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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**Subject: Petition No 2437/2013 by Patrick Huslig (German) on a possible legislative initiative by the EU of the creation of access lanes for emergency vehicles and teams responding to road accidents**

### 1. Summary of petition

The petitioner stresses the importance of creating special access lanes to enable quicker and easier passage through congested traffic for emergency teams and vehicles responding to road accidents. Such a measure would help to reduce the number of car crash fatalities and ensure the swifter evacuation of surrounding roads. He believes that a legislative initiative should be taken on behalf of the EU in order to implement this measure at a pan-European level.

### 2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 26 September 2014. Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

### 3. Commission reply, received on 30 January 2015

Improving road safety in order to reduce fatalities, injuries and material damage, is a prime objective of the EU transport policy, as well as an important societal issue. However, there is no EU legislation concerning road signs, road marking and related sanctions, and any decision to lay down rules for emergency lanes lies within the competence of the Member States concerned.

The Commission would add that road signs and marking are however subject to international rules, as set out in the Convention on Road Traffic signed in Vienna on 8 November 1968.

## Conclusion

There is no relevant EU legislation in place, and the petitioner should address the authorities in Germany which have the competence to take action (as a contracting party) in the context of the Convention on Road Traffic.