

22nd Technical Community Meeting on Road Safety and the 11th Meeting of the Western Balkans Road Safety Observatory (WBRSO) Hotel Sirius, Prishtina

02 October 2025

CONCLUSIONS

1. The 22nd Technical Community Meeting on Road Safety was held on 02 October 2025 at Hotel Sirius in Prishtina. It was a back-to-back meeting with the 11th Meeting of the Western Balkans Road Safety Observatory (WBRSO).
2. Mr Matej Zakonjšek, Director of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat, welcomed participants and underlined the importance of achieving a more substantial percentage reduction in fatalities across the region. He supported the WBRSO data collection schedule as per the agenda. He highlighted the need to define road safety policy frameworks and use the available technical assistance, in particular through locally contracted experts. He informed participants that their progress reports will be endorsed to the Regional Steering Committee and the Ministerial Council. He also expressed appreciation for the support of the Technical committee and WBRSO members to the Transport Community's campaign on seat belt and child restraint use.
3. The agenda of the meeting was adopted without comments.
4. The Technical Committee members have adopted, on a technical level, the Progress Report on the Next Gen Action Plan for Road Safety 2025-2027 along with its annexes, including the updated transposition status. The progress report reflects the ongoing efforts and key milestones in implementing the next generation road safety action plan. The adoption marks a significant step forward in ensuring that the plan aligns with the regional goals and provides a framework for continuous monitoring and improvement. Additionally, the discussions during the session on the revised Annex I provided clarity on how to report transposition progress effectively. The technical adoption of the report ensures that the next steps for

monitoring, reporting, and further transpositions are clearly defined, setting the stage for enhanced collaboration among regional partners and observers. This is a shared commitment to advancing road safety and ensuring transparent reporting on the progress made in the Next Gen Action Plan.

5. Darko Miceski presented the report on the Action Plan for Road Safety for the Observing Participants focusing on the progress in each pillar, the overall progress and road safety statistics. He opened a discussion for the OPs and explained to the representative from Georgia (only present) that the Report was previously shared with the members of the Road Safety TC and RSC members and explained the possibility and deadline set for comments on the Report before the next RSC scheduled for end of October 2025.
6. Goran Temovski presented the regional partners' progress on Annex I transposition status for the regional partners. He opened a discussion on the possibilities of using the Locally contracted experts that the representatives will have to request in a timely manner for the secretariat to prepare the procurement procedure.
7. The Technical Committee took note of the progress made by Kosovo* in the implementation of roadworthiness legislation. It was concluded that progress in the transposition of Annex I legal acts should be evidenced through reporting in the annual progress report for Annex I of the Transport Community Treaty and possibly with a table of compliance
8. The members of the Technical Committee took note that the activity “Initiating the process of joining EU CARE for Montenegro and North Macedonia” shall be postponed to next year, following the completion of the planned regional workshop on joining the EU CARE Data Model for all Regional Partners.
9. It was agreed that upon drafting by the TCT Secretariat, following the submission rules, the members from Montenegro will submit the TAIEX application for the regional workshop titled “TAIEX Capacity building on increasing the level of vehicle safety – in support of Regulation (EU) 2018/858 on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, amending Regulations (EC) No 715/2007 and (EC) No 59/2009 and repealing Directive 2007/46/EC

10. Darko Miceski presented the progress on Annex I transposition status for Observing Participants. He stipulated the conclusions and Upcoming Priorities for the Road Safety Sector and again explained that the Report was previously shared with the members of the Road Safety TC and RSC members and explained the possibility and deadline set for comments on the Report before the next RSC scheduled for end of October 2025.
9. The Committee expressed its support for the Transport Community's activity to organise six visibility events promoting the use of seat belts and child restraint systems (one per Regional Partner), in support of Council Directive 91/671/EEC. The Secretariat will prepare letters to be sent to the relevant ministries on the planned events
10. It was agreed that the TCT Secretariat will organise a high-level regional visibility event for the **European 112 Day**, consisting of a **Regional Workshop on 112 and eCall**, organised back-to-back with the Technical Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The objective is to improve the functioning of 112 and eCall services and enhance coordination among competent authorities within the Transport Community. The activity aims to strengthen cross-border cooperation and define next steps for cross-sectoral approaches.
11. To follow up on the previous conclusion from the 20th Technical Committee meeting and 10th WBRSO meeting held in Skopje, the members reaffirmed their support for the Transport Community Secretariat to organise a joint Conference/Workshop of the WBRSO, the European Road Safety Observatory (ERSO), and the Eastern Partnership Road Safety Observatory (EaPRSO). The aim is to enhance regional cooperation and exchange knowledge, experience, and collaboration on data collection processes among the three observatories.
12. The Secretariat was requested to ask the WBRSO platform maintenance and develop company to:
 - (i) assist Regional Partners in entering their data into the platform,
 - (ii) import available EU-level data on road safety where applicable, and
 - (iii) clarify why specific ministry servers identify the WBRSO platform as a potential threat and block access, and propose technical solutions.
13. A joint session was held with the 18th Technical Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG), focusing on vehicle safety and harmonisation of type-approval rules

14. The Committee took note of the presentation on general safety regulation (vehicle safety) delivered by **Dr David Hynd (TRL)**, highlighting the objectives and benefits of the EU General Safety Regulation (EU) 2019/2144, eCall and Periodic Technical Inspection (PTI) systems and maintain interest on the following:
- (i) How were the forecasted savings of over 24,794 lives and 140,740 serious injuries in the EU within the period of adoption of the regulations until 2037 were calculated
 - (ii) Upon discussion, the Committee was encouraged that the Regional Partners should consider adopting the whole package of the General Safety Regulation (EU) 2019/2144 and related implementing acts as part of their alignment with EU vehicle safety rules, with various implementation dates
15. The Technical Committees on Road Safety and Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG) jointly emphasised the importance of coordinated regional efforts to enhance transport safety. They agreed to utilise the TAIEX instrument to implement the Checklist on Road Safety in the Transport of Dangerous Goods and to apply for a regional TAIEX activity jointly focused on the exchange of information on the roadside checks. Furthermore, the Committees underlined that achieving high standards in overall transport safety requires the establishment of detailed test procedures and technical requirements, with mandatory compliance under technical supervision to ensure effective implementation.
16. The next meeting of the Technical Committee on Road Safety and the WBRSO will be convened in 2026, with details to be communicated by the Secretariat in due course.