

**Challenging factors for ensuring a safe infrastructure
in Western Balkans -**
*Supporting the development of safer road infrastructure in
the Western Balkans*

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EBRD Road Projects in Western Balkans



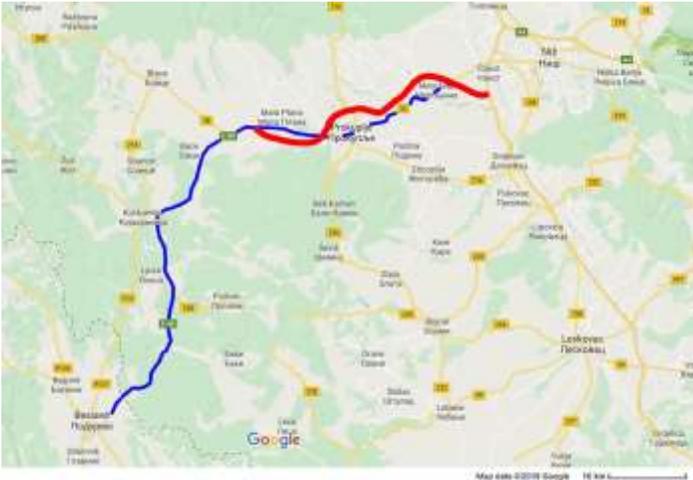
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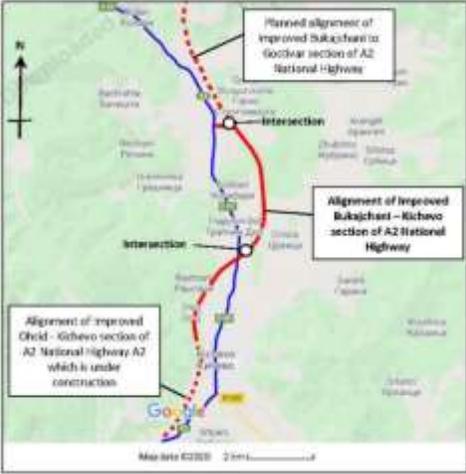
BIH - Corridor Vc BIH



Montenegro – Main roads reconstruction



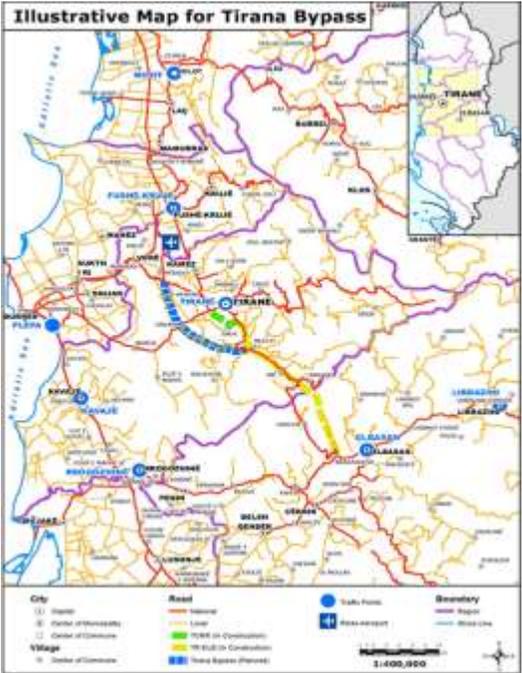
Serbia - Route 7 Highway (Niš and Beloljin)



North Macedonia – Corridor VIII



Kosovo - Route 6 B, motorway Kijevë – Kline – Zahaq



Albania – Tirana by pass

Accidents & fatalities reported to the Bank on EBRD road projects



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- Albania – road collision with loss of whole family, accident on level crossing and 2 fatalities relating to a truck entering a road under construction
- BIH – accident during construction of a bridge pier with the loss of two lives
- Serbia – 3 fatalities - one linked to a vehicle collision with signs and structures, a separate incident with driver turning into on-coming traffic and bus driver hit by a 3rd party vehicle
- North Macedonia – traffic accident resulting in a company driver losing his life.

