



## 7<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee on Road Safety

*18<sup>th</sup> May 2021, via Video Conference*

### Agreed Conclusions

1. The 7<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee on Road Safety took place virtually on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
2. The agenda of the 7<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee meeting was adopted without any further comments.
3. All participants welcomed the introductory words from Ms Liljana Çela, Desk Officer for Road Safety at the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat who greeted the representatives from the police and health sector to their first meeting.
4. Participants acknowledged the presentation of current developments in the European Union provided by Mr Peter Whitten, DG MOVE, European Commission. Preliminary research of the European Commission regarding the number of road fatalities for 2020<sup>1</sup> was presented. Information on Fatalities for Western Balkan for 2020 and a link to the report was published on EC website. 50% reduction target was not met by the EU Member States (average decrease is 36%). EU project on road safety KPIs (BASELINE project) was further explained. Revision of the Directive on driving licences was mentioned. The document is open for comments until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021. Revision of the cross-border enforcement of traffic rules is under preparation for 2022.
5. Participants welcomed the presentation made by Ms Maria Segui-Gomez from FIA about the current state of play of the Western Balkans Road Safety Observatory (WBRSO). Western Balkans Road Safety Observatory will be inaugurated on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The baseline document is currently in the last phase of preparation. It will be delivered by the end of May and sent to Regional Partners for their comments. Regional Partners' profiles are also currently under preparation and will be ready as one of the main deliverables for the Transport Community Ministerial Council, scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> July. A dedicated website will be launched for the Western Balkans Road Safety Observatory.
6. The First meeting of the Road Safety Observatory that will gather the nominated representatives from Transport, Police and Health Sector is proposed to be held right after the inauguration of the WBRSO. The proposed date is 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
7. Data collection for the year 2019 is finalised and based on the indicators submitted from Transport, Police and Health Sector will be produced Regional Participants Profiles.

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<sup>1</sup> [Road safety: 4 000 fewer people lost their lives on EU roads in 2020 as death rate falls to all time low | Mobility and Transport \(europa.eu\)](#)



8. Participants greeted the presentation made by Mr Jose Diez, Director of Public Affairs at the European Union Road Federation, who introduced the work of this organisation and possibilities of cooperation with the Transport Community and local authorities.
9. The EC Pilot Project for the process of including Serbia into the CARE database was welcomed by authorities in Serbia. If the project succeeds, then this proposal is open for all regional Participants that fulfil the set of criteria listed. Two main criteria out of four are: collecting data based on miniCADAS protocol and having small differences between national reporting of fatalities compared with WHO reporting. Serbia is currently in the process of nominating and providing contact points for this exercise. The pilot project will formally start once the contact points are provided.
10. Regional Partners presented their progress in the implementation of the Road Safety Action Plan made in the period from October 2020 to April 2021.
  - **Albania** reported the current negotiations between the Ministry of Infrastructure and the EU Delegation regarding a possibility of financing the preparation of the new Road Safety Strategy.

A Joint Instruction of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Infrastructure Manager in relation to the Directive 2014/47 was published and the Directive is now completely transposed.

“On roadside technical inspection of commercial vehicles” and the Road Traffic Police in cooperation with the Road Control Task Force will be the two law enforcement bodies for the implementation process. Periodic technical control of road vehicles was transferred back to state competence. Some provisions of the Directive 2014/52 on periodic technical control of road vehicles were transposed through amendments in the Road Code.

Road safety inspections have been included in the new maintenance contracts.
  - **Bosnia and Herzegovina** reported (in writing) that the “Rulebook on the procedure for the collection and processing of the traffic accidents data” was drafted and entered in force in January 2021.
  - **North Macedonia** reported that the Technical Assistance project for facilitating the establishment of the executive body is finalised. The documentation for adoption of the Executive Body are submitted to the government. This will lead to the progress of several measures in the Road Safety Action Plan i.e. Drafting the new Road Safety Strategy, improvement of road safety data system as well as establishment of a RSA and RSI licensing of the local experts.
  - **Kosovo\*** has had discussions with DEU office in Pristina for Twinning programmes and capacity buildings for which is advised to use TAIX programmes.
  - **Montenegro** reported (in writing) that drafting of bylaws, which will fully transpose Directive 2008/96 is expected by end of 2021.

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\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 (1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

A new methodology for measuring traffic safety indicators is developed in November 2020, as part of the project "Technical assistance for Capacity Support to the Transport Sector and EU Acquis Alignment in Montenegro". Recommendation from the Permanent Secretariat is that the Methodology is in line with the EU baseline documents and guidance for Key Performance Indicators that were published in May 2021.

In October 2020, is finalised the study on "Safety of Vulnerable Traffic Participants in Montenegro with Proposed Measures". Follow up on the implementation of the measures defined in the action plan of this study is expected.

- **Serbia** reported that the High-level meeting of the Road Safety coordination body was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Road Safety Strategy should be prepared under the auspices of the Road Safety Coordination body in the upcoming period. The preparation of the strategy is tasked to the Road Safety Agency and the financial resources are secured.

IPA 2016 Project on improving road safety in the Republic of Serbia is ongoing. The one part of the project is the implementation of MAIS3+ scale of injuries on-road crashes which, among other things, includes an exchange of data between hospitals, Traffic police and RTSA and the improvement of existing software solutions to permit data exchange on MAIS3+ road injuries data.

Road Traffic Safety Agency started the process of training candidates for taking the professional exam for road safety auditors and inspectors. The Agency authorised 2 legal entities to implement professional training and knowledge improvement programs for taking the professional exam (AMSS - Centre for Motor Vehicles d.o.o., Belgrade and the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering, Belgrade).

11. The next update on the progress report will be in September 2021 and will reflect the progress of the measures after one year of adoption of the action plan from the Ministerial Council. The report will be submitted to the regional Steering Committee member.
12. Next meeting of the Technical Committee is foreseen to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021.