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The four Action Plans of the Transport Community are an instruction manual on all important steps and milestones, with accompanying timeframes, that will guide us on the path of delivering on concrete aims and ambitions: safer roads; reduced waiting time at border crossings; reliable and modern rail; and roads of the future with integrated green and digital elements.

The documents are aligned with the European Commission's Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans, which envisions EU investments in transport and connectivity projects that will contribute to further integration in the region and better ties with the EU.

The **Road Action Plan** aims towards development of climate resilient, intelligent, and resource-efficient TEN-T road network in Western Balkans by incorporating green and smart elements in road investments. Our final aim is to stimulate innovative, low emission and fit for digital age road transport operations.

Transport Facilitation Action Plan will further strengthen regional cooperation. Creation of joint "one-stop-go" at internal and external border crossing points, coupled with better interaction of different transport modes along will enable smoother, more efficient, and less costly logistic chains.

The **Rail Action Plan** provides the basis for deeper integration with the EU rail market. A rail system which is safe, inclusive, reliable, environmentally and socially sustainable, and inter-connected within the region and with EU is the overarching aim of the Transport Community.

Road safety Action Plan promotes safety management, safer infrastructure, and protection of road users. Its actions strive to support the "zero deaths" objective, and to encourage regional best practice examples. Transport Community's aim is to ensure that transport systems, no matter how they are configured, are safe, sustainable, and equitable.

This booklet is a collection of Action Plans as endorsed by the Ministerial Council of the Transport Community on 26th October 2020, and as such they represent crucial documents of the region, by the region and for the region.

ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN



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THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE DEATHS OR SERIOUSLY INJURED DUE TO ROAD TRAFFIC CRASHES ON OUR ROADS AND RAILWAY CROSSINGS! THE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY HAS A MISSION TO HELP THE REGION MAKE ROADS SAFER FOR EVERYBODY. THIS IS OUR SACRED DUTY AND OUR PERSONAL COMMITMENT.

OUR AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS, NO MATTER HOW THEY ARE CONFIGURED, ARE SAFE, SUSTAINABLE, AND EQUITABLE. ROAD TRAFFIC CRASHES MAY BE AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE, BUT THEY ARE BOTH PREDICTABLE AND PREVENTABLE.

THE ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN PROMOTES SAFETY MANAGEMENT, SAFER INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROTECTION OF ROAD USERS. ITS ACTIONS STRIVE TO SUPPORT THE “ZERO DEATHS” OBJECTIVE, AND TO ENCOURAGE REGIONAL BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLES

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the document is to provide a list of short- and medium-term activities aiming at addressing road safety.

Some of the proposed measures are already taken commitments by the relevant authorities of the SEE parties under the Western Balkans Six process, monitored earlier through the Connectivity Reform Measures Management Plan, and broadened in the view of the recent studies and assessment needs which have been carried out in meantime. Hence, they have their sound basis in already established legal and coordination mechanisms.

It is a rolling plan and it will assist the Road Safety Technical Committee members in their efforts to align the SEE parties' agendas with the Transport Community priorities for road safety.

The Road Safety Action Plan is based on the following main Reference documents:

1. Transport Community Treaty
2. Road Safety Declaration endorsed by Transport Ministers/representatives of the Western Balkans , meeting in Ljubljana, 25th April 2018
3. Valletta declaration on road safety
4. Study on Road Safety Inspection (RSI) plan on the indicative extension of the TEN-T Road Network in the Western Balkans (EC-CONNECTA)
5. Conclusion from Poznan Summit
6. Terms of reference and mandate of a Technical Committee on Road Safety
7. EU Road Safety Policy Framework 2021-2030 -Next steps towards "Vision Zero"
8. Stockholm Declaration February 2020 and UNGA Resolution August 2020

2. ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN - CONTENT

The Road Safety Action Plan is divided into four types of actions: Actions for strengthening road safety management, Actions to promote safer infrastructure, Actions to promote the protection of the road users and Actions to enhance cooperation and exchange of experience.

The Road Safety Action Plan was adopted at Technical Level on the 2nd Technical Committee on Road Safety, December 2019.

