



18th Technical Committee on Road Safety

19 – 20 June 2024, Portoroz, Slovenia

Agreed Conclusions

1. The 18th Technical Committee on Road Safety took place in a hybrid format and in person on 19-20 June in Portoroz, Slovenia. The meeting was held back-to-back with the TRANSPORT ENGINEERING DAYS 2024, organised on 18 – 19 June 2024, by DIPS in cooperation with Transport Community and NK PIARC Slovenia, with professional contributions from all transport modes.
2. The members of the Technical Committee on Road Safety noted the absence of Mr Nikolin Berxhiku and Ms Ariana Hasani from Albania, Mr Miroslav Djerić and Spasoje Micić from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr Nezir Gashi and Mr Fisnik Cakaj from Kosovo*, Mr Bojan Mitovski from North Macedonia and Ms Olivera Stević Ledencan due to her presence in the Technical Committee on Road. The meeting was attended by the representatives of Georgia and the Republic of Moldova while was noted the absence of representatives from Ukraine.
3. The agenda of the meeting was adopted without comments.
4. Mr. Nedim Begovic, Green/Multimodal/Innovative Transport Solutions Desk Officer, presented the main deliverables of the Green Mobility Summit, Sarajevo, 6-7 June 2024. Also, the regional partners gave a short overview of the measures defined within the Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy, and all contributions will be sent in writing to the TCT Secretariat by each Regional Partner. During the discussion, it has been emphasized that better coordination between the ministries in charge of environmental issues and transport is necessary.
5. During the meeting, the TCT Secretariat presented in brief the Guidelines, the Grant Application Form and deadlines related to the Safe and Sustainable Transport Programme where the World Bank is a leading IFI. Regional Partners presented the road safety projects that they have proposed under this programme. Montenegro noted that 2 of their projects were not accepted by the World Bank. TCT Secretariat suggested that they discuss the details and reasons why these projects are not accepted with World Bank representatives. The TC members were reminded that the deadline for submitting their applications to the World Bank was 30 June 2024.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

6. Regional Partners briefly presented the status and progress made with the implementation of the Road Safety Action Plan for the period April 2024-June 2024 as follows:

Albania

The Inception Report from the Consultant that will draft the Road Safety Strategy is finalised.

Montenegro

- *RSI and RSA reports for 100 km on the state road network are finalised. The tender procedure for the preparation of project documentation for the improvement of road safety based on the RSI report on 100 km of state road is ongoing;*
- *The tender procedure was conducted, and contracts were signed for RSI reports for an additional 100 km on the state road network;*
- *Furthermore, contracts have also been signed for the preparation of project documentation for the improvement of safety in the school zone at 15 locations (Phase I), as well as contracts for the works in these 15 locations;*
- *Phase II of this project is ongoing - tender procedure conducted and project documentation is prepared for the improvement of safety in the school zone at another 10 locations. A tender for the selection of a contractor is open;*
- *The tender procedure was carried out and the contract for the preparation of project documentation for the improvement of safety in the zone of important intersections on state roads (construction of lighting) was signed;*
- *The preparation of the main projects for the black spots (PPF) is underway*
- *comments from EC on the drafted Road Safety Strategy were received, and it is expected to be adopted by the government by the end of III quarter of 2024.*

North Macedonia

Due to the election period, there are no updates for the given period of time.

Serbia

- *Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure in cooperation with the Ministry of European Integration together with regional GIZ project organized a webinar on harmonization of regulations in the area of homologation of motor vehicles, trailers, tractors and gas emissions from internal combustion engines. Experts from Croatia shared the best practices in this field. Representatives from Montenegro also participated in the webinar.*
- *In the previous period, the Road Traffic Safety Agency supported the „Uncool Friend“ campaign launched by Carlsberg Serbia Company. This campaign aims to present the importance of responsible behaviour under the use of alcohol.*
- *Regarding Traffic Police activities, there is currently an international initiative for enhanced traffic control being conducted this week under the auspices of the ROADPOL organization. On the first day alone, 180 drivers were removed from traffic due to alcohol impairment, with an additional 10 drivers excluded for driving under the influence of psychoactive substances.*

