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Ministry of Transport and Communications

Road Safety in Western Balkan Macedonian state of play



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INTRODUCTION

Road safety in Republic of North Macedonia is established as follows:

- **Government**, which coordinates activities for implementation of the National Strategy for Road Safety through a National Coordination Body for road safety.
- **Ministry of Transport and Communications**, the central and highest State body in the area of transport and road safety at national level, and which is also responsible for technical regulations and standards for design and construction of roads and signaling.
- **The Ministry of Interior**, which is in charge of establishing and maintaining a central registry of identified accidents. Traffic Police is responsible for law enforcement and traffic safety on the roads.





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Update of the Road Safety situation in the last two years

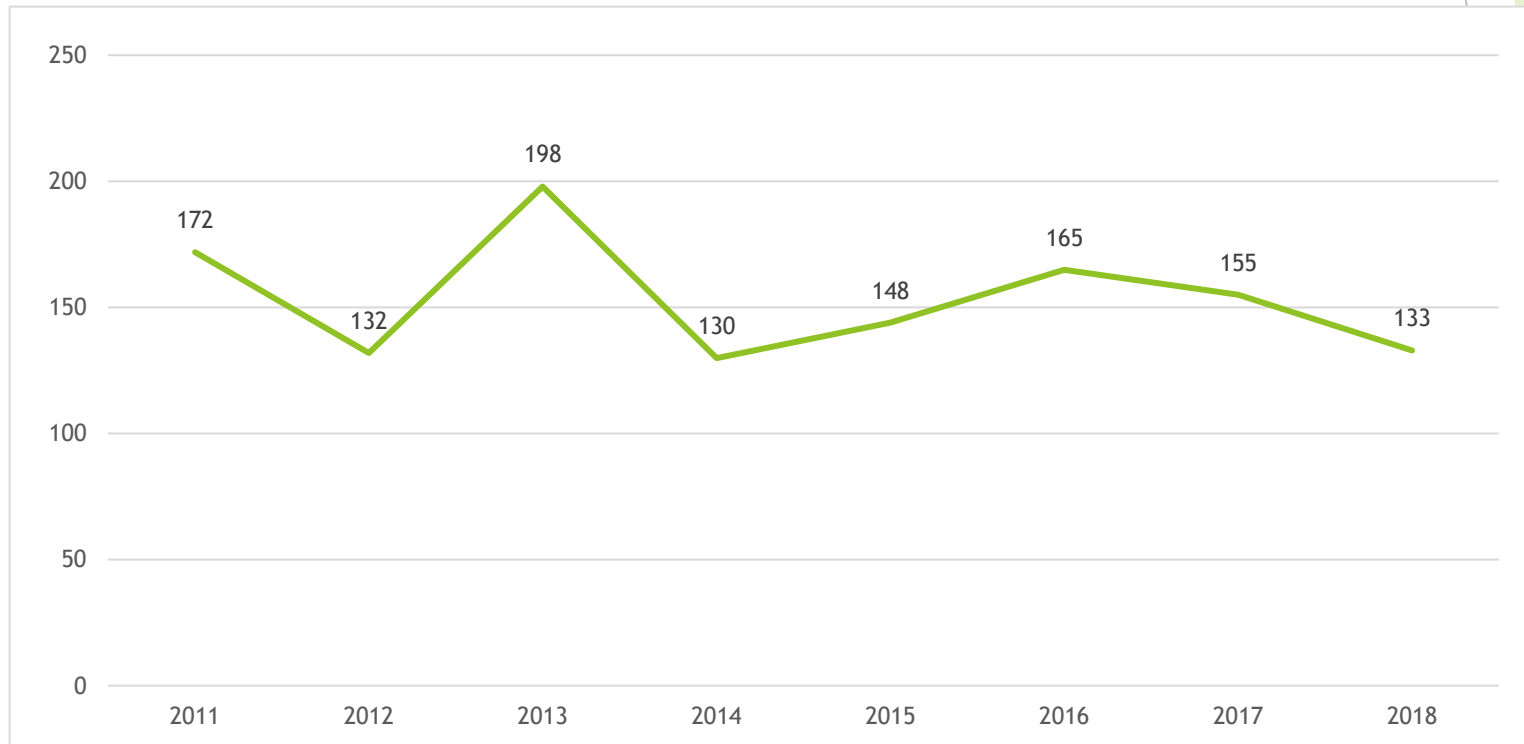
- **Road accidents statistics - NTS soft measures**
- **Road safety executive body - Working group - established, MoTC working on finalizing ToR with EUD for engaging EUIF TA**
- **Road safety - PESR (iRAP and Road Safety Assessment Program, Reconstruction and placement of traffic signs and road markings on certain interchanges along Corridor X, Procurement of RAMS Software, Road Measurements and Consultancy Services)**