SUCH CASUALITIES ARE PREVENTABLE



Traffic and Road Safety

30. The client will identify, evaluate and monitor the potential traffic and road safety risks to workers and project-affected communities throughout the project life-cycle and, where appropriate, will develop measures and plans to address them. For projects that operate moving equipment on public roads and other forms of infrastructure, the client will seek to prevent the occurrence of incidents and injuries to members of the public associated with the operation of such equipment.
31. The client will take into consideration relevant EU road and traffic safety management standards⁴⁴, identify road safety measures for both motorised and non-motorised road users and incorporate technically and economically feasible and cost-effective road safety components into the project design to mitigate potential road safety impacts on the local affected communities. Where appropriate, the client will undertake a road safety audit for each phase of the project and routinely monitor incident and accident reports to identify and resolve problems or negative safety trends. For clients with vehicles or fleets of vehicles (owned or leased), the client will introduce GIP arrangements to manage road and traffic risks⁴⁵ and will provide appropriate training to workers on driver and vehicle safety. The client will ensure regular maintenance of all project vehicles.

E&S Policy (2019) – PR4



Develop measures and plans to address traffic and road safety risks



Incorporate technically and economically feasible and cost-effective road safety components into the project design



Undertake a road safety audits and routinely monitor incident and accidents



Introduce Good International Practice arrangements to manage road and traffic risks for vehicles and fleets

PR 1 – where affected individuals or groups are identified as disadvantaged or vulnerableESMP will include ..measures so that impacts do not fall disproportionately on them.

PR 10 – meaningful engagement with interested parties ...taking into account the needs of disadvantaged or vulnerable groups.



