



European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR)

dedicated to supporting road crash victims.

FEVR's mission

FEVR is an umbrella organization of 23 organizations, which represent the interests of bereaved and injured road crash victims, advocate for their rights and for a more fitting and serious response by governments and the general public to road death and injury.

The organizations comprising FEVR are promoting such an improved attitude, which together with a more appropriate legal response, would serve as a deterrent and would contribute to the reduction of deaths and injuries in road crashes. Furthermore, the FEVR organizations are seeking to bring about an improvement in the post-crash response, including better treatment of the bereaved and injured, better medical care and justice, which would alleviate the severity of the impact on the lives of road crash victims and improve their ability to cope more successfully in the aftermath of a road crash.

Common to members of the organizations under FEVR's umbrella is the fervent desire of those bereaved and injured to see that lessons are learnt from their tragedies, so that they are not repeated.

FEVR's main aims are:

- to offer support and help to road crash victims by providing free emotional, practical and legal assistance;
- to contribute to road safety by highlighting road danger and the causes of crashes in order to influence institutions and authorities to enforce road safety measures more effectively.

FEVR's activities

Policy:

- provision of free legal advice for road crash victims, for the various European countries, via FEVR and member organizations' web sites;
 - collaboration with the United Nation, WHO, European Commission and Parliament and ETSC among others through working parties, seminars and exchange of best practices;
 - highlighting road danger issues from the victims' perspective, and the need to consider and include the post-crash stage, both short and long-term, in prevention plans.
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- participation in and promotion of World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims on the third Sunday of November: this day has been observed by FEVR member organizations since 1993 and is now widely observed offering recognition of the suffering of road crash victims worldwide.

Prevention:

- regular participation in United Nations Economic Commission for Europe road safety working parties, European Transport Safety Council (main council member of ETSC) and other seminars, representing the victims' perspective and experiences.

Meetings and conferences:

- annual FEVR assemblies, hosted by member organizations in turn, to share experiences, ideas and plans, combined with inter professional and press conferences;
- attendance at the United Nations General Assembly and Stakeholder Forum

Research:

- continuous monitoring of the situation of road crash victims, through case studies, by FEVR's member organizations, and disseminating the information gathered to inform the public and all relevant agencies of the plight and needs of road victims, the causes of crashes and the responses;
- sharing of findings with relevant professionals

REGIONAL AND COUNTRY-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

- mutual and continuing assistance in the country where the crash has occurred to nationals from other FEVR member countries, in accordance with the Mutual Assistance Agreement signed by FEVR organizations in October 1996;
- actions on behalf of vulnerable road users and in favour of road danger reduction in cities;
- actions in FEVR member countries on various aspects of aggressive driving behaviour, such as speeding, tailgating and red light violation.

FEVR's greatest strengths in the area of supporting road crash victims and working for road danger reduction

- advocacy for road crash victims and championing of their rights;
- research into and documentation of the experiences of road crash victims;
- support based on expertise, empathy and understanding;
- policy development;
- prevention programmes

Areas for potential collaboration with other United Nations agencies and global road safety partners

- supporting and helping develop local road victim advocacy organizations in other countries – establishing help lines and producing vital information material written from the victims' perspective in each country
- promoting World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims as an officially recognized day that will be observed in each country of the world to raise awareness of the carnage on the world's roads;
- conducting research into the response to road death and injury, the deterrent effect of responses, including investigation after a crash and legal response, and the needs of and impact on road crash victims;
- promoting prevention based on the principles of road danger reduction and safe system approach

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