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## **About Katarzyna Dobrzańska-Junco – details concerning the questions & clarification**

Katarzyna Dobrzańska-Junco - specialist in road safety education, social communication and public relations. Creates and implements social communication programs for projects in Poland. University degree and two completed postgraduate studies. In addition, training qualifications and pedagogical preparation.

Founder and president of the Association of Initiatives Center for Road Traffic Safety Improvement, member of the Małopolska Provincial Road Safety Council and the Provincial Road Safety Council in Katowice. Member of the European Road Victims Federation (FEVR), board member of Przejście Association.

In December 2015, awarded by the Małopolska Voivodeship with the "Amicus Hominum" award for active, selfless activities to improve road safety, for creating nationwide educational campaigns aimed at young drivers, children and adolescents, for engaging in helping people injured in crashes, their families, for creating an excellent model of cooperation for an uncompromising fight to improve road safety.

In November 2016, she was awarded the title of "Person of the Year" by the Partnership for Road Safety with the participation of the National Road Safety Council. Awarded for active, selfless actions to improve road safety, for creating nationwide educational campaigns, for helping people injured in crashes, their families. The award jury appreciated Katarzyna's creation of a model of cooperation to improve road safety.

In 2017, she won another award for the association in "Crystals of Salt" , for various activities for education in the field of road safety, supporting people injured in crashes and their families, creating nationwide social campaigns and building model cross-sector partnerships.

In 2018, she received a commemorative statuette and was awarded by the Małopolska Ośrodek Ruchu Drogowego in Krakow in recognition of her contribution to road safety.

Katarzyna Dobrzańska-Junco represents the "Przejście" association, which helps victims of road crashes and their families through psychological support. For years, together with the "Przejście" association, she has been trying to create a Trauma Treatment Center in Zabawa for victims and families. In Zabawa near Tarnów, she has been organizing the official state celebration of the World Day of remembrance for many years.

Speaker at conferences and seminars, author of the book "The Circle of Crashes", author of many articles on road safety, co-author and host of the radio program Radiostrada Nocą (2017) on social issues, with particular emphasis on road safety. She is the originator, co-organizer and producer of the following programs: PrzyWracam, Jadę z Wyobraznia, Road Show, State celebration of the World Day of Remembrance, Akademia Jasnej Sówki, Grow to Safety. She cooperates with the Małopolska Road Traffic Center in Krakow. She is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese, native Polish. Katarzyna is 40 years old, married, with three children.



**1. Do you organise an event for WDR in your Country to which families bereaved by road crashes & seriously injured victims are invited?**

Yes, on behalf of Przejście association I am responsible for organizing WDR in Poland. Since 6 years, our event has been appointed as the main one, official nationwide in Poland. We are based in Zabawa, near Cracow and have managed to build the only monument in Poland dedicated to road victims. We provide also psychological help to victims and bereaved families. [www.przejscie.com](http://www.przejscie.com). We do not invite families and victims to “our celebrations”. The celebrations are created by victims and families for victims and families. The Families from all over Poland come to Zabawa during all the year to meet, to share, to be together and we as organization support each other. The same with the WDR celebrations – politicians, representatives of different organizations join us, families in our celebrations, not the contrary.

In 2020 the official main celebrations of FEVR WDR took place in Zabawa. Poland:

Celebrations on-line:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2y-4Y6LNmSQ&t=8866s>

World and European politicians on our celebrations: from minute 2:30

**2. Do you attend an annual WDR event in your own Country?**

Yes, attend and organize, as described in question 1. Please see the below celebrations:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wu-3\\_hNucpU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wu-3_hNucpU)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnqUZ\\_TbmdY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnqUZ_TbmdY)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcN6VaakGE4&t=43s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zedGvtzd9-E&t=2s>

**3. What supports have been put in place by your NGO for those affected by road crashes?**

We act mainly in two fields: preventions and education, and psychological help – workshops for victims and families.

**4. How do you feel FEVR NGO members, working together, can improve the needs of the traumatised victims of road crashes and their families?**

I think what we need to create and unify in 3 main fields:

1. Justice.
2. Psychological support.
3. Education both: as prevention of road crashes and education in frames of victims support.

**5. Describe the active role you play in your NGO?**

My role is to lead in educational and prevention field and post crash response, organize WDR official celebrations in Poland and organize psychological help for victims and families.

Join many initiatives and projects and collaborate with national and international institutions.



**6. Please list some of the most important and most successful initiatives and programmes carried out by your Centre for Road Safety Initiatives.**

World Day of Remembrance, Workshops for Families, Education of Young people: Road Show, Lucky Seven, Academy of Good Drivers, Auto Bezpieczni (tv program), Karta rowerowa ( manual for children within road safety), Przywracam (program with participation of perpetrators for road safety), Wheel of crashes (interviews with victims).

**7. Why were they important?**

From one point they commemorate those who are gone, but at the same time they help those, who survived and need help. All the programs prepared by us are based on true stories, experiences, sharing experience and sharing responsibilities.

**8. What made them successful?**

First – respect. Also a kind of sensibility to create a program that is based on experiences without “using” stories in an inappropriate way but with social responsible approach. What was successful was cooperation and system we managed to create between many entities involved. One of them will be shown soon in a report of World Bank - our organization and Council was selected as the good practice to follow as the only one from Poland and probably the only from Europe to be shown on international scene within best world road safety practices- thanks to cooperation and team work we managed to create in the region for road safety.

**9. With which government departments does your Centre have contact?**

We work directly with Malopolska Road Safety Council, National Road Safety Council, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Justice, Police Regional Headquarters, Motor Transport Institute.

**10. And with which Institutions do you have contact or collaboration?**

Apart from the above mentioned, we strictly collaborate with other ngos in Poland, also press, especially Radio Krakow leading together road safety dedicated programmes, city and regional government.

**11. Please describe briefly the situation in Poland regarding road crashes – which offences are the most frequent and what are the road death and injury statistics like?**

The statistics within road safety are definitely improving, but in Poland we are still unfortunately at the very end comparing with other European countries. Our main problems are: speeding, not adjusting the speed to weather conditions, a high number of mortal victims of young persons ( 18+) and a very high number of mortal victims of pedestrians on pedestrians crossings. This hopefully will change soon as June the 1st 2021 new regulations concerning pedestrians were introduced. Over more within las 3 years, together with local government our Council has illuminated almost 500 pedestrians crossings in Malopolska region ( record number in Poland). That is why, among others, Malopolska – our region – is in statistics the safest region and with the best road safety improvement in Poland, put as example by government to follow.

**12. Are investigations of road crashes carried out competently and to the satisfaction of victim families?**

No, unfortunately not. We have been acting mainly in frames of prevention and psychological help, but we shall also strengthen now the voice of justice as the justice system is not fair enough and in lot of cases the



families are left all alone after the crash, with no help or clear indications to follow – not speaking about clear presentations of rights and justice system.

**13. Do road victims in Poland experience a just legal response if the death or injury has been caused through law breaking?**

Yes, mainly it is a legal response within companies that provide compensations – and obviously have their own interest there. But there is no system that would support in a complex way the victims and the families.

**14. What do you most value about your organisation's membership of FEVR?**

I value the support we gave each other in World Day of Remembrance – organizing it together in 2020. I respect the history of FEVR and key values, therefore I also think we shall have the respect for the past, but also courage for the future to go forward fighting for road safety improvement and victims rights. I value different perspectives the members give that allows to have more global look and opinion on each issue.