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Albania joins E-road agreement

On 2 August, Albania acceded to the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR), increasing the number of States Contracting Parties to this Agreement to thirty-five.

The AGR, which was done in 1975, provides the legal framework for the construction and development of a



coherent international road network, the E-road network. The Agreement identifies the E-roads, or arteries that channel major international traffic flows throughout the UNECE region and establishes the minimum uniform technical conditions those roads must respect as well as a distinguishing number for each E-road.

In addition to the major road-traffic arteries in Western, Central, Eastern and South-eastern Europe, the AGR now includes main international roads in the Caucasus and Central Asia. *

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The E-road network

The international E-road network consists of a grid system of reference roads having a general north-south and west-east orientation; it includes also intermediate roads located between the reference roads and branch, link and connecting roads.

North-south reference roads have two-digit odd numbers terminating in the figure 5 and increasing from west to east. East-west reference roads have two-digit even numbers terminating in the figure 0 and increasing from north to south.



Intermediate roads have two-digit odd (north-south) and two-digit even (west-east) numbers between the numbers of the reference roads between which they are located. Branch, link and connecting roads have three-digit numbers.

E-road signs consist of the letter E, followed by the number attributed to the road. They have a green background with white inscription. In principle, they should be integrated into (or combined with) the system of direction signs of the country.