

6th Technical Committee on Road Safety
22nd January 2021, via Video Conference

Agreed Conclusions

1. 6th Technical Committee on Road Safety took place virtually on Friday, 22nd January 2021. The meeting's agenda was drafted on building the momentum of Road Shows.
2. All participants welcomed the speech of the Director of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat, Mr. Matej Zakonjsek, who emphasised the importance of the multisectoral approach.
3. Since this is the first meeting of the Technical Committee in 2021, the new Chair of the Technical Committee has been nominated and selected based on the Rules of Procedures. Mr. Fejzullah Mustafa, representative of Kosovo* will chair the meetings of the Technical Committee on Road Safety in 2021.
4. Members of the Technical Committee welcomed the summarisation of TCT Action Plans Road Shows in 2020-2021, from Ms. Liljana Cela. Five Road Shows were successfully organised so far and the last one is expected to be held in Podgorica, during February 2021. Challenges and next steps identified during the Road Shows were introduced and discussed. Current state of play for the Regional Partners and a summary of the Technical Assistance needs were summarised. Regional Partners are encouraged to start discussions with EUDEL offices and see the opportunities for funding under IPA and TAIEX.
5. The work for drafting the new National Road Safety Strategy is immediate for 5 out of 6 Regional Participants. The new Strategy shall be based on Safe System principles and be in line with EU Road Safety Policy Framework 2021-2030. European Commission recommends that adoption of the new strategy shall be at latest by year 2021.
6. The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat will prepare a detailed work plan based on the actions in Action Plan and send it to the members of the Technical Committee. Next monitoring progress will be made in the 7th Technical Committee meeting by each Regional Participant.
7. Members of the Technical Committee welcomed the presentation of the latest developments, upcoming events and initiatives from Mr. Peter Whitten, from the Road Safety Unit in DG MOVE. Mr. Whitten emphasised the importance of the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy. The Strategy reaffirms the EU Road Safety Policy Framework 2021-2030 and refers to possible recommendations or guidance on micro-mobility, alcohol and speed. It also puts road safety in the wider sustainability context and links with other initiatives such as the Green Deal and urban mobility. He stressed that another important document for National Road Safety Strategies is the global plan of action for the decade 2021-2030 and is expected to be adopted during the UN Global Road Safety Week on 17-23 May. A reduction of fatalities of around 15-20% is reported for

* 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.

2020 year due to pandemic situation. The figures will be published in the European Commission's website on 20th April when a first EU Road Safety Results Conference will be organised.

8. The European Commission is very supportive to the establishment of the Road Safety Observatory in the Western Balkans as well as in Eastern Partnership countries. It is also improving its own European Road Safety Observatory and is updating a series of thematic reports. Results are expected to be published in March 2021.
9. Members of the Technical Committee acknowledged the presentation made by Mr. Jonathon Passmore from WHO Regional Office for Europe, on the introduction into what are the main goals and mission of WHO in the area of road safety. Mr. Passmore stressed the importance of the Safe System Principles and further explained the meaning behind them. He made a reference to the Global Status Report on Road Safety launched in December 2018 and gave an update on the new publications of WHO on Cyclist safety, Healthy transport in urban areas in context of COVID-19. An important work in advocacy is done from the Global Network for Road Safety Legislators composed of parliamentarians representing WHO's six regions.
10. Members of the Technical Committee welcomed the presentation made by Ms. Lotte Brondum, Executive Director of Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety. Ms. Brondum presented the mission of the organisation, membership, areas of work and invited the participants to inform the NGOs working in this area that they could become members of this Global Alliance.
11. Members of the Technical Committee greeted the presentation made by Mr. Damyan Vladinov on the National Road Safety Strategy for 2021-2030 and Three-Year Action Plan adopted by Bulgaria. Mr. Vladinov presented the structure and content of these documents and discussed the process of their adoption. Preventive approach was emphasised as effective as well as cross border enforcement under ROADPOL. Developing of sectoral Action Plans for Road Safety is very important and key to success.
12. Members of the Technical Committee acknowledged the presentation made by Ms. Alina F. Burlacu from the World Bank Global Road Safety Facility, on the Data for Road Incident Visualisation, Evaluation, and Reporting (DRIVER) System. Mr. Burlacu presented this web-based and open-source system for geospatially recording & visualising road crashes as a way to facilitate coordination between multiple agencies, as well as means to standardise terms and definitions for reporting crash data.
13. The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat will share with members of Technical Committee the Guide on Safer Cycling Advocate programme and recommend to the Regional Participants to scale the study up. The Guide currently exists in Slovenian, Croatian and Bosnian language.
14. Next meeting of the Technical Committee is foreseen to be held on 18th May 2021.

Belgrade, 25th January 2021