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WORK-RELATED ROAD SAFETY

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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS ON MOBILITY:

- The current model, in which everybody owns their own vehicle, leads us to a system that is hardly sustainable environmentally, socially or economically.
- The lack of infrastructures and suitable transportation generates inequalities and limits accessibility to jobs
- The distance between workplace and home makes workers have increasingly longer and more expensive commutes.
- In most industrial parks, public transportation is inexistent or symbolic.
- It is necessary to ensure the mobility of workers with safe and sustainable public transport



THE PROBLEM WITH MOBILITY

➤ Major environmental implications:

- ❖ Air pollution
- ❖ Climate change
- ❖ Land use

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THE PROBLEM WITH MOBILITY

➤ **Social implications:**

- ❖ **High economic cost**
- ❖ **Waste of time and stress**
- ❖ **Social inequality in accessibility to jobs**
- ❖ **Increased external costs due to mobility (health, environment, infrastructures, energy...etc).**
- ❖ **Accidents: first cause of unnatural death**

THREE MAJOR DETAILS



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- **40% of road accidents are “commuting” to or from work, or “in mission”.**
- **One in 3 fatal work-related accidents are “commuting”.**
- **60% of these are a direct result of a traffic accident. The data is very doubtful because nobody wants to acknowledge these work-related accidents as “road work-related accidents ”.**

COMMUTING ACCIDENTS IN CATALONIA



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ACCIDENTS IN-ITINERE A CATALUNYA				
	LLEUS	GREUS	MORTALS	TOTALS
Any 2010	16201	297	36	16534
Any 2011	14216	259	35	14610
Any 2012	13341	250	22	13613
Any 2013	13726	238	30	13994
% variació 2010-2013	-15'27%	-19'86%	-16'66%	-15'36%
% variació 2011-2013	-3'44%	-8'10%	-14'28%	-4'21%
% variació 2012-2013	2'88%	-4'8%	36'36%	2'80%

ACCIDENTS IN-INTINERE				
	LLEUS	GREUS	MORTALS	TOTALS
% variació 2011-2014	-4'32%	-22'05%	-18'18%	-4'66%
% variació 2012-2014	2'2%	-15'87%	125%	2'09%
% variació 2013-2014	10'1%	-8'62%	50%	9'87%

CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS



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- **DISTANCE TO INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND WORKPLACE**
- **INSUFFICIENT REDUCTION OF CONFLICTIVE POINTS ON THE ROAD NETWORK**
- **INSUFFICIENT NETWORK OF PUBLIC OR GROUP TRANSPORT**

THAT CAUSE:

- **AN INCREASE IN FATALITIES**
- **SOCIAL INEQUALITY IN ACCESSIBILITY TO JOBS**
- **HIGH AND TRAUMATIC ECONOMIC COST**
- **ECONOMIC, CORPORATE AND SOCIAL LOSSES**

PREVENTION MEASURES



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- **ENSURE MOBILITY** FOR WORKERS IN AN ACCESSIBLE, SUSTAINABLE AND SAFE WAY.
- **PROMOTE PUBLIC TRANSPORT** IN INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND OTHER FORGOTTEN AREAS.
- **PUBLIC AWARENESS** ON THE UNJUSTIFIED USE OF CARS AND ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORT SUCH AS THE METRO, RAILWAY, BUS, BICYCLE OR EVEN WALKING IF DISTANCE IS SHORT.

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Benefits of sustainable mobility

- **Environmental and social benefits:** reducing emission gases and polluting particles, improving traffic flow, congestion, noise...
- **Benefits for companies:** improved timeliness, improved absenteeism...
- **Benefits for workers:** improved quality of life generally and economic benefits.
- **Reduction of accidents**

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PROPOSALS FROM THE UGT DE CATALUNYA FOR IMPROVING MOBILITY

- ❖ Reducing work-related mobility
- ❖ Reducing the need to commute combining work and non-work related mobility
- ❖ Promoting public and collective transport
- ❖ Reordering work shift schedules
- ❖ Car-pooling
- ❖ Encouraging company transportation

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PROPOSALS FROM THE UGT DE CATALUNYA TO INCREASE ROAD SAFETY

- Further the research on the reality of road accidents in the workplace
- Inform companies on the desirability of risk prevention plans for commuting and increase their awareness
- Include workers in formation courses on road safety suitable to their jobs
- Advise companies on developing the plans and provide guidance and support material
- Encourage companies to develop and execute plans through economic or fiscal incentives

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CONCLUSIONS

- Mobility should not be a risk for workers
- The modal shift should not be imposed, but rather a change of mentality and consciousness
- Mobility is a value for social and economic competitiveness
- Road accidents can only be reduced by promoting safe and sustainable mobility

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