**Press release**

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**Núria de Gispert, president of the Parliament of Catalonia, inaugurates the VI International Conference on European Traffic Policies**

**The symposium, which will last until Friday 16 May, is focused on strategic plans for road safety**

**Núria de Gispert**, President of the Parliament of Catalonia, has inaugurated the VI International Conference on European Traffic Policy. The symposium, organized by the Catalan Traffic Service (SCT) at the World Trade Center in Barcelona, gathered experts from several European countries and focused this year on strategic plans for road safety. During her speech, **de Gispert** underlined that the 2014-2020 Strategic Plan for Road Safety, promoted by the SCT and that was approved last January by the Government and sent to Parliament, will be presented at the Congress as "**a document aiming to become a small part of a roadmap on European traffic policy that must necessarily become more unified**".

The president of the Parliament also mentioned that the Conference was taking place "**at a good time in terms of a reduction in accidents on Catalonian roads**" and at a time in which the government of Catalonia has taken on new challenges "**in the short and medium term, in relation to the mandates laid down by the European Union, for reducing the number of traffic fatalities by 50% by 2020 compared to fatalities in 2010**".

In her speech, she also explained that during the course of the sixth Conference, the main issues on road safety will be considered and discussed, such as work-related road safety, education and training for safe mobility of vulnerable groups, health and road safety, research and technology applied to road safety and strategic planning of road safety.

De Gispert also underlined that in terms of road safety there is "**cross-party sensitivity**" between all parties in the Parliament of Catalonia that is reflected by the promotion of a Study Committee on Road Safety. Moreover, she also pointed out "**the shared responsibility between public institutions, private organizations and civil society in general**".