


## Report to the federal Parliament:

### Databases on driving licences and vehicles – quality and use by police forces for traffic enforcement

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The federal policy aims to sharply reduce the number of road casualties in Belgium by 2030. Therefore, information-driven policing is central in the Federal Plan for Road Safety 2021–2025 and the directives from the Federal Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs. Such goal requires quality data support as well. However, the Belgian Court of Audit found that the quality of data on driving licences and vehicles and their use by police forces for traffic enforcement are insufficient.

The central databases on driving licences and vehicles managed by the Federal Public Department of Mobility do not provide sufficient guarantees of quality. Among other things, the police have little access to accurate data on driving bans, technical inspections and compulsory third-party liability insurances. Finally, not all police forces make the same intensive use of the digital applications containing driving licence and vehicle data.

The Court of Audit recommended that the Federal Public Department of Mobility complete the crossroads banks and that the Directorate of Police Information and ICT Resources of the Belgian Federal Police make the missing data for efficient traffic enforcement (driving licence requirements, rehabilitation tests in case of a driving ban, etc.) accessible to the police forces as a matter of priority while sufficiently sensitizing and supporting them in using the applications to consult driving licence and vehicle data.

In his response, the Belgian Federal Minister of Justice stated that he would use the report to further optimise the contribution of the Federal Public Department of Justice to an efficient Mercurius database, pursue even better alignment of the police forces and also ensure effective use by the police forces.