

1st meeting of the Technical Committee on Road Safety

Location: Podgorica, Montenegro

October 2-3, 2019

Conclusions

1. The members of the Technical Committee on Road Safety (TCRS) welcome the establishment of the Technical Committee on Road Safety and acknowledge the Terms of Reference and its mandate.
2. TCRS approved the rules of procedure with the recommendation to amend the procedure election of the Chair on reverse alphabetical order. The elected Chair of TCRS, is Serbia.
3. TCRS welcomes the financial allocation to support Design Studies for Road Safety Improvements on 10 road sections aiming at removing in total 304.5 km of high-risk sections on the extended Ten-T Network to Western Balkans and suggested to assess the possibility to broaden the scope of activity to other sections of roads.
4. TCRS proposed to explore further the opportunities of support of TA mechanisms at national level in line with common regional actions.
5. TCRS to send in written information to Permanent Secretariat on their national approval procedures for design, licensing by October 15, 2019. Topographical maps, digital terrain models or any other information valid for the scope of work of CONNECTA at the latest by October 21, 2019.
6. TCRS members are fully committed to present to the relevant national authorities the TA in order to ensure smooth implementation of this TA and investment projects in order to effectively bring the benefits from the improvements and elimination of black spots.
7. TCRS welcomes the new EC initiative¹ on working in collecting Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and the new Programme in Road Safety for the new decade, 2021-2030, as well as the new goals set for reducing of 50% of fatalities and serious injuries. TCRS will contribute in gathering of the information for the relevant KPIs that are available in each one participant. TCR Secretariat shall compile all the information and will come up with a gap analysis as well as the proposal for assistance in this subject.
8. TCRS welcomes the presentations and contributions of IFIs and UNECE and highlight their important role in Western Balkan region in the subject of road safety.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/strategies/news/2019-06-19-vision-zero_en

9. Regional Participants (RPs) acknowledged the importance of improving safety at railroad level crossings point. The Permanent Secretariat will explore the possibility of setting TA programme on it. RPs support the idea to set dedicated working sessions between road and rail safety experts, as well as the possibility to support awareness campaigns on this specific topic.
 10. TCRS encourages the Permanent Secretariat to include other public institutions and relevant authorities in the work of the TCRS, including Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Health and other relevant institutions to discuss their role and the shared responsibility in achieving the goals set.
 11. TCRS welcomed the proposed set of Regional Actions Plan. The Permanent Secretariat will distribute the document to the members of TCRS by 4th of October. Comments to be submitted by October 11, 2019.
 12. TCRS members are asked to submit proposals on possible TAs on respective needs on Road Safety by October 15, 2019.
 13. TCRS members acknowledge the proposal of the Permanent Secretariat for setting up a Technical Committee on Roads related more specifically to maintenance, resilience, ITS and tolling. This proposal will be submitted at the next RSC meeting.
 14. Next TCRS Meeting is proposed to be held in Belgrade or Brussels in the second week of December 2019.
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