FRANCE

Population: 62,787,430
Income group: High
Gross national income per capita: US$ 42,190

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency
Interministerial Road Safety Task Force
Funded in national budget
Yes
National road safety strategy
Yes
Funding to implement strategy
Yes, fully funded
Fatality reduction targets set
Yes (by the end of 2012)
Fatality reduction target
Less than 3000 deaths

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction
Yes
Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure
Yes
Policies to promote walking or cycling
Yes
Policies to encourage investment in public transport
Yes
Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs
Yes

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2010)
34,276,000
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles
31,174,000
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers
2,557,000
Heavy trucks
545,000
Buses
—
Other
—
Vehicle standards applied
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards
Yes
New car assessment programme
Yes
Vehicle regulations
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars
Yes
Front and rear seat-belts required in all imported cars
Yes

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2010)
3,992
76% M, 24% F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes
1.3%

SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place
Yes
National speed limits
Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits
Yes
Maximum limit urban roads
50 km/h
National drink–driving law
Yes
BAC limit – general population
0.05 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers
0.05 g/dl
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers
0.02–0.05 g/dle
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints
Yes
Enforcement
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol
31%f
National motorcycle helmet law
Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers
Yes
Helmet standard mandated
Yes
Enforcement
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Helmet wearing rate
88–96% All ridersg
National seat-belt law
Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants
Yes
Seat-belt wearing rate
98–99% All Occupantsh
National child restraint law
Yes
Enforcement
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
National law on mobile phones while driving
Yes
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use
Yes
Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones
Yes

POST-CRASH CARE

Vital registration system
Yes
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system
Yes
Emergency access telephone number(s)
112
Seriously injured transported by ambulance
≥ 75%
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash
5%
Emergency medicine training for doctors
Yes
Emergency medicine training for nurses
Yes

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: ONISR and CARE.

Further data on each country can be found in the statistical annex.