

ROAD SAFETY IN ALBANIA



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Road Safety in Albania

- Update of the Road Safety situation in Albania*
- Legislative framework*
- Projects in the Road Safety field*
- Initiatives and programmes foreseen for next decade 2021–2030 (if any ex: preparation of a new strategy etc.);*



Update of the Road Safety situation in Albania– Institutional Organisations

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and Interior Ministry share the main responsibility for road safety in Albania.

▶ ***MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY***

- Proposes the legislation
- Issue bylaws regulation
- Draft Strategies, Action Plans for Implementing the policies

▶ ***MINISTRY OF INTERIOR***

Directorate of Traffic Police within the Directorate of State Police (traffic enforcements and accident database)

▶ ***Albanian Road Authority (ARA)***

ARA is the main agency for the management of the National Road network. ARA is responsible for *construction, operating* and *maintaining* the national road network;

▶ ***Local Government***



Legislative framework – Policy, Legislation and Strategy

- ▶ Law No. 8378, dated 22 July 1998, “The Road Code of Albania” (as amended), complemented by secondary legislation;
- ▶ National Road Safety Strategy (2011–2020)
 - Regional Road Safety Strategy
 - Reducing the fatalities 30 – 50%



Road Safety in Albania – State of Play

- ▶ Number of fatalities in 2018 (213) and continues to decrease compared to the year 2017 (222).
- ▶ The intervention reflects a long-term approach and commitment towards upgrading the national legal and regulatory framework as an important priority in the field of Road Safety.

Projects in the Road Safety field (1)

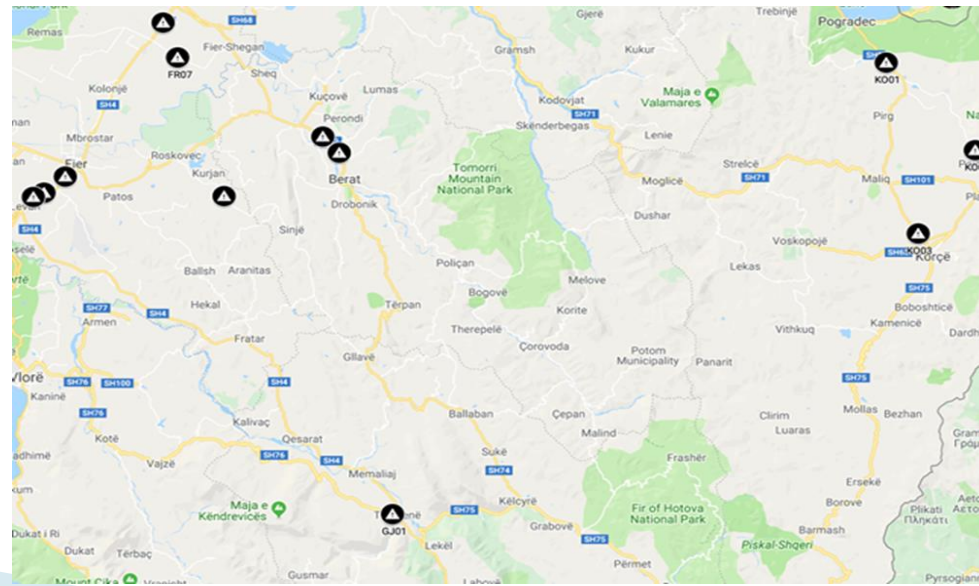
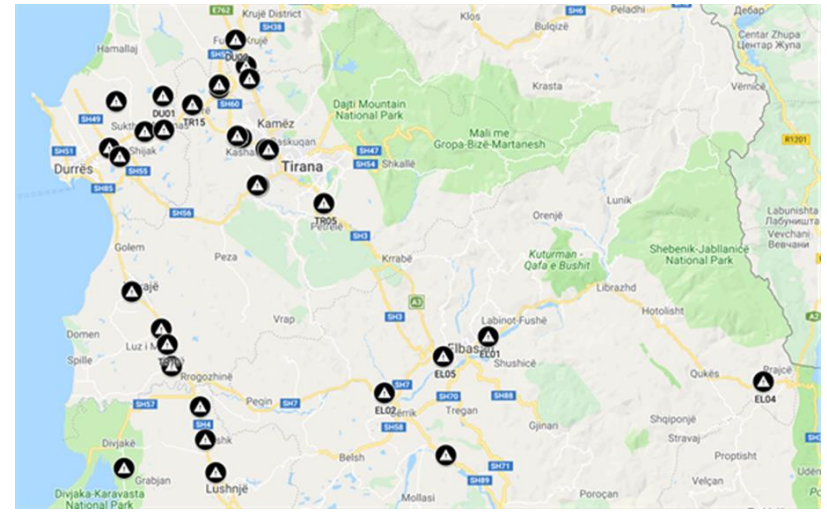
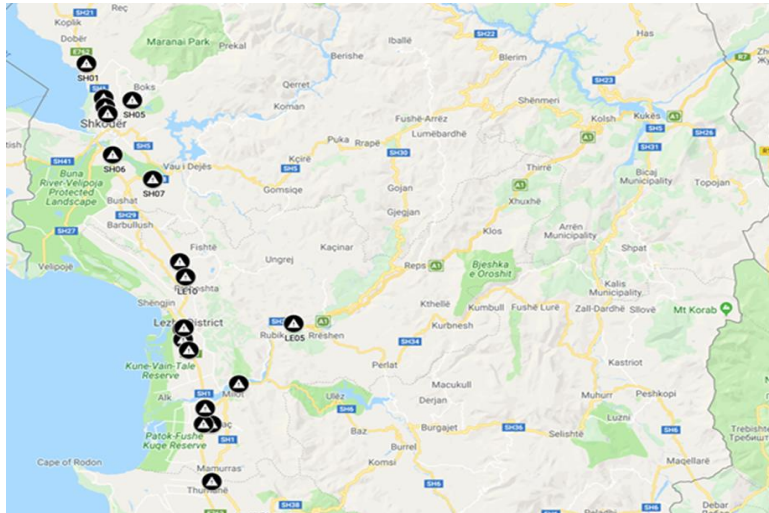
The IPA 2013 Project – “TA on the improvement of standards of road safety”, a technical assistance project on vehicles inspections and identification of black spots in Albania was finalised.

