

# Republic of Moldova Overview



Capital: Chisinau

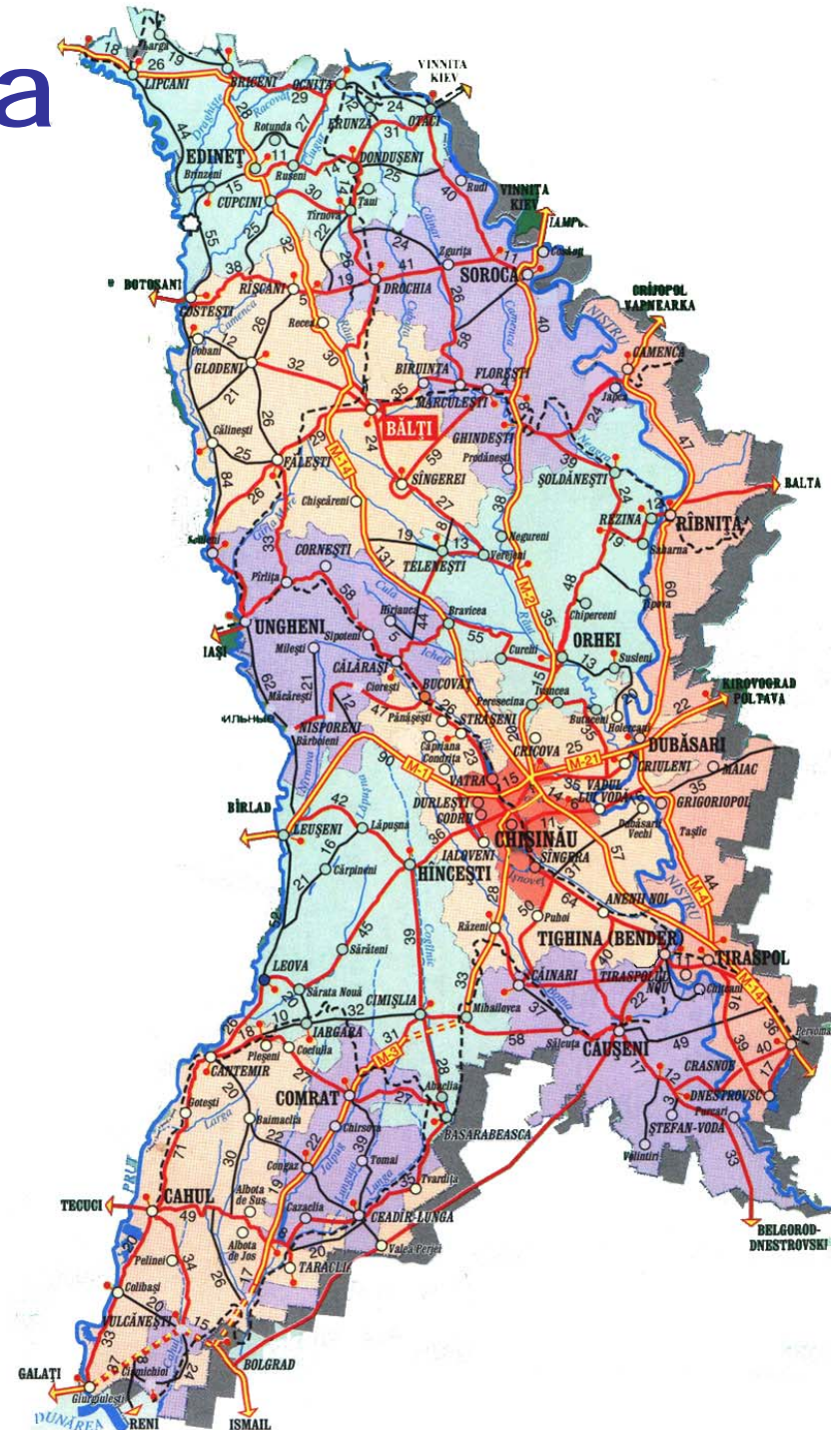
Area: 33,843 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 4 million inhabitants

