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**Subject: Verona competition 2006 – "Safe & autonomous children mobility"
Assessment by Commission services**

This note summarises the results of the assessment of the applications submitted to the *Road Safety Charter Team* in the context of the Verona competition on safe and autonomous children mobility.

1. BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

DG TREN E3 assisted in this competition, initiated by the Italian, UK and Finnish Ministries, by setting up an application form, providing an email-box for the applications and conducting a technical assessment of the submitted applications.

The application form was drafted in cooperation with the Italian and Finnish ministry and then published on the Commission's Charter website. The mailbox for applications was open to the public until 2 October 2006, after a request by the Italian Ministry to prolong the original deadline, which expired on 15 September 2006.

39 applications were received via the website from entities in 10 Member States:

IT	13
FI	8
AT	6
FR	6
CY	1
DE	1
ES	1

HU	1
IE	1
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The technical assessment was performed by the Road Safety unit of DG TREN in line with the selection criteria and the 5 award criteria outlined in the application form. It is understood that this evaluation will assist the competition organisers in making the final choices for the winners.

The results of the evaluation are also the contribution of the Commission to the evaluation of the final evaluation committee. According to the competition guidelines, the evaluation committee shall consist "of a representative of the Finnish Presidency, plus one each from the past United Kingdom Presidency, the Italian Government and the European Commission".

2. RESULTS OF THE COMMISSION'S ASSESSMENT

1 application did not fulfil the selection criteria (*Suomenselkä education municipality group / Ähtäri vocational institute*: target group between 16 and 20 years old)

2 applications should be excluded since they are clearly out of scope of the competition (*Traffic Education of Jämsä*, since they are proposing an internet site on best practices, and *Parco Scuola del Traffico*, since they do training on a sheltered area)

Out of the 39 applications, 18 have reached less than 50% in the evaluation. These projects should not be considered in the final evaluation.

11 applications have reached more than 60% and should be considered in the final evaluation.

7 applications have between 50% and 60% and could be considered on a reserve list.

Among the 11 applications above 60% there are 8 from Italy and 1 from Austria, Germany and the Netherlands each.

Among the 7 applications on the reserve list there are 3 from Finland, 2 from Italy and 1 from France and Ireland each.

Among the 11 applications above 60% there are two projects at regional level which indirectly foster safe children mobility by setting up schemes that stimulate municipalities and/or schools to implement concrete measures (*Province of Nord-Brabant (NL)* and *Steiermark (AT)*). One project (*Reggio Emilia Township*) is a very specific and concrete action initiated by the parents of one specific school. The other 8 applications are comprehensive municipal programmes that include areas from training, awareness-raising to infrastructural measures and involve a certain number of different stakeholders.

All applications show real commitment of the participants. Most of them contain very good ideas and high involvement of citizens at local level.

All in all, the picture which can be drawn from this competition is very encouraging for safe and autonomous children mobility in the EU.

The full transcript of the technical assessment by the Commission's services, with more detailed comments, is attached to this note.

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Attachment: 1 Excel table; assessment of all 39 proposals.