EBRD Strategies

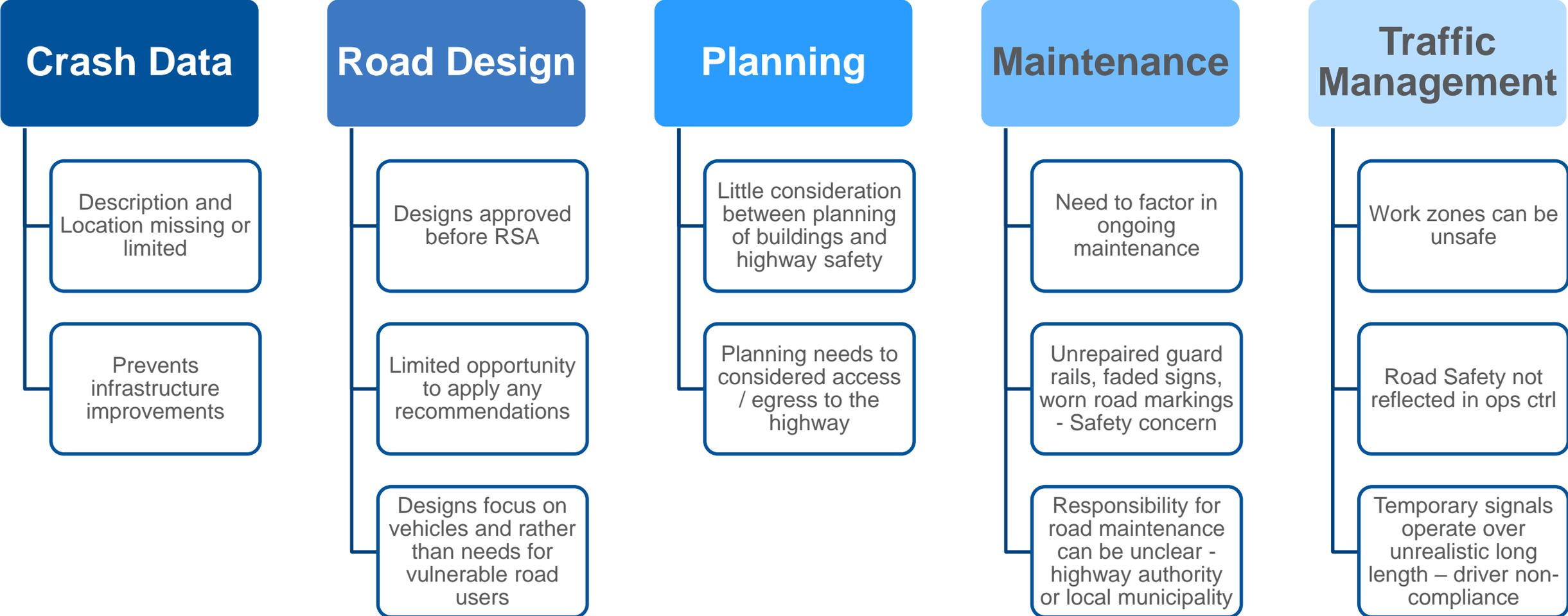
Country Strategy

‘.....emphasis will be made towards road safety looking at safer roads, occupational road risk, raising awareness of communities who are most at risk and capacity building. TC funds may be required....’

Transport Strategy – Strategic Direction

- *Continue to work collectively with other MDBs to tackle road safety issues;*
- *Engage with national authorities at the policy level to encourage the development of national and regional road safety strategies where opportunities arise, including safe driving campaigns, black spot management, data collection and so on;*
- *Continue to engage with educational institutions in the economies where the Bank invests to support training of professionals involved in safe road design and road safety auditing; and with local communities to raise awareness of road safety through locally-targeted road safety campaigns;*
- *Promote private sector occupational road safety, focusing on safe driving practices, telematics, improving driver behaviour;*
- *Require road safety audits for Bank-funded projects, focusing on safe designs and modal intersections, such as level crossings*

Challenges in the Western Balkans





**Building Safer Infrastructure
(Road Safety Audits /
Inspections)**

**Occupational Road Risk
(ISO 39001)**

Safer Roads

**Public Awareness
(Targeted campaigns,
Stakeholder Engagement)**

**National Governance
(ISO 39001, Updating Design
Standards, Training)**

EBRD Activities in Road Safety (2013-2021)



