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## UNDA Project on Road Safety Targets

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# Background

- Is a follow up of the recommendations made in GA Resolution A/RES/60/5 on Improving global road safety.
- In 2004, road traffic crashes worldwide claim the lives of more than 1.2 million people every year, and are responsible for about 40 million injuries
- They disproportionately affect low and middle income countries
- The costs of road crashes are estimated at between \$65 billion and \$100 billion



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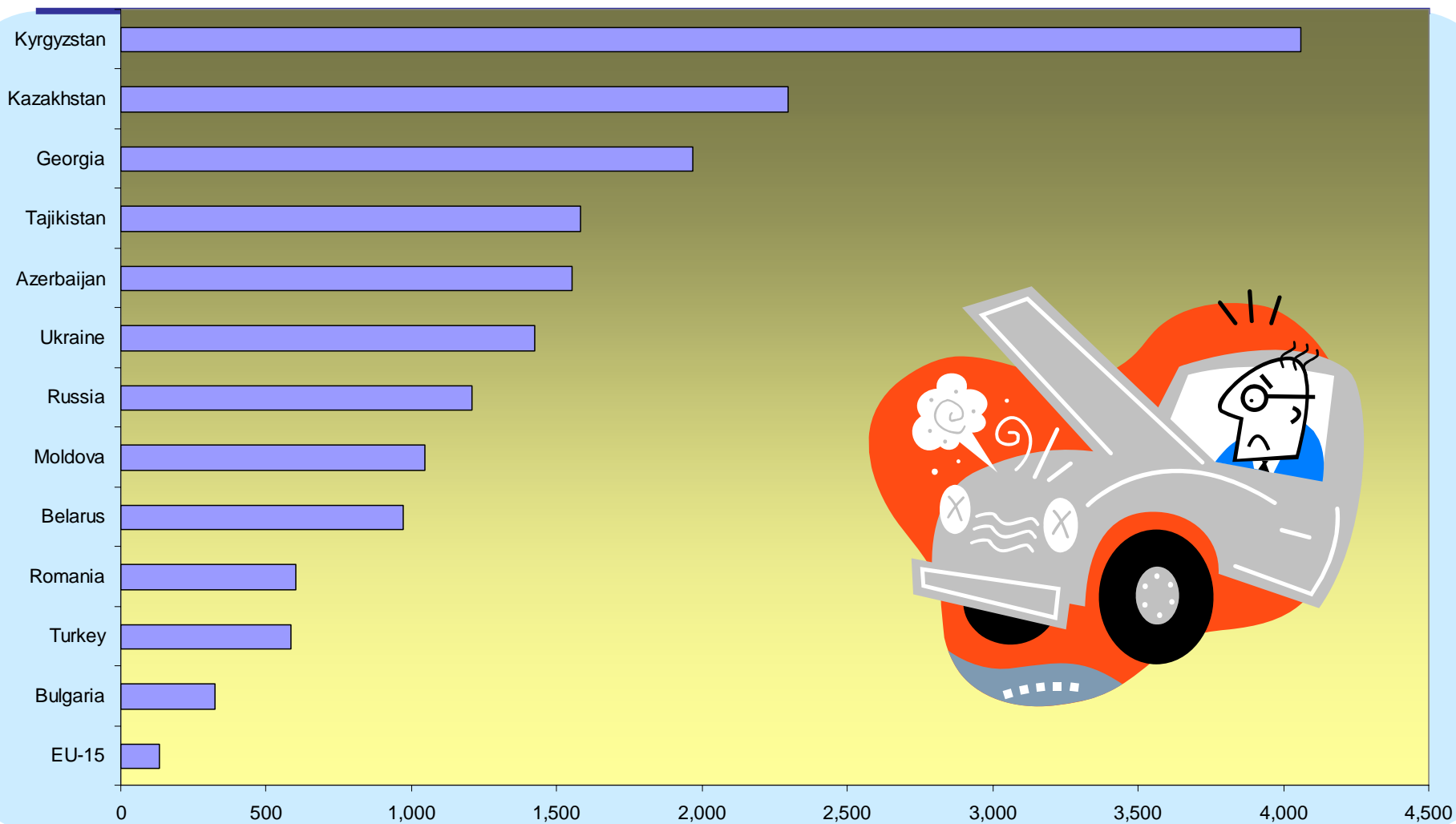
- To be carried out by the five UN regional commissions in 2008-2009
- Budget \$658,000
- Improving Global Road Safety by assisting low and middle income countries to develop regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets and provide them with examples of good road safety practice that could help them to achieve the targets selected by 2015.





# ECE region

## People killed per million vehicles, 2004





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- **Main activity:** organization of seminar(s) in each RC
  - ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP 15 countries
  - ECE 7-10 countries
  - ESCWA 5-8 countries



## **Other activities include:**

- Information on interventions and road safety practices that brought reductions in road traffic injuries and fatalities
- Bringing together countries with similar problems
- Possibility of developing sub regional targets that could then feed into a regional target
- Website, Advisory missions, Awareness campaigns, Report and African case studies
- **Beneficiaries:** Ministries of Interior, Transport, Health and Education, NGOs active in road safety, and all road users



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## Road safety strategies that include targets are more successful and Worked for developed countries

- EU to reduce fatalities by 50% by 2010 compared to 2000
- Asia to save 600,000 lives over period 2007 to 2015
- Africa to reduce the rate of fatalities by half by 2015



Australia - 40% by 2010, Japan less than 5,750 fatalities in 2012

Turkey – 40% fatalities by 2011 compared to 1999

Malaysia 4 road accidents per 10,000 vehicles by 2010

Peru – 30% reduction in accidents, Mexico –27% fatalities by 2015 (compared to 2002), Argentina – 20% reduction in fatalities in four years

United States 1.0 fatalities/100 million vehicle miles by 2008 plus sub targets



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- The GA will discuss the issue on 31 March in NY
- A Road Safety collaboration meeting will be held in UNHQ on 1-2 April, with the participation of global stakeholders including UN Regional Commissions
- It is planned to hold a global ministerial conference on road safety under the auspices of the United Nations for the first time in 2010
- The results of this project would be discussed by that Conference and might lead to the establishment of a global road safety target in the style of the MDGs.



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