



## **16<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee on Road Safety and 7<sup>th</sup> WBRSO Meeting**

14 December 2023

*Eurostars U Hotel, Glass Hall conference room, Ljubljana*

### **Agreed Conclusions**

1. The 16<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee on Road Safety took place in a hybrid format, virtually and in Eurostars U Hotel in Ljubljana, Slovenia on Thursday, 14 December 2023. The meeting also encompassed knowledge exchange with Ministry of Infrastructure and Traffic Safety Agency of Slovenia and Site visit to the Automobile Association of Slovenia (AMZS) on 15 December 2023.
2. Ms Liljana Cela, TCT Secretariat's Desk Officer for Road Safety greeted participants, underlining the main outcomes and objectives of the meeting including the preparation and adoption of TCT Secretariat's next generation of Action Plans envisaged for 2024 and wished a fruitful meeting.
3. The Chair, Mr Miroslav Đerić, Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina wished a successful meeting and greeted new participants: Mr Mladen Kovac, Serbian Road Safety Agency, Mr Besim Rexhepi, Kosovo Police, Mr Vakhtang Bogvelishvili, Land Transport Agency of Georgia and Mr Giorgi Taktakishvili, Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia.
4. The agenda of the 16<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee meeting was adopted without comments.
5. Mr Peter Whitten, Policy Officer from DG MOVE, European Commission updated participants on the latest developments European Road Safety Observatory and ITF meeting on RRSO. Mr Whitten informed that European Commission published CARE data figures for 2022 in October and for the first time the estimation of data for the first half of 2023. Majority of EU MS sent disaggregated data for CARE. For the period 2019-2022 EU's trend is 9% in decrease, which is not enough to meet 50% target. Lithuania and Poland show positive examples of decrease by 30% in the number of fatalities. EC is working with Serbia to complete data for 2022. It has established 2 working groups within CARE to review all 77 variables. MAIS 3+ data for vulnerable users shows missing substantial number of injured from police data within EU. EC encouraged all participants to work on establishing MAIS 3+ dataset. ERSO will publish country profiles and annual reports in 2024, trying to focus on 3-4 topics per year, October- alcohol and drugs, driver distractions. Mr Whitten informed that the meeting of RRSO took place, gathering Europe, African, EaP, Asia Pacific, South America aiming to exchange information and look at potential training sessions. EU funding for Eastern Partnership will be launched next year.

European Commission will share with TCT Secretariat its plan of topics to focus on in the next few years in order to match the timing for the Regional Partners within the new Action Plan in 2024. Mr Whitten invited participants to take a look at Global Status Report on road safety and encouraged initiative for joining CARE to some of regional partners that have put in place CADAS system. Regional Partners were invited to check data on number of fatalities published by WHO.

6. Liljana Cela, Desk Officer for Road Safety from TCT Secretariat informed participants about the timeline of the preparation and adoption of New Generation of Action Plan on Road Safety. General regional statistics from the current plan shows decrease in fatalities for the half of the region, while for the other half there is increase. Statistics for the Observing Participants shows better results. TCT Secretariat's EU Acquis Progress Report and TEN-T report were endorsed by Ministerial Council on 12 December 2023. Regarding the next generation of action plan, TCT Secretariat will prepare the template, put reference documents for the Regional Partners to add comments and share it. Once it is discussed and agreed at the Technical Committee, the document will go for adoption to RSC and will be endorsed by Ministerial Council in the autumn 2024. Completed measures (100%) will not be reflected in the new Action Plan.
7. Ms Veronika Valentova from CDV & Tilkon presented Results from road surveys: KPIs on Seat belt use and CRS (WestBelt) in Western Balkans. CDV is Check Research Centre established by the Ministry of Transport. Objective of the research on the use of seatbelts and child restraint system for each Regional Partner is to draft detailed reports per each partner and to contribute to exchange of experience and capacity building in the region. Key components of the research and criteria for selection of observation locations were shared as well as the minimal sample sizes. Data analysis and first results of the survey per each Regional Partner were shared. The final report will be presented to the Region in March 2024 once the project is completed.
8. Ms Sanja Čarapić from the Ministry of Capital and Investments presented the main Results of the training on Tunnel Safety, concluded within TAIEX Capacity Building assistance. The training took place on 4-6 December in Montenegro. It gathered more than 45 persons, 5 representatives from each Regional Partner and 3 per Observing Participant. The first day key experts from Slovenia and Italy presented theoretical part, the second day participants went to site visit (2 tunnels, one poorly equipped and other on the recently opened highway section) and completed inspection with experts, the third day was dedicated to the group work on drafting the inspection reports.
9. Ms Andreja Knez, General Director of Directorate of Roads and Road Transport of Ministry of Infrastructure of Slovenia greeted participants and expressed willingness to share the best practice with the Regional Partners in order to align the transport acquis and complete the necessary capacity

