



Flemish Foundation for Traffic Knowledge



Driving Licence at School
within a vertical learning line





FFT

= Flemish Foundation for Traffic Knowledge

- Mechelen
- Umbrella-organisation
- Founded by the Flemish parliament (1990)
- Public organisation
- Mission:
 - Knowledgetransfer: road safety, mobility management, public transport, ...
 - Education: publications, counselling, ...
 - Advisory function





Belgium on the map





Situating Flanders





National symbols





Vertical learning line



- = lifetime learning process how to behave in traffic from 0 till 100.
- = permanent education, different projects for different agegroups:
 - Traffic certificates
 - Mobibus
 - Driving licence at school
 - Start to Drive
 - On the Road
 - Mobiplus
- = all pieces of a jigsaw





Traffic Certificates



- 7 certificates: kindergarten + primary school
 - 4 pedestrian certificates
 - 3 bicycle certificates
- Goal:
 - Organize practical traffic education
 - Reward pupils for training efforts
 - Prepare pupils to participate in traffic safely
- 2009: 50.000!





Mobibus

- Aim: sensitize pupils about sustainable mobility and public transport in particular
- Target group: secondary schools, 14-16y
- Bus completely rebuilt into a mobile mobility-exposition with interactive components
- The bus can be reserved by local authorities or police departments



Driving licence at school

- Initiative of Flemish secretary for Mobility
- Partners:
 - FFT
 - driving instructors
 - examination centers
 - secondary schools





Origin

- Survey in all Flemish secondary schools
 - Result: little attention to traffic education in secondary schools
 - Final goals for secondary school: youngsters need to be prepared for theory test
 - Car accidents main death cause among youngsters between 15 & 24 years old
- Need for an attractive offer!





Goal

- Target group:
 - All pupils in last year of secondary school (17-18 years old)
- Goals:
 - prepare them professionally for the theory test
 - teach them about sustainable mobility





Contents

- 8 classes by professional driving instructors
- Educational material for pupils (funded handbook)
- Funded theoretical exam in school (centre comes to school with server & laptops)
- Attention for sustainable mobility & environment
- Concrete help for secondary schools to reach the final attainment level in traffic education





Advantages



- Youngsters get the same PROFESSIONAL driving education
- Not only about cars, also sustainable mobility
- Autonomy of schools
- Candidates don't need to go to examination centre (less stress)
- Youngsters in need of driving license, get helped
Schools get helped to realise final goals
- Driving instructors can teach homogeneous groups
- Partnership between driving training and education
- Driving training + examination are seen from a pedagogical point of view



How?

- Each school has a personal file on the website, with personal login code
- Schools contact driving school to arrange classes (in or outside curriculum)
- Schools contact exam centre to set exam date
- School fills in file on website (dates, scores, evaluation form...)
- FFT pays school when file is completed & website gives green light






Pilot Project



- School year 07–08 = 25 pilot schools
- Average pass rate: 58%
- Comparison to examination centre: 48%
- Results:
 - 95% of pupils think it a success
 - 86% of pupils think the classes are interesting
 - 82% of pupils and 81% of teachers want more attention to traffic education in secondary school
 - 98% of teachers would advice 'DLS' to others



Schoolyear 2008-2009

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- 760 schools take part (95% of all Flemish secondary schools!)
 - 43.000 pupils
 - Results:
61% of pupils passed their exam
 - Again very positive evaluations
 - 96% of pupils is in favor of theoretical driving lessons at school,
 - 98% prefers the theory test at school instead of the examination centre.



