)**

January 30th, 2019 at Provinciehuis Vlaams-Brabant, Leuven, Belgium

8:45 Welcome & registration

9:15 Plenum: welcome word by Lode De Witte, representative of the province of Flemish-Brabant

9:25 Introduction to the SAVE-label and seminar 'Working together on road safety' by Koen Van Wonterghem, CEO of OVK-SAVE vzw

9:35 Presentation of the strong SAVE community in Bruges by Dirk De fauw, mayor of Bruges

9:50 Start of the first range of workshops: 'Taking a commitment in road safety'

Public space: *'Together towards a traffic-safe environment'*

In order to create a traffic-safe environment, country or town planning is an ideal leverage tool - yet often overlooked. During this workshop we learned how to make our surroundings safer, using simple but radically effective adjustments.

Speakers:

- *Carl Hanssens, mobility counsellor at the city of Sint-Niklaas*
- *Julie Mabilde, project coordinator in the Flemish Government Architect team*
- *Wouter Verhaert, mobility advisor at the city of Turnhout*
- *Moderator: Willy Miermans, professor emeritus*

Heavy traffic: *'Not in the vicinity of children'*

Heavy traffic usually means dangerous traffic. In conflicts, children are especially vulnerable. Therefore, all initiatives that keep heavy traffic away from children are very welcome. In this workshop we took a look at how different municipalities in Flanders are tackling this challenge.

Speakers:

- *May Aernouts, education councillor at the municipality of Wuustwezel*
- *Axel Weydts, mobility councillor at the city of Kortrijk*
- *Moderator: Marc Brouckaert, Vias institute*

SAVE 2.0: 'An innovative way of working in partnerships'

To this day, 101 Flemish cities and municipalities have already signed the SAVE-charter. That is good news. In Bruges, the city council developed a new approach to road safety, together with Helmut Paris of the Flemish department for mobility. In the 'SAVE 2.0' charter, we use a bottom-up approach. We use specific, existing cases as a starting point to work towards safer roads.

Speakers:

- *Helmut Paris, traffic psychologist at the Flemish department for mobility*
- *Bart Slabbinck, mobility advisor at the city of Bruges*
- *Moderator: Miguel Vertriest, Network for Sustainable Mobility*

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 Start of the second range of workshops: 'Taking a commitment in road safety'

Working together on road safety: 'Not adding up, but multiplying'

As long as all shareholders work independently from each other, improvement in road safety will be rather slow. Within a municipality, different departments can work together to boost results. Moreover, even across borders there are opportunities to join forces to accelerate improvement. The mobility department can work together with their colleagues invested in public works, regional planning, youth, education, etcetera. In road safety initiatives, the local police, schools and associations also play an important role. Additionally, you can work together with other municipalities, regions or the national government.

Speakers:

- *Rozette Reyskens, member of the OVK board & welfare councillor at the municipality of Zutendaal*
- *Magali Decloedt, mobility and planning coordinator at the city of Turnhout*
- *Kris Lambrechts, mobility advisor at the province of Flemish-Brabant*
- *Moderator: Willy Miermans, professor emeritus*

Enforcement: *'The endpoint of a policy of preventative measures'*

In the prevention of accidents, enforcement is very important. Enforcement is the concluding piece of a policy that first tries to evoke safer behavior using other methods. In the end, control and punishment remain important to urge everyone to behave correctly, even stubborn drivers. In this workshop, we paid particular attention to sanctioning violations that put children at risk.

Speakers:

- *Gerritjan Maes, chief of the local police of Wetteren-Laarne-Wichelen*
- *Joke Zanders, mobility advisor at the municipality of Wetteren*
- *David Stevens, police officer in the city of Brussels*
- *Moderator: Marc Brouckaert, Vias institute*

Behavioral change: *'The key to a safe, child-friendly neighborhood'*

Ultimately, our goal is that every road user adjusts his or her behavior to the circumstances. In an ideal situation, everybody is aware of the dangers to which he or she is exposed and the dangers he or she creates. In this workshop, we analyzed how we can work on behavior change from different perspectives.

Speakers:

- *Patrick Van den Borne, mobility councillor at the municipality of Ravels*
- *Wim Billet, mobility researcher and campaigner at Mobiel 21*
- *Wouter Florizoone, mobility project manager at the city of Leuven*
- *Moderator: Miguel Vertriest, Network for Sustainable Mobility*

11:50 Plenum: Presentation of the European Road Safety Charter by Karin Genoe, CEO of Vias institute, member of the Charter team

12:10 Panel discussion and closing words

13:00 Lunch and networking

