



PRESS RELEASE

CTL, Italian excellence, SaferAfrica project coordinator awarded with the Prince Michael International Road Safety Award

The prestigious international award is given every year in London by His Royal Highness Michael, Prince of Kent to those who have improved road safety through scientific research

On Tuesday, December 10, 2019, Prof. Luca Persia, Director of the Research Centre for Transport and Logistics (CTL), Sapienza University of Rome, as coordinator of [SaferAfrica project](#), will receive by H.R.H. Michael Principe di Kent, Queen Elizabeth's first cousin, the [Prince Michael International Road Safety Award](#) for the innovations introduced by the European Commission H2020 funded program.

In Africa, road fatality rate is 26.6 per 100.000 population compared to 9.3 of European countries. Europe could play an important role in supporting African countries in improving their road safety and traffic management conditions to achieve better performance. The Consortium composed of 17 European and African partners, coordinated by the Research Centre for Transport and Logistics, Sapienza University of Rome, set up a Dialogue Platform, led by Management Board with 11 prominent international institutions - AU, EU, WB, AfDB, UNECA, WHO, IRF, IRU, ITF, FIA, PIARC - in order to effectively influence the process towards the African road safety improvement. The Dialogue platform built up a living community of 192 stakeholders from 42 African countries consistently interacting to foster the planned actions of awareness and knowledge building for road safety governance.

SaferAfrica project main results

"I am truly honored to receive this prestigious award, in recognition of the great work made together with the Consortium to improve road safety in Africa" - Professor Persia, affirms.



Dialogue Platform is certainly one of the most important result with its own resources and functionalities designed to link policy makers, donors and professionals engaged in road safety to plan and design road safety actions. The dialogue involved four Dialogue Platform workshops, eight webinars, dedicated web consultations and country meetings in the five countries interested in road safety management capacity reviews.

In three years of the project (2016-2019), SaferAfrica team set up the [African Road Safety Observatory](#), a participative web portal where African stakeholders can find specialized information on road safety, such as country factsheets, capacity reviews reports, good practices, webinars. A complete road safety e-learning course developed by SaferAfrica on the five UN pillars is also freely available. Moreover, thanks to the implemented crowdsourcing functionalities, local stakeholders and citizens can here report a road safety problem/solution in an African country.

A transferability tool has been developed and presented to support the discussion by appraising the potential barriers to the implementation when a measure is proposed in a different context. Best practices were analyzed and shared through the SaferAfrica Good practices factsheets. New knowledge was developed and made available. New road safety data coming from stakeholders' surveys on road safety management, opinions and perceptions gathered through crowdsourcing and a survey on cultural values on road behaviors. Thanks to the analyses of gathered data and the already available information, new evidence on risk factors and policy needs have been produced at country, Trans-African corridors and regional levels. Concerning capacity building, a manual for Train-the-Trainer courses on road safety and a pilot course in Cameroon has been realized together with a Twinning project on road safety research between Italy and Cameroon. Five Cameroonian students from *École Nationale Supérieure des Travaux Publics (ENSTP)* attended courses at Engineering Faculty, Sapienza University of Rome for two weeks and are currently working on their degree theses with the support of Italian tutors, researchers, road safety experts of the Research Centre for Transport and Logistics.



Prince Michael International Road Safety Awards

Since 1987, each year, Prince Michael International Road Safety Awards recognizes achievement and innovation which will improve road safety worldwide. Award categories are based on the five pillars of the Global Plan for a Decade of Action. Among the past award winners IRF (2017), Bloomberg Philantropies (2012), Jaguar (2006), Fiat (2002), BMW (2001).

The Research Centre for Transport and Logistics (CTL) and the CTLup

CTL is a Center of Excellence recognized by MIUR, active since 2003, directed since 2014 by Prof. Luca Persia who has twenty years of experience in the study of transport systems.

Professor Persia mainly carries out his research activity in an international context (European Commission, OECD, World Bank). He is a member of the EU-Africa Task Force on Transport and Connectivity. He worked at more than 40 publications; 40 national research projects have seen him as coordinator and/or scientific manager and 31 international research projects have involved him as general coordinator and scientific and technical manager.

At the CTL, the research is conducted with an interdisciplinary approach in four different areas of expertise: road safety, sustainable mobility, logistics and freight transport, new technologies applied to the world of transport. The researchers, mostly engineers, are engaged in national and international projects on the analysis of transport systems, logistics and road safety with the aim of contributing to the wealth of knowledge in the sector and transfer the results of the research to institutions and companies in support of mobility choices and policies. CTLup, start-up of Sapienza University of Rome, was set up within the Centre to develop innovative solutions in the transport sector. The first development of its activity is represented by three software that collect data on traffic, roads, and fatalities at national and international level.

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