UNECE Role in Road Traffic Safety

How to achieve Transport- and Trade-related SDGs
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Road Safety trends (UNECE, 2015)

Road traffic fatalities by region, 2003–2013 (UNECE, 2015)

Thousands

Road traffic accidents by region, 2003–2013 (UNECE, 2015)

Thousands
UNECE’s 360 ° approach to Road Safety

- **Regulatory work**
  To ensure widest possible geographical coverage of UN road safety international legal instruments

- **Policy dialogue**
  To strengthen road safety management and coordination

- **Analytical work**
  To assist in the identification of best practices

- **Technical Assistance**
  To assist countries in the ECE region and beyond to implement international transport and road traffic safety legislation
UNECE – more than 60 years of road safety work

- Social Rules (driving and rest hours)
- Road Traffic Rules
- Drivers’ License
- Road Signs and Signals
- Vehicle Regulations
- Infrastructure (standards and parameters, tunnel safety, all land modes)
- Border Crossing Facilitation
- Statistics
- Dangerous Goods
UN Legal Instruments

The main legal instruments

- European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)
- Convention on Road Traffic, Vienna 1968
- Convention on Road Signs and Signals, Vienna 1968
- European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)
- Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections, of 13 November 1997
- European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) of 30 September 1957

Sets of best practices

- Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)
- Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)
Global accession to road safety conventions

Convention on Road Traffic - 1949, 1968

Convention on Road Signs and Signals - 1949, 1968

1958 Vehicles Conventions

1998

Periodical Inspection 1997
Accession to road safety conventions

The Conventions

Of 18 UN Road Safety Conventions:
- Albania has acceded to 14
- Bosnia & Herzegovina to 11
- Greece to 14
- Republic of Moldova to 12
- Serbia to 16
- The FYR of Macedonia to 9

Core Conventions

Of 6 Core UN Road Safety Conventions:
- Albania has acceded to 5
- Bosnia & Herzegovina to 4
- Greece to 4
- Republic of Moldova to 6
- Serbia to 4
- The FYR of Macedonia to 4
Supporting UN SDGs and Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 achievement

- Boosting Political Will and Supporting Government Strategies
- Protecting Road Users
- Making Vehicles Safer
- Improving Safety of Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Making Technologies Work for Safer Mobility
- Making Roads Safer
- Improving Cargo Safety
- Learning from Road Crashes
- Mitigating the Impact of Road Crashes
- Raising Awareness, Fundraising and Advocating for Road Safety
Global Forum on Road Traffic Safety

- The Global Forum on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) is the ONLY Permanent intergovernmental body in the UN dealing with Road Safety open to all countries throughout the world
- Two sessions per year, two ad-hoc Expert Groups
The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)

- UNECE Sustainable Transport Division giving secretariat to WP.29 for more than 60 years
- WP.29 is:
  - the unique worldwide regulatory forum for the automotive sector
  - administrating three Multilateral UN Agreements

**Construction regulations**
- **1958 Agreement** – Type Approval Regulations with mutual recognition of the type approvals
- **1998 Agreement** – Global Technical Regulations

**In Use PTI regulations**
- **1997 Agreement** – Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspection
United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety

Mr. Jean Todt’s mandate includes helping to mobilize sustained political commitment, raising awareness of and advocating for accession to UN Road Safety Conventions and advocating for adequate funding for global road safety.

• Meetings with decision-makers in more than 30 countries to raise attention on road safety
• Road Safety Performance review in two African countries.
Technical assistance projects

• Road Safety Performance Review (RSPR) Project (Albania, Georgia, Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic)

• SafeFITS

• Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) Project - road safety component
UNECE for better road traffic safety – result of serious and systematic efforts

- Internationally harmonized regulatory framework
- Technical Assistance and sharing the best practices for further improvement
- Analytical work
- Policy dialogue
Thank you

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