The project has given recommendations for the approximation of the legislation of the directives related to the technical inspection of road vehicles and the roadside checks of professional vehicles based on the gap analysis between two legislations.

- ▶ A mobile container for roadside checks procured;
- ▶ A new Methodology for the Black Spots drafted.

As a follow up:

- ▶ The MIE is preparing the relevant legal acts for full compliance with directives, and Establishment of a Task Force





Projects in the Road Safety field (2)

- ▶ **WB Projects on Result Based Roads Maintenance and Safety Project (RRMSP)**
- ▶ The MIE/ARA is being assisted by a World Bank consultancy aiming road safety focused on results.
- ▶ The aim of this assistance is focused in strengthening the institutional management capacity of road safety and improving the system of information on crash injuries in line with the recommendations of the ConnectTA, as it is foreseen in the Connectivity Reform Measures Plan.

Projects in the Road Safety field (3)

- ▶ *Maintenance plans*
- ▶ The World Bank Support Maintenance Program has entered its third year. During this period, in addition to routine maintenance, rehabilitation and emergency works have been performed according to contracts divided into 4 road areas in total of 1332 km;
- ▶ Total monetary value of the works 25 136 000 Euro.
- ▶ While from the ARA budget during 2018 have been executed routine and winter maintenance plus road rehabilitation (apprx. 2400 km), with a total value of 13 800 000 Euro.



Projects in the Road Safety field (4)

Improvement and update of the horizontal and vertical signalization and other road safety facilities installed in the axes of:

1. Northern region for 150 km;
2. Southern region for 160 km;
3. Central region for 100 km;
4. Placement of 10 pedestrian overpasses on the road axis **Thumane – Milot** and **Kukes – Morine**;
5. Audits by local auditors of the abovementioned project were carried out and two others are under tendering process;
6. Maintenance of all national roads network is being carried out under Output and Performance Based Road Maintenance, (OPBRM), and one of its criteria that need to fulfill the contractors is road signs, road markings and road safety elements.

Projects in the Road Safety field (5)

- ❑ In order improvement Road Safety measures, ARA in close cooperation with other institutions and the Police has taken action to clear national axes from advertising, billboards and illegal constructions in order to improve road safety. From this actions hundreds of these elements, were removed and many of illegal buildings were destroyed.
- ❑ Actually, ARA is in the process for improving of accesses in the fuel stations.





Road Safety and Connectivity Reform Measures

- 26 Road Safety Auditors / Inspectors are certified in August 2017
- Under the Connecta Technical Assistance project, there were inspected four road segments and audited one project. The results of these inspections and audits were delivered to the ARA.
- TA of the WB Project will also be responsible for the implementation of the Roadmap to improve the existing national system of Road Crash Data Collection (3 sub-components), as follows:
 - Support the evaluation and upgrading of the (national) road crash and data analysis system;
 - Train system users in diagnostic techniques and system applications;
 - Support the preparation of a (national) post-project system upgrade program.
- The report Finding **“A NEW SYSTEM ON ROAD DATA CRASH IS NEEDED TO BE DEVELOPED”**



Initiatives and programmes foreseen for the future

- Updating of the Albanian Transport Strategy (RS elements incl.);
- Further approximation of the existing and new EU Legislation in the field of Road Safety;
- Further investments in order to improve the black spots and other elements of Road Safety;
- Implementation of the actions foreseen in the Regional Road Safety Declaration and other elements of Connectivity Reform Measures.

Thank You!

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