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INDICATORS (road traffic casualties)



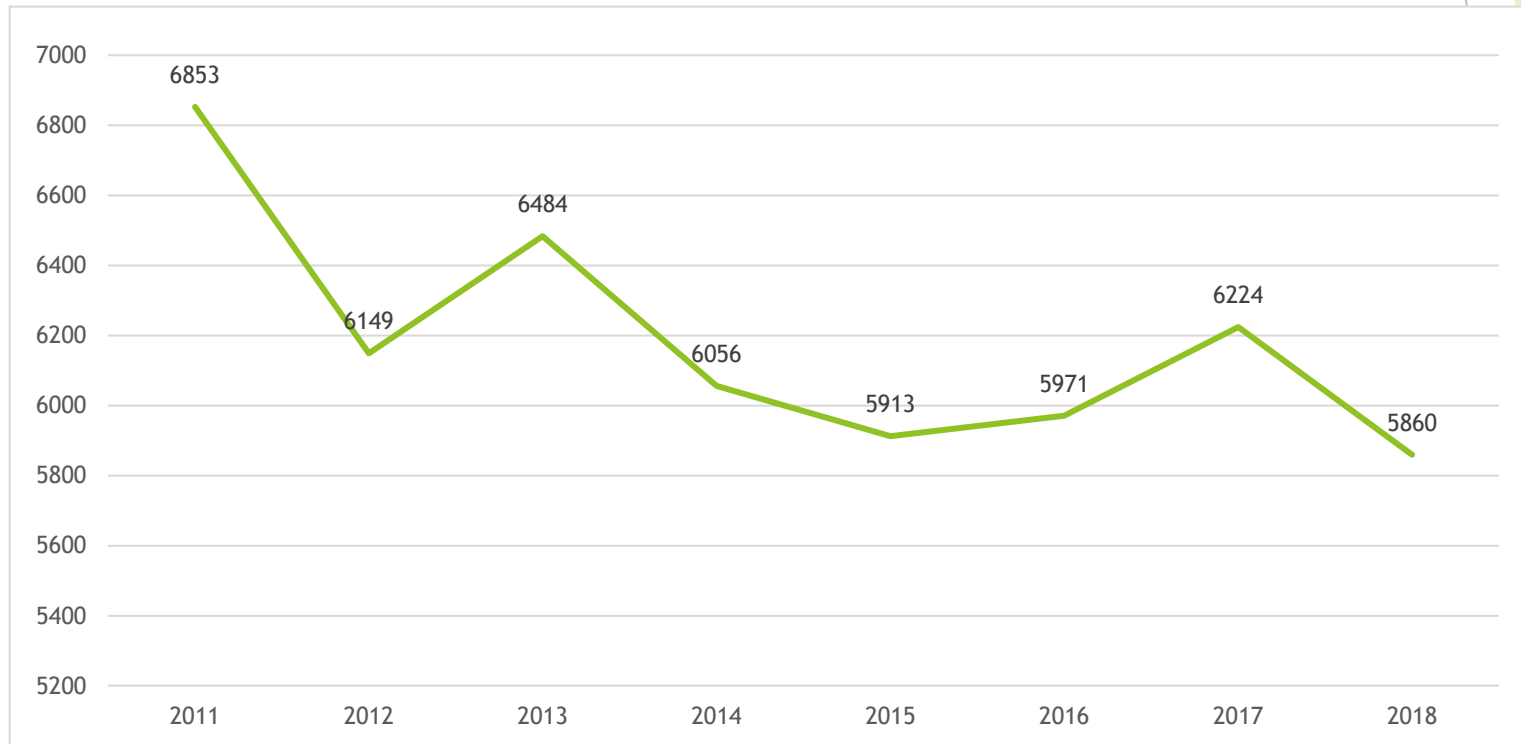
*Existing road safety situation in North Macedonia, in terms of annual deaths in last eight years (2011-2018)*Source SSO*



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INDICATORS (road traffic injuries)



