
Bulgaria, Poland, and Czechia home to Europe's most hazardous roads for truck drivers, SNAP finds

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Analysing data from the last 10 years, smart pay provider SNAP has established a hazard rating for Europe's roads for truckers.

The ranking was determined by comparing the average yearly fatal HGV collision rate to the country's total road network:

Ranking	Country	Hazard Rating
1	Bulgaria	369
2	Poland	185
3	Czechia	162
4	Romania	162
5	Lithuania	155
6	Germany	143
7	Luxembourg	137
8	Slovakia	121
9	Great Britain	118
10	Portugal	118

[The analysis](#) places Bulgaria in the number 1 spot, with more **fatal HGV collisions per year** than Poland and Czechia combined.

40% of all fatal HGV collisions within the EU occurred in rural areas, suggesting road safety infrastructure developments need to extend past motorways.

Commenting on the figures, Mark Garner, Managing Director at SNAP, said: "We have created the new hazard rating so we can warn drivers of the most treacherous roads to be driving on in Europe. But the harsh reality is that there are no safe zones. All roads across the continent carry inherent risks, and drivers need to be continually resilient to changing driving conditions and in-country laws and regulations. We recommend that drivers familiarise themselves with road laws and their planned route in advance of setting off."

Garner added: “Most HGV drivers, especially those navigating across central and eastern Europe, will be used to driving for exceptionally long distances, on roads they are less familiar with. They may be unaware of the best places that they are able to park up and take a well-earned break from driving. This is why SNAP has developed the Intruck app, which features over 5,000 truck stops, designed to navigate drivers to dedicated places for rest and relaxation so they can keep their focus on the road ahead.”

The countries with the least dangerous roads for truckers include **Denmark, Austria and Sweden**. Aligning with SNAP’s findings, Sweden significantly advocates for road safety, implementing ‘Vision Zero’ in 1997.

The mission toward zero fatalities and serious injuries caused by road accidents has been backed by the UN, who have encouraged nations globally to commit to meeting the goal by 2050.

For this goal to be met, there needs to be an integral improvement to road safety across Europe. Despite a 17% EU-wide decline in fatal accidents through the pandemic, figures have already begun to increase, and are predicted to have risen by an additional 10% in 2022.

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