



## A COMMENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The survey is conducted among 75 students, aged 12 to 18 years, selected randomly at a Sofia high school. One cannot conclude any major gender differences from the collected data.

The survey tries to capture the traffic environment and ways of transportation of students, possible risks for them and the society and factors contributing to this. The collected data, although not statistically viable, is nevertheless very alarming. 69 % of the participating students believe that our society is not able to deal with the problem – people do not respect the traffic rules, there are no markings, signs and bike lanes. 60 % haven't even tried to get to school by bicycle, because they believe that it is not safe and 57.5% don't feel safe on the road when travelling from home to school and back.

### How do students travel from and to school?

- 21.3% of the teenagers travel by car.
- 10.6% of the surveyed students walk to school on foot.
- 68% travel to school by public transport.
- Only 22.6% of the surveyed students have tried to get to school by bicycle, but they gave up, because it's not safe, there are no bicycle lanes and they are afraid that there are no safe places where they could leave their bikes without being stolen.

### What is the environment for travelling to and from school?

- 40.1% of the surveyed students get to school for more than 60 minutes.
- 34.6% get to school for about 30 minutes.
- 86.7% believe that the traffic is heavy, which directly corresponds with the percent of students travelling by car or public transport.
- 18.6% rarely fall in traffic jams on their way to school.
- 31.6% fall in traffic jams every day.
- 49.8% fall in traffic jams often, but not every day.
- 57.5% don't feel safe on their way from home to school and back.
- 69% of the surveyed students believe that the environment to and around the school should be improved.

### Factors that interfere with the safe travelling

- Lack of bike lanes
- Lack of pedestrian crossings
- Lack of markings and road signs
- The culture of the drivers and the other participants in traffic who do not respect the rules on the road
- Parking on the pavements