Public Roads: 10.531 km

National: 3.665 km

All means of transport: 186 units per 100  
inhabitants



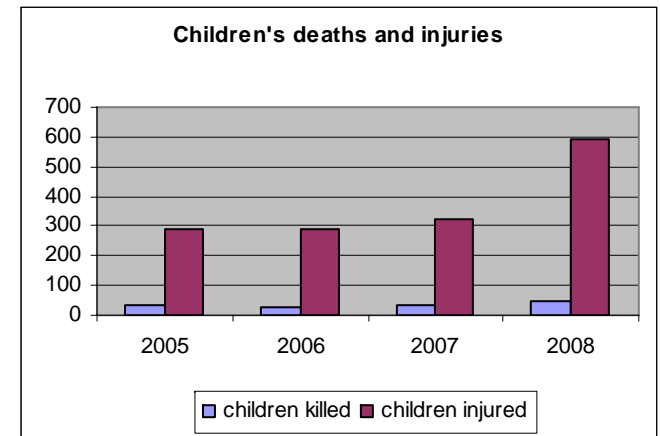
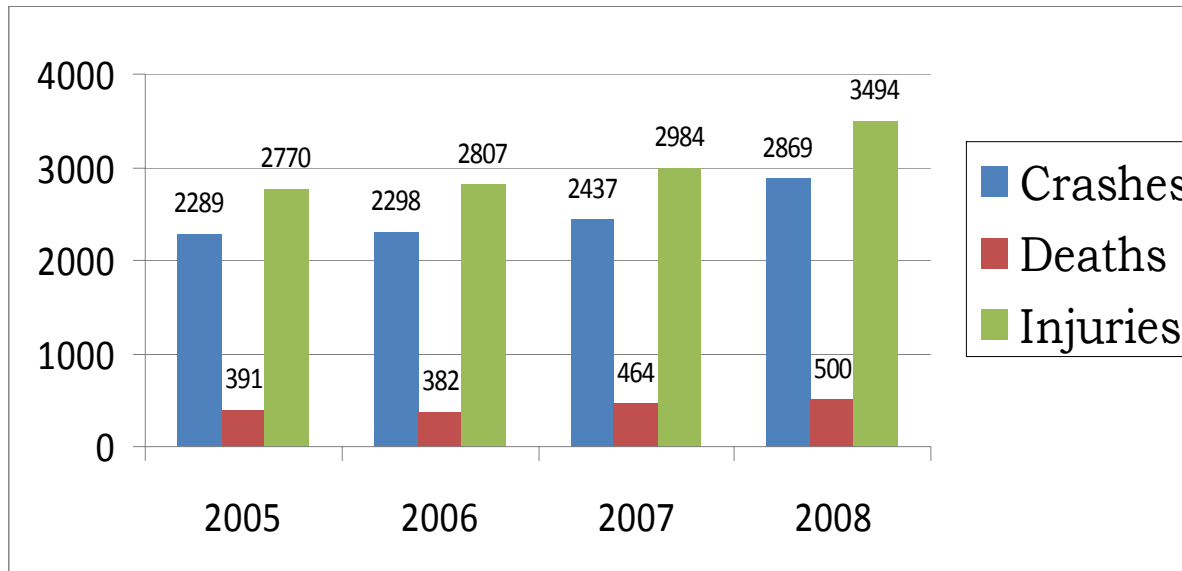
# Main challenges regarding Road Safety in Moldova

- Deplorable condition of national roads, both in terms of paving, as well as the alerts with special signs (lack of markings and road signs, no lights, etc., what leads to significantly increasing possibility of road accidents);
- Lack of an Unified National Program regarding roads and road accidents as to diminish the number of injuries and deaths, which would be based on a clear and firm attitude of the authorities, with the involvement of civil society and NGOs in the field;
- Our law norms don't wholly correspond to the international ones and would necessitate an adaptation in conformity with the international standards - even the introduction of a new road traffic code as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, recently, where a considerable increase of penalties for violations is forecasted, is not likely to solve all the problems
- Lack of some special requests and restrictions for those who have just got their driving license (as it would be necessary a reexamination after a while, or a special programme for increasing their qualification – eminent practice used in many European countries), or the number of violations of the new licensees is quite significant.
- Lack of a firm conviction of the society and citizens not to violate traffic rules, as a result of their education and driving roadside behavior, public indifference, but also poor involvement of the state resort organs concerning growing interest in road safety issues;
- High level of corruption among traffic police officers, but also of the Ministry of Transport, what leads to the possibility of evading from the responsibility for breaching road laws, slipping away from mandatory technical control, quality of infrastructure etc.

