# A European Model of Assessment and Rehabilitation of Driver Aptitude

Psychological and medical assistance for safe and sustainable mobility

#### **Current status**

- Road crashes cause immense suffering for victims and their families – and high losses in terms of economic and individual resources.
- Utilising the accomplishments and potentials of traffic psychology more intensively than in the past will yield substantial reduction of harm
- Causes of fatal and non-fatal crashes are to be found primarily in the behavior and subjective experience of road users
- Behavioral problems (e.g. mental, physical, age related) are assessable and can be treated to effectively improve road users' competence in coping with the challenges of traffic participation

# Is there a systematic solution of the poblem?

## The answer could be yes: PASS

- > PASS is a *European* paradigm
- Using new terminology "mobility competence": Not a legal but a psychological terminology!
- ➤ The goal: Improve road safety and facilitate free movement of citizens (cf: the European Driving Licences Directive)

# Prerequisites

1.1 "Mobility Competence" = Psychological competence Mobility competence is the sum of mental, physical, attitudinal and behavioral factors for safe, fair and cooperative motoring.

The objective is: Strengthen driver's responsibility for his own and others safety by the development of individual resources.

1.2 Interdisciplinary approach
PASS combines traffic psychology and traffic medicine in an interdisciplinary approach.

# Prerequisites

#### 1.3 Goals

Improve traffic safety in Europe. Grant justice and legal certainty for the individual. Support self-determined mobility

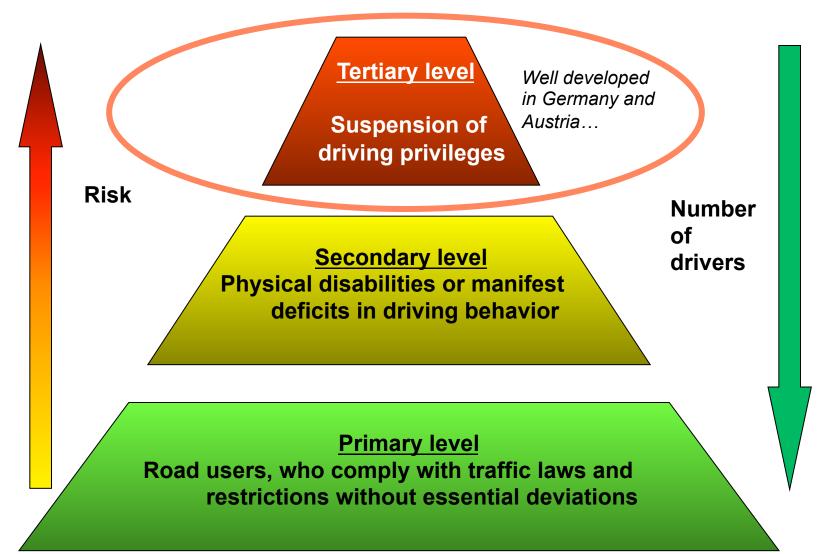
#### 1.4 Concept

PASS considers the knowledge accumulated in member states. It provides an interdisciplinary framework to integrate this knowledge. PASS is highly flexible.

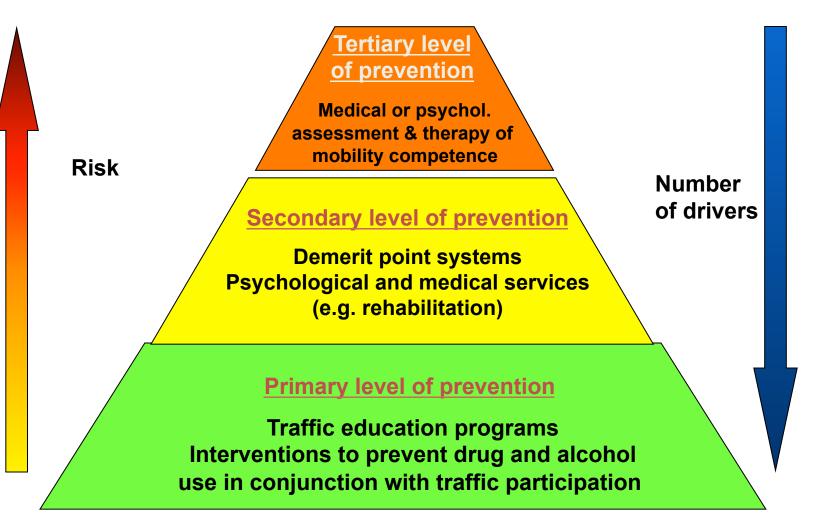
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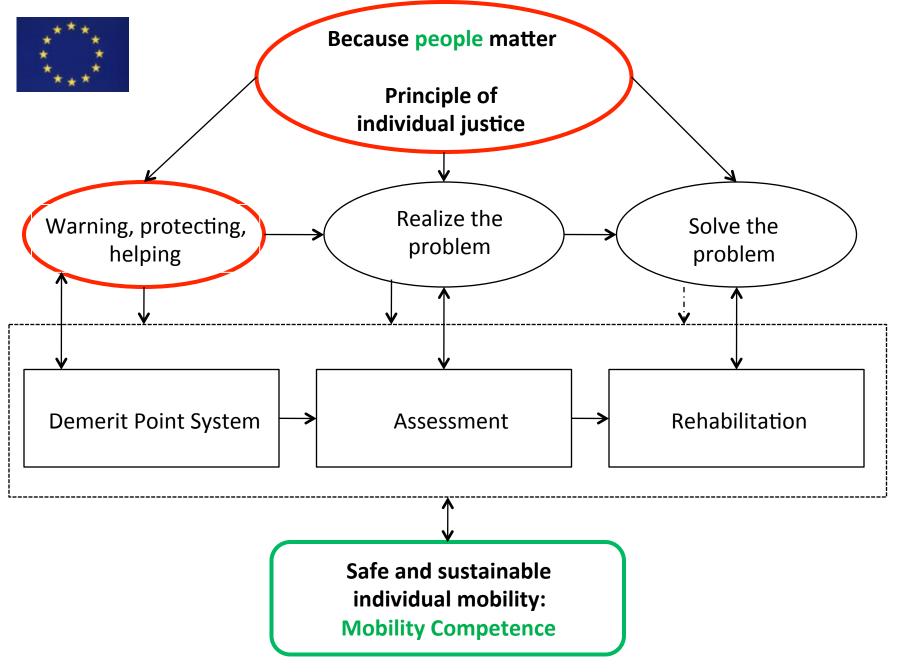
PASS incorporates advances in engineering, law and driver education.

## Levels of improving and securing mobility competence



# Contributions of traffic psychologists and traffic physicians (examples)





Source: Nickel, 2009