



Inland Transport Committee 78th session Agenda item 5 (c): Road Safety

EuroMed Transport RRU Project "Technical Assistance to Tunisia – Road Safety: Training of Professional Drivers and Introduction of a Professional Qualification"

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Activities accomplished



- ➤ Diagnosis of the Road Safety situation
- ➤ Identification of a regulatory framework. Proposals for amending Tunisian legislation
- ➤ Elaboration of Training Programs based on Road Safety
- Criteria for Approval of Training Centres
- **►** A Sensitization Seminar





Assumptions



- Professional driving: much more than just driving
- Accidents involving HGV, buses or coaches: much more serious
- Requirements for professional drivers should be much more demanding











Relevant Regulatory Framework:

- > The 1968 Convention on Road Traffic
- ➤ Directives 2006/126/EC, 2009/113/CE and 2012/36/UE on driving permits
- **➢ Directive 2003/59/CE on Professional Drivers Qualification**



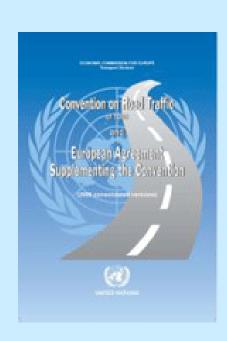




Recommendations



- ➤ Update driving permit legislation to the 1968 Convention Road Traffic
- ➤ Introduce a Professional Driver Qualification, consisting of:
 - ➤ An Compulsory Initial Minimal Training (140 h) and a Test
 - ➤ A Compulsory Periodic Training (35 h) and a Test, every 5 years
- >Adopt relevant training programs
- ➤ Adopt Criteria for Approval of Training Centres





Follow-up



- ➤ The Tunisian Ministry of Transport, fully committed to implement the recommendations
- ➤ A Pilot Committee has been set up and its work is well advanced
- Draft new and amended legislation are almost completed







Phase II



- Diagnosis has shown insufficiencies and dysfunctionings in the Training system
- > Building training capacity, a major issue
- > A strategy to this end is being proposed
- Already 8 Tunisian ADR trainers have got IRU Academy accreditation
- ➤ A national Road Safety based Training program for all drivers will be proposed
- > Tunisian efforts deserve support