# Main challenges regarding Road Safety in Moldova

**Alarming growth of road crashes, death rate and injuries (including children) during recent years**

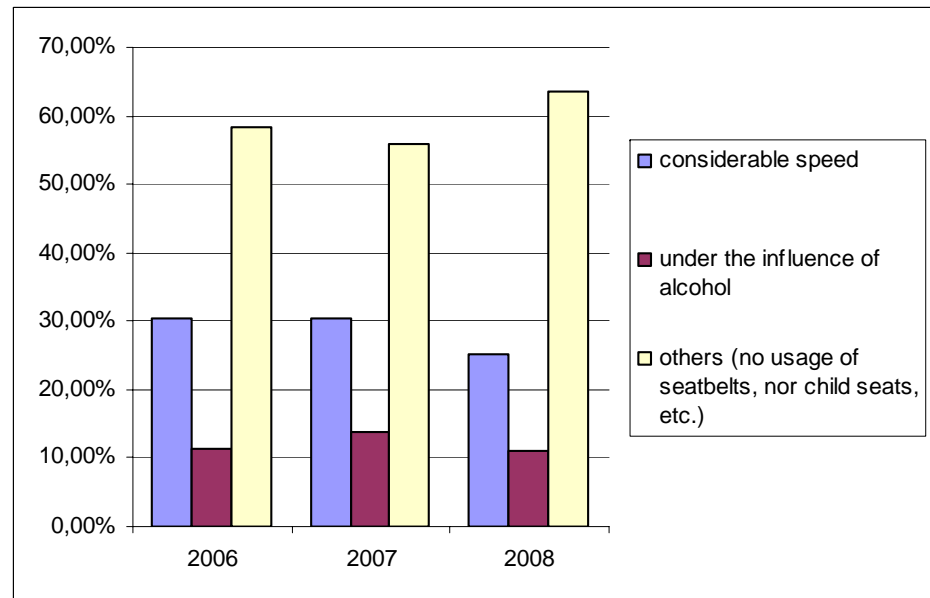
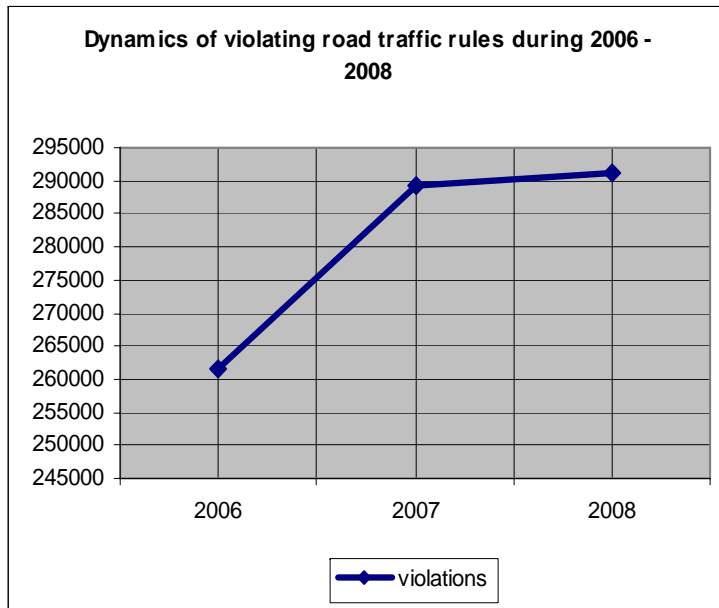
**Only in first 4 months of 2009 more than 868 accidents recorded, of which 117 deaths and 1030 injuries (280 accidents more than in 2008);**



# Main challenges regarding Road Safety in Moldova

**Growing number of violating law norms of road traffic, especially those that can lead to serious crashes and cause injuries and fatalities, such as:**

- a. driving drunk and under the influence of other substances**
- b. considerable speed**
- c. unfasten safety belts**
- d. no usage of child seats;**



## Road Safety in Moldova

- National Council on Road Safety (leaded by Prime-Minister, involving almost all ministries plus NGO's )
  - Ministry of Internal Affair
  - Road Police
  - Ministry of Transport
- + Ministry of education, Ministry of Health, NGO's (like ACM)
- Regulation of the Road traffic 15 of July 2009
  - Regulation regarding the mode of alcoholoscopic test and medical examination for the establishment of the state of drunkenness and its nature 16 of April 2009
  - Contravention Code of Rep. of Moldova 24 of October (enforcement of law rules)
  - Law nr. 131-XVI about road traffic safety 7 of July 2007

## **Solutions need to be found for the following problems, in view of their influence on road crashes ?**

- **Aggressive driving and especially at excessive speed.**
- **Non-compliance with the traffic regulations.**
- **Alcohol, drugs, and fatigue while driving.**
- **Medical problems and the influence of medications on driving competence.**
- **The high risk to which pedestrians, cyclist and motorcyclists are exposed.**
- **Young inexperienced drivers.**
- **Failure to use protective measures such as child safety seats, seat-belts and helmets.**
- **Infrastructure-safety failures.**