- *The procedure for the adoption of 2 Rulebooks has been completed, namely:*
 - o *Rulebook on Amendments to the Rulebook on vehicles testing – in terms of testing of non-type approved vehicles and*
 - o *Rulebook on Amendments to the Rulebook on homologation.*
- These rulebooks are expected to be published in Official Gazzete very soon and afterwards, they are put into force.*

Georgia

At the legislative level, committee discussions of legislative amendments are underway in the Parliament:

- *PTI centres monitoring: As a result of the amendment to the Law of Georgia “on Traffic”, the authority to monitor the inspection process, which implies monitoring - by visiting the site at any time and video monitoring is granted to LEPL Land Transport Agency (LTA). Furthermore, in order to fully control the process of PTI and monitor the inspection centres, "the procedure for monitoring/video monitoring of the process of periodic technical inspection" will be approved by the director of the Land Transport Agency. Accordingly, by making an amendment to the "Code of Administrative Offenses of Georgia”, administrative responsibility is determined for the violation of the technical regulation on periodic technical inspection of motor vehicles and their trailers by the periodic technical inspection centre as a result of the monitoring carried out within the authority granted to the LTA;*
 - *Type approval: As a result of the presented amendments, if the technical service has already been designated by one and/or several EU member states or it is accordingly accredited by LEPL Unified National Accreditation Body - Accreditation Center, then the approval authority (LEPL Land Transport Agency) can designate it without performing an initial assessment and reassessment.*
7. The Transport Community Secretariat will send the request for the latest progress of the measures of the Road Action Plan and revised Annex I.3. to all the members of the Technical Committee. Contributions are to be sent in writing to the Transport Community Secretariat by 30 July 2024.
 8. Ms Liljana Cela, Road Safety Desk Officer, presented the new generation of the Road Safety Action Plan covering the period 2025-2027. As the deadline for comments from the regional partners relating to a new generation of the Road Safety Action Plan was set for 31 May 2024, and during the meeting deadlines for concrete measures within the Road Safety Action Plan were discussed, a new generation of the Action Plan has been adopted, on the technical level, by the Technical Committee on Road Safety. She informed the members that the document would undergo restructuring to align its format with other Action Plans, though this adjustment would not involve any fundamental changes to the presented measures. The revised document will be forwarded to the EC and RSC for their feedback in

the upcoming period, prior to its endorsement at the Ministerial Meeting scheduled by the end of 2024.

9. Mr Darko Miceski, Road and Road Safety Desk Officer within the PIU of the TCT Secretariat, held separate meetings with the representatives from Moldova and Georgia on the next generation Action Plans and possible Technical Assistance for the Observing Participants. The deadline for the Observing Participants' comments on the next generation of the Action Plan is to be submitted to the Head of PIU and PIU Road and Road Safety Desk Officer by 27 June 2024.
10. Ms Liljana Cela, Road Safety Desk Officer presented the state of play of the data collections process for road safety data about 2023. The data are submitted online and as such the information is available for public users too. Regional Partners will be contacted separately by the TCT Secretariat related to the missing information and a new deadline for completion of data collection is to be set.
11. Information on the forthcoming event about the Capacity Building on Maximum Abbreviated Injury Scale (MAIS) 3+ was shared with Technical Committee members. Representatives from the Health Sector from the Western Balkans will participate on 21 June 2024. According to the agenda, participants will be introduced to the AIS definition, the global situation presented in the Global Status Report on Road Safety for 2023, the work from the European Commission and two best practice examples from Ireland and Belgium.
12. The next meeting of the Technical Committee on Road Safety and WBRSO will take place in Belgrade, at the end of September/ beginning of October 2024. TCT Secretariat will notify the members in advance about the exact date.