Working Party on Road Traffic Safety
72th session
Agenda item 2: Activities of interest to the WP

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:
  - A Compulsory Initial Minimal Training (140 h) and a Test
  - A Compulsory Periodic Training (35 h) and a Test, every 5 years
- Adopt minimal requirements
- 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 key issue
- A strategy to this end has been proposed and already 8 Tunisian ADR trainers have accredited by the IRU Academy
- A national Road Safety based Training program for all drivers will be proposed
- Tunisian efforts deserve support