



Next Generation Road Safety Action Plan for the Western Balkans

October 2024

Background / Time - frame



- Previous AP were endorsed by Ministerial council in October 2021
- Regular annual reporting on the progress
- Previous Ministerial council in December 2023 – decision for the new (NGAP)
- Discussions for content -Technical Committee on Road Safety meetings in 2024
- Final technical approval Technical Committee on Road Safety - Today
- Decision/endorsement - Regional steering committee meeting - November 2024
- Endorsement – Ministerial council - December 2024
- Working on its implementation 2025 - 2027

Reference documents



- Transport Community Treaty
- Road Safety Declaration endorsed by Transport Ministers/ representatives of the Western Balkan , meeting in Ljubljana, on 25 April 2018.
- Valletta declaration on road safety
- Terms of reference and mandate of a Technical Committee on Road Safety
- EU Road Safety Policy Framework 2021-2030 -Next steps towards "Vision Zero"
- Stockholm Declaration February 2020 and UNGA Resolution August 2020
- Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021 –2030

Content



The Next Generation Road Safety Action Plan for the Western Balkans consist of five pillars:

- Strengthening road safety management
- Promote safer infrastructure
- Promote the protection of road users (including speed management)
- Promote the use of safer vehicles and
- Enhance cooperation and exchange of experience

Strengthening road safety management



- Expected outcomes:

Further strengthened institutional framework. Enhanced data collection systems including a more robust governance structure capable of effectively coordinating and implementing safety measures. Leading towards better oversight and evaluation of initiatives, ensuring timely adjustments and improvements where needed.

Promote safer infrastructure

- Expected outcomes:

Road Infrastructure Safety Management and Tunnel Safety EU Directives implemented, minimising the risk of road accidents and enhance overall transportation safety. Contributing to the creation of safe infrastructure that meets the regulatory requirements. These outcomes promise to establish a secure and reliable transportation network that prioritizes the well-being and safety of all users.

Promote the protection of road users (including speed management)

- Expected Outcomes:

Further strengthened responsible driving and adherence to safety regulations, through enhanced awareness campaigns, education programs, and enforcement of traffic laws. Improved safer road designs, installation of appropriate signage and barriers, as well as speed management measures.

Promote the use of safer vehicles

- Expected Outcomes:

Increased number of vehicles equipped with advanced safety features such as airbags and anti-lock braking systems (ABS), resulting in a significant decrease of road accidents. Ensured compatibility and interoperability with emergency systems.;

Enhance cooperation and exchange of experience

Expected Outcomes:

Increased capacities and knowledge gained of the regional partners. Improved policy-making processes, with an impact on lowering the number of road accidents with serious injuries and fatalities.

Concluding remarks - Goals

- Reducing serious injuries and fatalities by 25% by 2027 and beyond to 50% by 2030
- Dedicated road safety agency
- Improving road infrastructure
- Specific programmes for the protection of vulnerable road users
- Capacity building initiatives

Discussion



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