

Thanks for attending the I_HeERO International Conference - EUROPEAN TRUCK ROAD SHOW FOR ECALL HGV CONFERENCE in Ostrava

On October 30 - 31, 2017, the international conference "I_HeERO - EUROPEAN TRUCK ROAD SHOW FOR ECALL HGV CONFERENCE" was held in Dolní Vítkovice in Ostrava. The conference was organized by VITKOVICE IT SOLUTIONS a.s. together with the European professional association ERTICO - ITS Europe, the Ministry of Transport, the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic and TATRA TRUCK a.s.

The conference was officially launched by MEP MEPr. Olga Sehnalová, MBA, Head of ITS and R & D Department, Ministry of Transport Ing. Martin Pichl, Ph.D., Mayor of Ostrava City Ing. Tomáš Macura, MBA., Deputy Governor of the Moravian-Silesian Region Ing. Jakub Unucka, MBA., Project manager I_HeERO responsible for its technical implementation, Andy Rooke, and President of the International Standardization Working Group on Transport Security Systems Bob Williams.

The conference in Ostrava presented the final results of the I_HeERO project, co-funded by the European Interconnection Facility (CEF), focusing on the further development of eCall for road freight vehicles, in particular transporting dangerous goods under the ADR agreement.

The conference was held in 2 core blocks, where the results of the international partners were presented. I_HeERO's eCall project is far from complete. The conference also raised a number of issues for the further development and upgrading of the eCall system, which will have to be resolved in the future.

On the first day, the Czech consortium of implementers under the leadership of the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic presented the proposed concept of the solution. VITKOVICE IT SOLUTIONS is a member of the Czech consortium.

As the chief benefits of proposed solutions we can mention:

- Proposal of solution facilitating mutual communication between the truck driver, the carrier's dispatch centre and Integrated Rescue Services (This is possible by the proposed solution which is composed of Driver's Tablet for HGV and the specialized H-Portal portal)
- IRS awareness of a dangerous goods accident in 15 seconds, including data about cargo
- Cross-border awareness of the transport of dangerous goods in the EU

The whole draft will be referred to the European Commission. It will use it in the preparation of European Union legislative acts, and it can be assumed that some automakers or road hauliers and shippers will begin to implement the system earlier, as was the case with the private eCall for passenger cars. With this system, we can not only save lives but also inform the rescue teams faster about the serious risks that can be identified by this solution and to take timely adequate measures to eliminate them.

A live commented simulated traffic accident of two trucks was also a part of the conference. A TATRA Phoenix President and three-chamber tank trailers SCANIA from LC Slovaktrans were involved in the accident with the use of eCall for HGV and Driver's Tablet for HGV. The program of the conference also included a visit to TATRA TRUCK a.s.



The conference was attended by a total of 160 participants from the Czech Republic and abroad. A total of 16 contributions were presented at the conference. Among the participants there were also several journalists from both national and regional media representatives. Press monitoring can be found on the conference website.

Materials from the conference such as presentations and photos are available here at the Download section: <http://www.vitkovice.cz/roadshow>. We will gradually update this section as soon as we get permission from the authors to post the papers.

On behalf of the organisation team and the management of VÍTKOVICE IT SOLUTIONS a.s., I would like to thank you once more for your participation. We are looking forward to our next meeting.

We believe that the conference has fulfilled your expectations and the memories will stay alive for a long time.

We hope you enjoyed it in Ostrava.

Best Regards



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