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Speed Limit now. A Coalition of organisations from Germany asks for a decision in favor of the Environment and Road Safety.



DUH, the German Environment Association, VCD, the ecological traffic club, Greenpeace, Changing Cities and FEVR member the German Road Victim Association VOD demand for 2019 a general speed limit on highways, a limit of 80 km/h on non urban roads and 30km/h in built up areas–

The German Federal Government must move towards–„Vision Zero“ and protect lives.

The societal support for a speed limit on German „Autobahn“ is greater than ever. A petition of the German protestant church reached over 66.000 signatures and will be debated next Monday 24 of June in the petition committee of the German Parliament. **Germany is the only industry country which has no speed limit on their highways.**

Wulf Hoffmann, board member VOD and FEVR delegate: *„the number of fatalities was again in 2018 about 2,7% higher in relation to the year 2017. It is terrifying that even by having no real arguments against a speed limit on highways there are every year 100 preventable deaths accepted, despite hearing so often from politicians that every death is one to many.“*

This broad coalition is also asking for a 30km/h speed limit in urban areas. This will reduce the number of victims, reduces noise, improves the air quality and the quality of live.



Ragnild Sørensen, spokesperson of Changing Cities: *„Also in towns a non-adapted speed is one of the main causes for crashes. The automobile-oriented city is no more adapted, and the civil society is asking for a new orientation of mobility where the people and not the individual motorized traffic are in the center.“*

Links (in German): <https://www.duh.de/tempolimit/> **Background papers:** <http://1.duh.de/p190621> www.vcd.org/themen/verkehrssicherheit/tempolimit-auf-autobahnen/