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Legislative changes

- **Amendments of the Law on public roads (OJ RNM no. 116 from 09.07.2015) for transposition of the Road Infrastructure Safety Management 2008/96/EC (32008L0096) but with postponement clause - upon EU accession. However, the Republic of North Macedonia is preparing an annual action plans for transpositions of the EU directives and this Directive is high on the agenda including further proper enforcement.**
- **TAIEX expert mission held on 21.01.2019 titled: Technical assistance for legislation amendments on Road safety audit and safety in road tunnels and support for further implementation.**
- **The TAIEX recommendations - Necessary to amend the Law on road safety and the relevant Rulebooks.**
- **One of the National transport strategy 2018-2030 General objectives is G04: Establishment of reliable and safe transport system. Out of which the Specific objective related to road safety is S 4.2. To improve road traffic and road infrastructure safety (incl. Urban transport safety)**



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Legislative changes

Drivers Trainings: Directive 53/2009 fully transposed in law in 2018 (Drivers with C/D/E category have initial qualification with exam+ periodical training on every 5 years; Criteria for the training centers are according to the new Directive)

Tachographs and working conditions: the Law and Rulebooks corresponds with the EU regulations. Regulation 165/2014 will be implemented after the approval from the AETR Convention.

Dangerous Goods: If new changes arise in 2021 they will be applied in national legislation.



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Projects completed or ongoing
as well as foreseen for next year

- **Project for preparation of design documentation for replacement of guardrails along Corridor 10**
- **Project for replacement of guardrails on priority sections along Corridor 10**
- **Project “Preparation of design documentation and implementation of measures for improvement of road safety”**



Projects for preparation of design documentation for replacement of guardrails along Corridor 10

- the project was financed under the CONNECTA instrument
- the consultant team prepared design documentation for the replacement of the guardrails according to EN 1317 standard along Corridor 10 on the sections where needed
- the design documentation is in the final stage of an independent revision and in October will be officially submitted along with a list on priority sections which should be first to be treated.

The main objective is improvement of road safety conditions along indicative extensions of TEN-T in WB6 (SEETO core network). The project will envisage the replacement of the existing guardrails along Corridor 10 according to EN 1317 standards and initially it will be implemented on the sections with the highest priority.



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Projects for replacement of guardrails on priority sections along Corridor 10

- **the project will be financed under IPA 2 instrument**
- **the selected sections will be based on the prioritization list prepared by the team of consultants from CONNECTA. The prioritization criteria were prepared by CONNECTA team in cooperation with PESR and MoTC**
- **it is expected that the tender procedure will be launched in early 2020 and the implementation will start in second half of the year**



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Project “Preparation of design documentation and implementation of measures for improvement of road safety”

- **the project will be financed under IPA 2 instrument**
- **Operation identification sheet (OIS) is in process of approval by the Delegation of the European Union and next step is preparation of Tender documentation.**
- **it is expected that the tender procedure will be launched in early 2020 and the implementation will start by the end of 2020**

The purpose of the Operation is preparation of design documentation and implementation of measures for improvement of road safety along selected road sections in North Macedonia.



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Initiatives and programmes foreseen for forthcoming period 2021-2030

1. Preparation of ITS strategy

- An application was submitted for the ITS strategy to be prepared under the CONNECTA instrument in January 2019- **Status: rejected.** Other TA requested under TTFP-WB.

2. Technical assistance for establishing an executive body responsible for road safety

- An application was submitted for TA to be given under the CONNECTA instrument in January 2019-**Status: rejected.**

- Additional application was sent to the EU integration facility EUIF instrument and unofficially there is a feedback that it is approved. The selection procedure will be carried out by the EU Delegation in Skopje.



Gaps in Road Safety

- **Legislative - (postponement clause - Upon accession) new dates after Sub-Committee for transport - Deadline for reporting Q4-2019 as mentioned in the previous slides.**
- **Institutional structures - Working group for establishment of a Road Safety Executive body - The working group was established with a decision from the Minister of transport and communications on 19.06.2018 (an amendment was made on 07.09.2018) with nominated members from all stakeholders (government institutions, transport associations, academic community, IFIs). The activities of the working group have been delayed (although some work has been done) due to the procedure with the application for TA to CONNECTA, and now with the procedure for application for TA to EUIF.**
- **TA, capacity buildings including police and private sectors, funding - Tacking into account the complexity of the Road safety policy, it is necessary to Improve the capacities of the relevant stakeholders (Ministry for Interior, MoTC, Public Enterprise for State roads, Republic council for road traffic safety, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Science, Secretariat of European Affairs, etc.)**



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Thank you for your attention



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