



**12<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee on Road Safety**

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**4<sup>th</sup> Western Balkans Road Safety Observatory**

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**Agreed Conclusions**

1. The 12<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee on Road Safety took place in a hybrid format, virtually and in the “Federico Fellini” meeting room, hotel Marivaux, Brussels on Tuesday, 06 December 2022.
2. The agenda was adopted without any further comments.
3. Participants welcomed the speech of Claire Depré, Head of Road Safety Unit, DG MOVE, European Commission. She congratulated the members for their continued efforts to improve road safety and highlighted that the cross-sectoral approach is very important. Western Balkans Road Safety Observatory has shown to all of us that such cooperation, between transport, police and the health sector is indeed at the core work of good results. She expressed the readiness of DG MOVE’s colleagues to support the Western Balkans Regional Partners in the process of approximation of EU Acquis.
4. Participants welcomed the speech of Matej Zakonjšek, Director of the TCT Secretariat. He underlined that the meeting in Brussels is a good opportunity to bring the region closer to the European Commission, especially in the area of Acquis. It is also a chance to further discuss the possibilities of using the TAIEX assistance. He thanked Regional Partners for their cooperation in preparing two documents endorsed by the Ministerial Council: the Second Progress Report on the Action Plans and EU Acquis<sup>1</sup> and the Development of Indicative TEN-T Extensions of the Comprehensive and Core Network in the Western Balkans - Report 2022<sup>2</sup>. That said, he encouraged them to enhance the progress in the transposition of EU Acquis. Information on three new observing participants: Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine was shared.
5. Sanja Čarapić, Chair of the Technical Committee on Road Safety from the Ministry of Capital Investments of Montenegro welcomed the participants and expressed the wish that the meeting sets the cornerstone for further projects to improve road safety in Western Balkans.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.transport-community.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Action-Plans-Progress-Report-1.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.transport-community.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/TEN-T-Report-2022\\_s.pdf](https://www.transport-community.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/TEN-T-Report-2022_s.pdf)

6. Peter Whitten, Policy officer from DG MOVE, European Commission, presented an overview of the EC work on Road Safety. The data on road deaths in the EU in the period 2019-2021 were presented and the main features of the European Road Safety Observatory were shown. 8 KPIs which are an integral part of the EU Road Safety Policy Framework 2021-2030 were presented in detail. Regional partners were informed about recent developments in EU legislation as well as EU legislative plans and funding programs.
7. Directive 2008/96/EC on Road Infrastructure Safety Management, amended in 2019, was presented by Mircea Ionescu from DG MOVE, European Commission. Content of the Directive, its scope, road safety impact assessment, road safety audits and inspections as well as obligations of Member States in accordance with the Directive were presented to regional partners. TCT Secretariat reported that 3 out of 6 regional partners have fully transposed the Directive, whereas others are currently in process of changing the Law on Road Safety.
8. Peter Szatmari, DG MOVE, European Commission presented the current EU legislative framework known as the “Roadworthiness package”. The package which is under review as announced in the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy should ensure compliance of vehicles with emission and safety standards. After completing a public consultation in 2022, the COM proposal is envisaged to be published in 2023. Possible new provisions with regard to periodic and roadside inspections, vehicle registration and recognition of roadworthiness certificates were briefly introduced. TCT Secretariat reported that 5 of 6 regional partners fully transposed the Directive but there is no information yet on the state of play on the implementation.
9. Rudolf Koronthaly from DG MOVE, European Commission presented the Cross-border exchange of information on road safety, as per Directive (EU) 2015/413. The objective and the scope of the Directive, exchange of vehicle registration data, reporting obligations of Member States and possible measures for CBE Directive revision planned for 1Q 2023 were introduced to regional partners. Regional partners were encouraged to look closely at the Salzburg forum cooperation in this regard.
10. The current EU regulatory framework on driving licences was presented by Frederic Cornet from DG MOVE, European Commission. The main areas of intervention under consideration by the European Commission, especially in the context of road safety and reducing the number of road deaths were reiterated. Aspects such as new rules for electric vehicles, mobile driving licences, and recognition of foreign licences were introduced. TCT Secretariat reported that 4 regional partners fully transposed the Directive on driving licences, whereas one has partially transposed it.
11. Tomislav Bojić, Federal Ministry of Transport and Communications on behalf of Miroslav Djerić, Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina gave a summary of the TAIEX

Regional Workshop on minimum Safety Requirements for Tunnels and implementation of Directive 2004/54 that took place on 18-19 October in Sarajevo. The workshop gathered EU experts from France, Italy and Netherlands and 40 participants from regional partners.

12. An overview of “Building Capacity through TAIEX assistance” was given by Andrea Pietras, Programme Manager from DG NEAR, European Commission. A mock application was shared with the participants and the procedure of the application was presented. All regional partners were encouraged to express their needs for capacity building and communicate proposals for TAIEX assistance to TCT Secretariat. TCT Secretariat could facilitate the process of mutual application for TAIEX assistance of several regional partners and coordinate it with the European Commission.
13. Main outcomes of Passenger Rights Report: Making transport accessible and inclusive in the Western Balkans was presented by Martina Hakl, Desk Officer for Passenger Rights and Social Issues from TCT Secretariat. All regional partners were encouraged to submit their contributions to draft an Action Plan for social issues and passenger rights which will be shared in the forthcoming weeks. Action Plan is envisaged to be endorsed by Regional Steering Committee and published in 2023.
14. TCT Secretariat will share with regional partners the Second year Action Plan Progress Report, Annual TEN-T Report as well as the Joint Declaration with three observing partners (Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Georgia) endorsed by the Ministerial Council.
15. The tentative dates of the three meetings of the Technical Committee on Road Safety in 2023 are: on 16 March in Podgorica or Warsaw, back-to-back with WBRSO, on 15-16 May in Belgrade during UN Road Safety week (also back-to-back with WBRSO) and on 5 October in Pristina or Brussels.