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Collaboration



Member of the
UN Road Safety
Collaboration



MDB Road Safety
Working Group



Internal Road
Safety Working
Group



Close partnerships
with various Road
Safety NGOs

Capacity Development



Occupational
Road Risk Toolkit



Road Safety
Engineering
eLearning Training



Driving For Better
Business
Workshops



Road Safety
Auditor Training

Project Integration



Transition
Impact



ESDD Traffic
and Road
Safety Tools

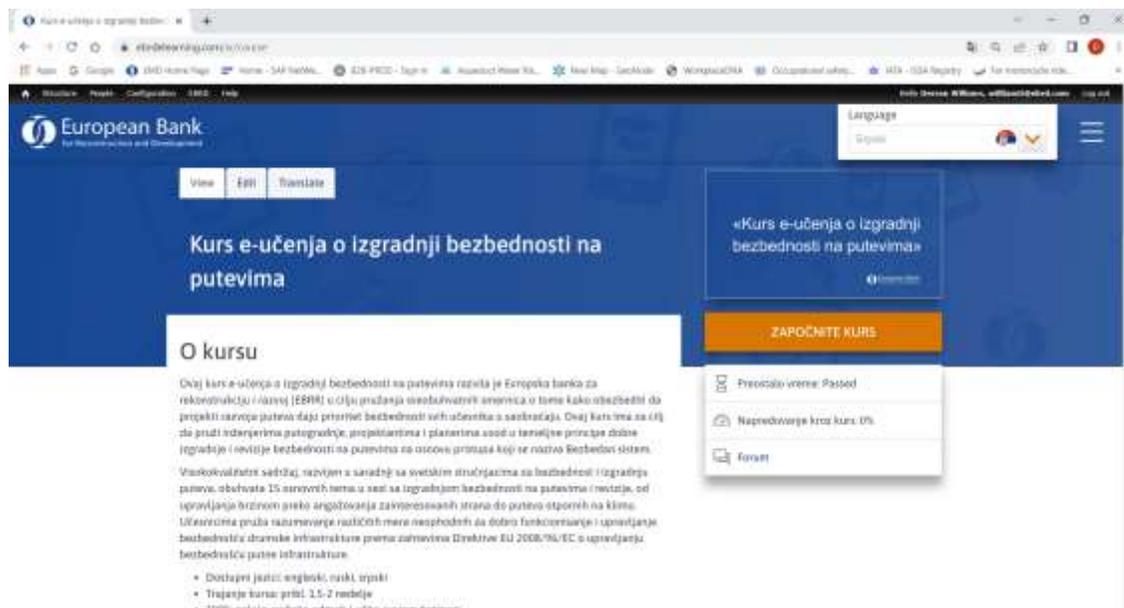


E&S Action
Plans



TC Project
Support

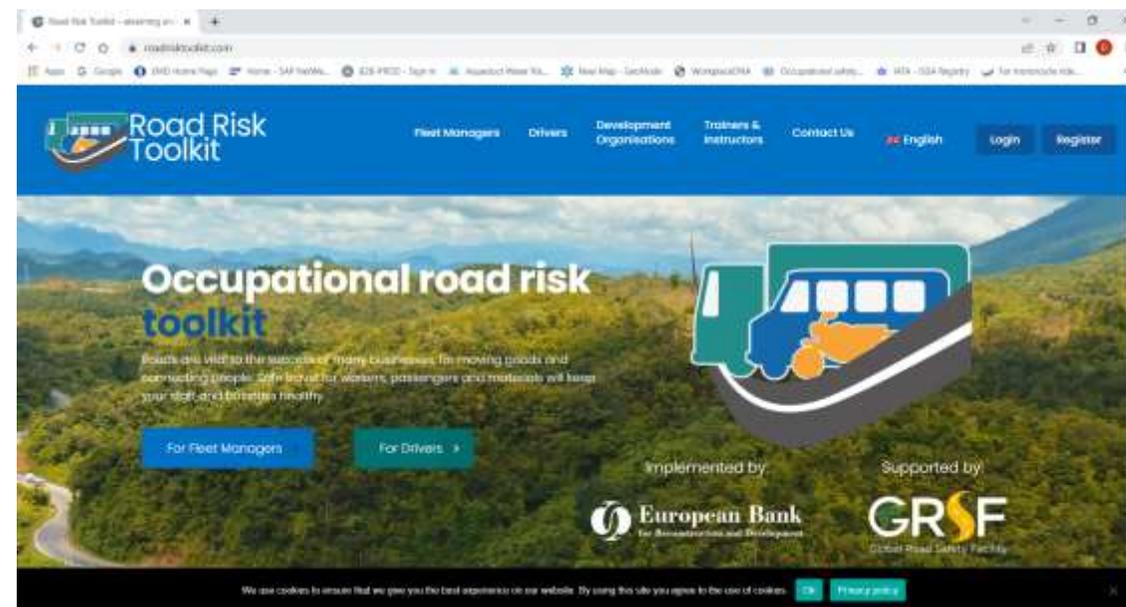
ROAD SAFETY HUB - Road safety (ebrd.com)



Road Safety Engineering

(Available in Serbian)

<https://ebrdelearning.com/>



Occupational Road Risk Toolkit

(Available in Serbian)

<https://roadrisktoolkit.com/>

Continuing Road Safety Support in the WB.....



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**Road Safety
Auditing with
local engineers
participating in
the Audit Team
– Bosnia in
Herzegovina**

**Implementation
of ISO 39001
High Authority -
Serbia**

**Supporting the
implication of
Road Safety
Auditing
Certification
Training -
Montenegro**

**Tunnel Road
Safety Training
– Bosnia in
Herzegovina**

What's next?

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