

ref: EU vision for the future of the traffic. Bryssel KOM (2009) 279/3

ITS, GPS, Automatic control – technology because of technology?

- 1.1) **Privacy of the people and the ITS.** If such system, which controls every people moving anywhere anytime comes, that is really wanted? Why not using very effectively it from the beginning: people can inform where they live and where they are working. Any other traffic than that could be taxed with much higher kilometer-taxes. Why not using such system? Also controlling the driving by satellite seems very tempting: people are following literally every possible traffic sign and any errors can be punished by extra fees. If this sounds very exciting, why not using it also more widely? Homes; cameras also to restaurants so every other area of life could be safer and “more comfortable”, if somebody would give advices what to drink, what to eat and when to sleep!
- 1.2) **The “outer thread”.** If any foreign community, terrorists, suspicious countries or whatever counted can have the information of the whole EU traffic, the use for that information is catastrophic. See no.12 at KOM (2009) 279/3.
- 1.3) **The safer traffic:** if the main target is to get the ITS and GPS traffic speed limits to be controlled, how to deal with the drunken drivers, aged drivers or for example the people, who have stolen their vehicles? The only way to get the traffic absolutely safe is to deny it. It should be kept in mind, that the traffic accidents – such where the ITS is focused – are the minimal of the risks people have today! Tobacco, alcohol, drugs. How are those to be controlled in the near future by technology?

2.0 The real life solution – cheap and effective ideas:

- 2.1) **The price of the fuel:** why not using the standard method of controlling the traffic: controlling the traffic by the cost of fuel? The people driving uneconomical vehicles pay by the fuel heavier as well as the people driving more kilometers. People living countryside can live in countryside, but they only pay of it by the cost of fuel. What is the problem with this solution?
- 2.2) **The maintenance of the roads.** Especially in Finland the condition of the roads are one critical matter if thinking the economical and safe driving.
- 2.3) **Public Transportation:** The public transportation should be made competitive not by restricting the other areas to start using by that way the public transportation. The combination (including the pricing) of taxis, busses and trains should help people to enjoy a bit of their public transportation – at reasonable price. Today you cannot have such alternative at least in reasonable cost. Travelling with children – family day tickets etc. Today these does not exist at all.
- 2.4) **Few existing main problems of the traffic should be the first target:**
 - 2.3.1. The people drinking and driving. People are drinking more and more as well as drugs are used widely. There are not a speed limit or the safe vehicle or safe road enough if people are driving at any drugs! It is an illusion, that the road safety improves just by controlling the speed of the vehicles!
 - 2.3.2. The older people in the traffic. It is not even admitted officially, that the people wanting to ensure the comfortable living by having a car until the age very dangerous to driving are one very serious risk in the traffic – especially at observing the traffic very limited. The speech of the selfish attitudes could be taken place also by thinking why people – as well as their children let it happen – just keep on driving to age of 80-90.