2.1. ACTIONS FOR STRENGTHENING ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT

- Improve functionality of the coordination body under the supervision of the Competent Authorities and ensure the functionality of it.
 - Screening of the current structure; best practice examples
 - Improve/Ensure functionality of the coordination body based on the recommendations and best practice examples (provided under 1.)
- Set up in parallel a coordination mechanism between police and justice authorities ensuring the full implementation and strict enforcement of road safety legislation in each of the South East European Parties, including offences committed by non-resident drivers.
 - Screening of the current channels of communication; best practice examples
 - Setting up a coordination mechanism
- Develop a plan for the establishing/ strengthening the lead Road Safety Agency.
 - Regional study and recommendation for each RP
 - Plan for establishing/strengthening of a RS Agency
- Establishing a tool for monitoring Road Safety performance under the TCT Permanent Secretariat umbrella.
 - Define a model
 - Ensure needs (funds, system...)
 - Implementation
- Improve and/or establish the quality of systematic and consolidated data collection on road traffic deaths and serious road injuries in line with existing EU standards and definitions (CARE data model).
- Develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) including unique and harmonized methodology for monitoring and evaluation of safety performance (at regional level).
 - Develop KPIs with a methodology for monitoring and evaluation of them (regional one)
 - Pilot for surveying at least one KPI per Regional Participant
 - Develop KPIs at national level based on the methodology under (1)
- Develop the Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan with the aspirational targets for halving the number of fatal and serious road traffic injuries between 2021 to 2030, in line with the fatality and injury targets applied at the EU and UN level.

ACTIONS FOR STRENGTHENING ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT		
Action and Measures	Implementation Deadlines	Supporting Parties
Improve functionality of the coordination body under the supervision of the Competent Authorities and ensure the functionality of it. <i>1. Screening of the current structure; best practice examples</i> <i>2. Improve/Ensure functionality of the coordination body based on the recommendations and best practice examples (provided under 1.)</i>	Q4 2021	1. TCT Permanent Secretariat 2. All Regional Participants
Set up in parallel a coordination mechanism between police and justice authorities ensuring the full implementation and strict enforcement of road safety legislation in each of the South East European Parties, including offences committed by non-resident drivers. <i>1. Screening of the current channels of communications; best practice examples</i> <i>2. Setting up a coordination mechanism</i>	By 2021 1. Q2 2021 2. Q4 2021	1. TCT Permanent Secretariat 2. All Regional Participants
Develop a plan for the establishing/ strengthening the lead Road Safety Agency. <i>1. Regional study and recommendation for each RP</i> <i>2. Plan for establishing/strengthening of a RS Agency</i>	By 2021 1. Q1 2021 2. Q4 2021	1. Technical Assistance 2. SRB - Completed Other Regional Participants (best examples in the region or in EU Member States)
Establishing a tool for monitoring Road Safety performance under the TCS umbrella. <i>1. Define a model</i> <i>2. Ensure needs (funds, system...)</i> <i>3. Implementation</i>	By 2022 1. Q1 2021 2. Q2 2021 3. Q2 2022	TCT Permanent Secretariat in cooperation with World Bank; IFIs support
Improve and/or establish the quality of systematic and consolidated data collection on road traffic deaths and serious road injuries in line with existing EU standards and definitions (CARE data model).	By 2022 1. ALB & BIH - Q4 2021 2. MKD, MNE, KOS* - Q4 2022	All Regional Participants Current status (SRB - completed; ALB & BIH - funds secured and the project started)

**This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*

ACTIONS FOR STRENGTHENING ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT

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<p>Develop key performance indicators KPIs including unique and harmonized methodology for monitoring and evaluation of safety performance (at regional level).</p> <p>1. Develop KPIs with a methodology for monitoring and evaluation of them (regional one)</p> <p>2. Pilot for surveying at least one KPI per Regional Participants</p> <p>3. Develop KPIs at national level based in the methodology under (1)</p>	<p>By 2022</p> <p>1. Q3 2021</p> <p>2. Q1 2022</p> <p>3. Q4 2022</p>	<p>1. Technical Assistance</p> <p>2. Technical Assistance</p> <p>3. All Regional Participants</p> <p><i>Note: Serbia has completed the action on KPIs and will be used as a best practice example.</i></p>
<p>Develop the Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan with the aspirational targets for halving the number of fatal and serious road traffic injuries between 2021 to 2030, in line with the fatality and injury targets applied at the EU and UN level and the recent new commitments at Stockholm and in the UNGA Resolution.</p>	<p>By 2021</p>	<p>All Regional Participants</p>

2.2. ACTIONS TO PROMOTE SAFER INFRASTRUCTURE

- Identify the most dangerous sections with high accidental rates with fatalities and serious injuries on indicative extension of the TEN – T road network to the Western Balkans.
 - Identification and RSI
 - Detailed Designs
 - Construction Works

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2.3. ACTIONS TO PROMOTE THE PROTECTION OF THE ROAD USERS

- Develop specific (regional/national) programme for the protection of vulnerable road users and in particular for powered-two-wheelers.

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2.4. ACTIONS TO ENHANCE COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE

- Mobilise all partners at national, regional, and local levels to strengthen the road safety and support the identification of training needs, the exchange of experience and best practices.

ACTIONS TO ENHANCE COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE		
Action and Measures	Implementation Deadlines	Supporting Parties
Mobilise all partners at national, regional and local levels to strengthen the road safety and support the identification of training needs, the exchange of experience and best practices.	Between 2020 -2022	TCT Permanent Secretariat, TAIEX, IFIs, Other International Organizations

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