



10th Technical Committee on Road Safety

June 06, 2022

Mak hotel, Tirana

Agreed Conclusions

1. The 10th Technical Committee on Road Safety took place in a hybrid format, virtually and in Mak hotel, Tirana on Monday, June 06 2022.
2. The agenda of the 10th Technical Committee meeting was adopted without any further comments.
3. Participants welcomed the speech of Matej Zakonjsek, Director of Transport Community. He stressed the importance of the new Safe and Sustainable programme which was recently launched by the EC. The programme is designed for the investment of the small-scale projects under which are classified the improvement of high-risk road sections, level crossings, ITS and border crossings.
4. Sanja Carapic, Ministry of Capital and Investments of Montenegro, welcomed the participants on behalf of the chair of the Technical Committee on Road Safety, Miroslav Masic.
5. Technical Committee members reported on the progress made in the measures of the Road Safety Action Plan for the period March 2022 – June 2022.
 - a. **Albania** reported that since the adoption of the Road Code and its bylaws, enforcement by the police has increased by performing more speed limit checks, alcohol and drug use, and more fines and licence suspensions have been imposed. Road safety figures for the first 4 months in 2022 show 56 fatalities, which is 20% less compared to the same period in 2021. Regarding investments, the Albanian road authority has projects in progress including improvement of road signs and safety devices, lightning on crossroads, improvement of 10 black spots etc. Together with the Polish embassy, an Educational centre for preschool and elementary school students was created. New Road Safety Strategy is proposed to be financed by IPA.
 - b. **Bosnia and Herzegovina** reported no progress with the adoption phase of the Strategy. A study financed by WHO on coordination and leadership is completed, and the next step to follow is to consult it with its counterparts for their approval. Afterwards, the proposed recommendations will be followed. WHO is interested to carry out another study that will cover the improvement of data collection in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The study shall take into account the findings and deliverables of the EBRD study on data collection and avoid overlapping of tasks. On the entity level, in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, training of road safety inspectors and auditors

for 30 participants has been completed, but until the new law is adopted, the licencing system cannot be put in place. TAIEX assistance on tunnels is initiated in BiH. Montenegro and Albania expressed interest to apply for the same project. Having that said, the Permanent Secretariat proposed to discuss it with DG NEAR and see the possibility to open the application of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Western Balkans region.

- c. **Kosovo*** with the support of the Transport Community Secretariat had several meetings with the EU Liaison Office in Kosovo and had agreed in principle for getting support about 2 projects: draft the ToR for establishing a road safety database in accordance with CADaS protocol and ToR for the establishment of the Road Traffic Agency. Besides, Kosovo is still working on drafting the Multimodal Transport Strategy which will include a Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan. The draft Strategy is planned to complete by the end of the year. Sublegal acts for road safety interoperability are planned, bylaw on road infrastructure management is under public discussion, as well as Administrative instruction on technical regularity of vehicles on road. Kosovo prepared a list of 25 potential projects for the improvement of road safety for the Sustainable and Smart program, 3-to 4 are related to road safety.
- d. **Montenegro** reported that the development of the road crash database is finalised and the Ministry of Interior is currently testing it. Data collection in line with CADaS started as of 1 June. In May, the Ministry of Capital and Investments conducted training for the second group of traffic police officers for collecting data on traffic accidents based on CADaS Protocol. Training on the investigation of road crashes, in order to improve knowledge and unify data on road traffic crashes, has started beginning of June. By end of the 2022 year, the Ministry of Health should start applying MAIS 3+ Scale. The work on drafting the Road Traffic Safety Strategy (2023-2030) with a 2-year Action plan (2023-2024) is still ongoing. The Strategy is expected to be completed and adopted later this year. A working group is formed and expert assistance is provided through the project "Technical assistance for Capacity Support to the Transport Sector and EU Acquis Alignment in Montenegro". EBRD gave its consent for financing a project which covers training for RSI and RSA for 30 participants. At the end of the training, the Ministry of Capital and Investments will issue certificates. The outcome of this 9-month project will also be the new guideline for RSI and RSA. There are plans to organize training for road traffic signalling and protective fences, to meet road designers and auditors with standards in this area, and avoid the installation of the substandard

* 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.

road equipment. With regard to vulnerable users, there is an ongoing public call for 10-15 locations of school zones on the main roads network.

- e. **Serbia** reported that the progress in the process of adoption of the draft Road Safety Strategy depends on the establishment of the new government and the new Road Safety Coordination Body. In the previous period are adopted 2 rulebooks related to the children's safety within the school zone: The rulebook on measures to protect the safety of children on the road in the school zone and the rulebook on the determination of the school zone. The Pilot Project – Joining CARE database, is ongoing. Serbia sent to TCT Secretariat a list of projects for high-risk road sections. In May, two new safety campaigns started, by Roads of Serbia: “Do not drive in emergency lane”, and “Transport signs mean life”.
6. All Regional Partners were invited to share their reports on progress with TCT Secretariat in writing.
7. Kenneth Svensson, from Swedish Transport Administration and Vision 0 Academy presented the concept of a Safe System Approach, a standpoint that no one should be killed or suffer lifelong injury in road traffic. He shared practical examples showing the solutions for improving the road system designs.
8. Debbie Cousins, EBRD had a presentation on “Challenging factors for ensuring a safe infrastructure in Western Balkans”. She listed a series of activities in road safety for the period 2013-2021, Environmental and Social Policy from 2019, its tools and resources, challenges in Western Balkans as well as several completed/ongoing projects in the region.
9. Liljana Cela, TCT Secretariat, informed about European Commission's Safe and Sustainable Transport program designed for mature small-scale projects in the Western Balkans. The program was developed in consultation with EC, EIB, and EBRD and it derives from the Poznan pledge. Regional Partners previously prepared and delivered the list of mature projects to TCT Secretariat, and as soon as it is approved by RSC, it will be sent to DG NEAR for the final approval.
10. Martina Hakl, TCT Secretariat, informed on the outcomes of the 3rd Social Forum held in Sarajevo addressing social issues in road transport. TCT Secretariat presented a table showing state of play regarding the social legislation in each Regional Partner. The document will be shared with Regional Partners which were invited to deliver their comments and amendments if any. TCT Secretariat will prepare Action Plan on social legislation, and after its endorsement by the RSC, progress in each Regional Partner will be monitored on a 6-month basis.
11. Short information was given about the forthcoming Summer School which will be dedicated to roads. Summer School will be held on 21-24 June, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. TCT Secretariat also



shared information about the forthcoming Capacity Building for Road Side Checks for Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia will be held 29 June – 01 July in Skopje.

12. The next meeting of the Technical Committee on Road Safety will be held in the first week of October 2022, the exact date and place will be confirmed at a later stage.