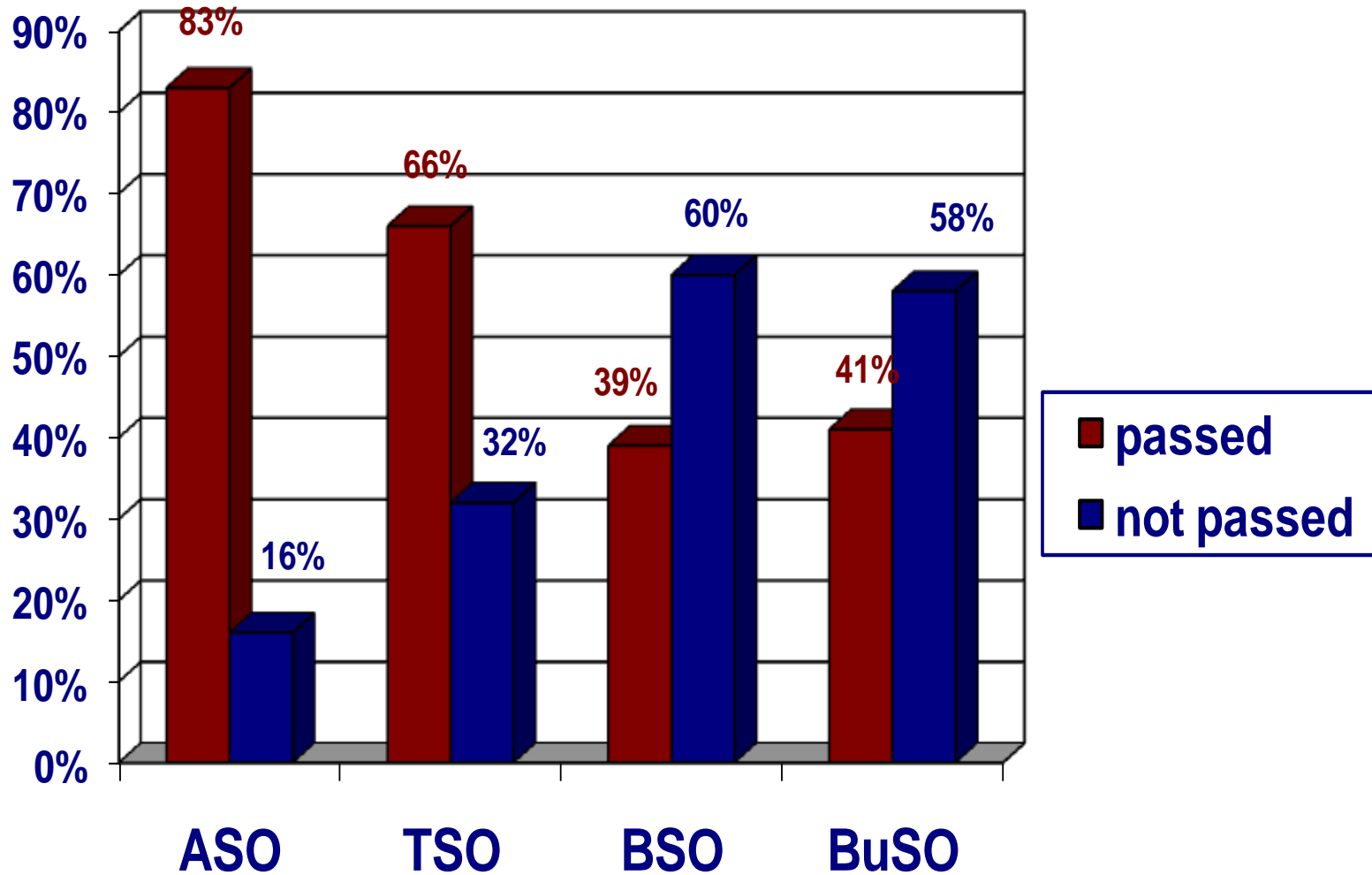
Results 2008-2009



- Major difference between study subjects:
 - very good results for general study disciplines (ASO, 83%) and technical secondary education (TSO, 66%)
 - much worse results for vocational secondary education (BSO, 39%) or special secondary education (BuSO, 41%).



Results 2008-2009





Positive side effects



- Unique data material: links between rates, gender, age, study discipline,....:
- New handbook with simplified language for BSO- & BuSO-pupils + adapting language in theory test (theory test is not a language test!)
- Educational action plan for secondary schools + European round table (as a result of the little attention to traffic safety in secondary schools)



On the Road



- 18-24 years old (large risk group)
- Participants must have driving licence
- Half a day
- Small groups (12 participants)
- Mix theory and practice
- On a voluntary basis
- € 20
- Certificate
- Benefit in car insurance



On the Road



- Goal:
 - Make them think about mobility problems
 - Make them aware about agelinked risks
 - Teach them safer driving skills
 - Reduce the number of accidents

ZIN IN EEN Slippertje?

Je bent **JONG** en je wilt:

- veilig met je wagen rijden?
- weten hoe je een noodstop maakt?
- een voordeel krijgen op je autoverzekering?
- een leuke dag met vrienden?

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Practical Driving Test: common situation



– **Temporary driving licence 18 months**


- Driving school: 20h training - € 1145
- Practical training: without supervisor
- Minimum age: 18 year
- Duration: minimum 3, maximum 18 months
- No extension possible

– **Temporary driving licence 36 months**

- Driving school: basic training possible – 6h - € 361
- Practical training: with supervisor
- Minimum age: 17 year
- Duration: minimum 3, maximum 36 months
- Extension possible after second theory test




New project: Start to Drive

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- When passed Driving Licence at School
 - Student + supervisor together
 - Infomoment
 - Logbook
 - 2 hours practical training in driving school
 - Trial exam + feedback
 - Training with supervisor
 - Driving exam





Education above licence!

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- Technical skills less important than attitude
 - Education in right attitude in traffic has to start as early as possible (kindergarten!)
 - From training to coaching
 - Driving education in different steps with several evaluations
 - Permanent training of driving instructors & examiners



Mobiplus

- Target group: 55+
- Goal: refresher course about traffic regulation and mobility abilities
- Partners:
 - FFT
 - Driving schools
 - Municipalities
 - Elderly organisations





Mobiplus



- Small groups (20-30 participants)
- Organised in local driving school
- Four 2-hour-classes
- Inexpensive (€ 25, handbook included)
- Certificate
- On a voluntary basis





More information



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