buildings in the area where the experience is needed. She underlined the importance of reaching Vision Zero by 2050 in Slovenia.

10. Ms Simona Felser, Director of Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency welcomed TCT Secretariat and Regional Partners. She informed that Slovenia just adopted Resolution on National Road Safety Programme until 2030, underlining some of its main topics, such as multimodality, spatial planning, drunk driving, increased number of cycling and e-scooters etc.
11. Ms Andreja Knez, General director of Directorate of Roads and Road Transport from the Ministry of Infrastructure presented jurisdiction and legislative process in the Ministry. The process of legislative initiative and the adoption procedure were explained including all the relevant stakeholders, as well as the adoption procedure within the ministry and in the National Assembly. Way of adoption of Road Tolling Act, Road Transport Act and Motor Vehicles Act were presented.
12. Ms Urška Naglič, Head of General Affairs Service presented Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency in general - the process of establishment, jurisdiction and organisational structure of the Agency. The Agency was founded in 2010 in order to enhance cost effective planning, implementation and evaluation of key national traffic safety processes. Legislative basis for the work of Agency and its organisational structure were presented.
13. *Presentations of Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency's work by Divisions:*

Mr Tomaž Svetina, Head of Vehicles Division presented the work of this division. He also presented type approval system which was established in 1998 in Slovenia. History of technical inspections and type approval process since its establishment were briefly introduced. Figures from the technical inspection of vehicles were shown.

Ms Dragana Trivundža Tomanić, Head of Drivers Division presented the work of this division: rehabilitation programs for DRUID, education of driving inspectors, driving school managers and safe driving trainers. She also informed about driving school registration and professional supervision of driving schools.

Ms Anamaria Hren, Head of Division for development and coordination of road traffic safety briefly presented its area of work.

Ms Dragica Sternad Pražnikar, Head of Division for prevention and education in road traffic presented its team, the main tasks of the division, national preventive actions and preventive events, demonstration devices and supporting traffic education.

Mr Robert Gril, Head of Driving Test Division presented the competence of this division. Slovenian drivers' licencing system and supervision were explained, and the driving test areas were shown.



Ms Saša Jevšnik Kafol, Division for development and coordination of road traffic safety presented international activities and cooperation of Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency in different international associations.

14. Ms Anamaria Hren, Head of Division for development and coordination of road traffic safety presented the new Slovenian Strategy for Road Traffic Safety for the period 2023 – 2030. The Strategy was just adopted, due to which it was not translated to English yet. It aims to reduce the number of fatalities in the country aiming for vision zero by 2030.
15. Ms Nina Kumerdej, PR and Division for development and coordination of road traffic safety shared the best practice: An example of a successful national preventive campaign completed in Slovenia. A complete campaign against driving under the influence of alcohol was presented, including the scope of PR activities, campaign reach etc. Furthermore, the broader context of facts and figures relating to traffic safety in Slovenia was presented with special relation to DUI.
16. In 2024, three TC Road Safety meetings and 2 WBRSO meetings are envisaged. The exact dates will be shared with the participants, tentative timeline: TC Road Safety in March with Ceste in Rovinj, 19 June in Portoroz with Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure and DARS, in September back-to-back with Road TC in Georgia.