## Automobile Club of Moldova (ACM)

- Founded 1998
- Over 4000 members
- Active member FIA ( Federation Internationale de l'Automobile) since 2002
- Active member AIT (Alliance Internationale de Tourisme) since 2000
  
- Republican
- Non-governamental
- Noncommercial
- Non-political
- Public organization

### Goals and objectives:

- To provide information and cultivate interest for automobiles and automobile tourism
- To cooperate with authorities, public organizations and any other legal or natural persons with the purpose of development of automobilism
- To establish and develop cooperation with international automobile and tourist organizations, associations, clubs
- To carry out activities directed towards environmental protection and road safety as far as possible
- To train automobilists in the spirit of observance of road rules and struggling with any breaches of road discipline and ethics
- To cooperate with corresponding authorities, public organizations in order to improve the standards of road traffic, road signaling, obtain driving licenses, as well as to take measures for improvement of road safety an accidents preventions on public roads, environmental protection and other activities presenting interest for automobilism and tourism...

## **Why ROADS SAFETY CAMPAIN ?**

- **Deep analyses of statistic data on road crashes for the last 5 years, witch clearly shows increasing dynamic of growing number of road crashes and victims**
- **Realizing that measures taken by the authorities and responsible institutions for provision of road traffic security are insufficiently effective for cardinal improvement of situation**
- **Understanding that, unfortunately, the level of public self-consciousness and culture of road traffic security in our country is low**
- **Realizing that the roads behavior and the roads infrastructure in Moldova need to be dramatically improved**
- **Understanding that, unfortunately, the level education and educational programs on road safety and road traffic rules is under a European standard**
- **High interest of international society to decrease number of road crashes and road crash victims, and international programs approved on the highest level (for example, the EU plan “European Road Safety action program, the FIA programs “Make Roads Safe”and “Make Cars Green”)**
- **The desire to involve Republic of Moldova in world tendency of road traffic security**

## What we want to realize by starting RS Campaign ?

- To strengthen the National Committee on Road Traffic Security to unite representatives from government (Road police, Ministry of transport), representatives from NGOs and promote of the program “Safe Roads ”.
- To propagandize the idea of road traffic rules. To pay special attention to such aspects as: driving under alcohol influence, exceeding speed limit, use of safety-belts.
- To decrease number of road crash cases and victims by 40% in 5 years.
- To attract attention of the society, state officials and leaders of public organizations to the problem of road traffic security as well as to taking special measures for decrease of number of road crash cases and victims.
- To achieve wide public reprimand to such negative factors as: driving under alcohol or drug influence, exceeding speed limit, etc.
- To organize a number of actions aimed at prevention of road crashes and road traffic rules breaking, involving children, beginner drivers, statesmen, representatives from mass media, stars, etc.
- To investigate quality of road infrastructure in the RM, including traffic marking-out, guides, lights, etc.
- To develop of informed road safety policies by collecting and disseminating national road crash statistics, producing research and public information materials, and providing evidence-based advice on a range of road safety issues;
- To harmonize the Moldavian legislation with the European Road Safety Action Programme for 2003 – 2010, and upcoming European road safety action program for 2011-2020.
- To enhance road safety through developing capacity;
- To increase awareness of road safety within the community;
- To create a network between Automobile Club of Moldova and Transnistria, as well with European partners.

## What we have realized ?

- **2007 “Be careful while driving!”** – a 3 days campaign, pointed on danger of driving cars under the influence of drugs, alcohol, mobile phones, driving at high speed, unfasten seat-belts etc. The campaign finished with a motor show “Happy hills”, more that 4000 visitors...
- **2008 “Think before you drive”** – a 3 days campaign, supported by FIA Foundation and OMTc (Austrian Automobile Club) and national support from Road Police. We have delivered 5000 leaflets, 1000 gauges and 100 child seats. The main goals: the use of seat-belts, child seats, control of tires pressure etc.
- **2008 “Road Safety Week”** - a 5 days campaign supported by Road Police and with use of products such as: tires gauges, leaflets, child seats. The campaign finished with a 2 days motor show, more that 7000 visitors
- **2009 “Make Roads Safe Week”** . We have delivered leaflets, child seats, wristbands, tires gauges on the most important roads of Chisinau and Balti.
- **2009** [www.saferoads.md](http://www.saferoads.md) is launched.

**in 2009 ACM have signed the European Road Safety Charter...**