Road Safety Policy in Georgia

Main Objective: “Roads free from deaths and serious injuries”

Financier: World Bank - Fourth East West Highway Improvement Project (EWHIP-IV)

Beneficiary: 6 state agencies

Adoption of the Strategy: By the Ordinance #1389 of the Government of Georgia of 11 July 2016

Main issues envisaged by the Strategy:

• Analysis of the existing situation – identification of main road safety problems and their possible solutions;

• Long-term goals for Georgia’s Road Safety;

• Defining common responsibility of state agencies on road safety and the lead agency (Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia);

• Creation of the Inter-Agency Commission and Working Group;

• Elaboration of annual action plans and their adoption at national level.
Inter-Agency Commission and Working Group elaborate annual action plans that are adopted by the ordinance of the Government to improve road safety performance in the country and implement the provisions of the National Strategy:

- **Action Plan 2017:**
  - 8 objectives
  - 27 activities
  - Total budget: 153,575,220 GEL

- **Action Plan 2018:**
  - 13 objectives
  - 29 activities
  - Total budget: 106,825,281 GEL
## General Road Safety Indicators

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<td>3,720,400</td>
<td>3,718,200</td>
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<td><strong>Registered vehicles</strong></td>
<td>1,194,375</td>
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<td><strong>Road Accidents</strong></td>
<td>6,939</td>
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<td>9,951</td>
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<td><strong>Death</strong></td>
<td>581</td>
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<td><strong>Death/100,000 inhabitants</strong></td>
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<td>4436</td>
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<td><strong>Death</strong></td>
<td>384</td>
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National Road Safety Policy in Georgia is based on the following objectives:

- Strengthening Road Safety Management
- Developing Targeted Road Safety Measures
- Promoting Safer Infrastructure:
  - Protecting Road Users
  - Promoting the use of safer vehicles
- Improvement of tracking of road accidents and their results
- Identification/determination of Black Spots and causes of road traffic accidents / elaboration of preventive measures
- Provision of urgent, adequate, high quality emergency services to patients injured in road traffic accident
- Awareness Raising
Completed and Ongoing Activities

❖ **Strengthening Road Safety Management**
  ✓ National Road Safety *Strategy* adopted in 2016
  ✓ Definition of *leading entity* in Georgia
  ✓ National Road Safety *Action Plans*
  ✓ *Funding* of Road Safety measures

❖ **Developing Targeted Road Safety Measures**
  ✓ Road safety goal for Georgia is set out in its vision for *Safe Mobility and a Safe System*
  ✓ *Quantifiable* Road Safety Objective
Promoting Safer Infrastructure:

- **Road Safety Inspections** (Total: 115 road sections with the total length of 2607.8 km);

- Carrying out **small scale road safety improvements** on several road sections in 6 different regions of Georgia

- Road Safety Audit of 21 sections and Traffic Management at Roadworks for 60 sections were prepared in compliance with EU road infrastructure safety management principles;

Effectiveness of Traffic Control:

- Develop and improve the **National Video Surveillance System**.

- Develop and improve **Contactless Patrolling**.

- Arranging of **Medium-speed Control Sections** on the international and secondary roads of Georgia.
Completed and Ongoing Activities

❖ Protecting Road Users

✓ Improvement of road safety quality in the adjacent territory of schools;
✓ Dissemination of educational materials by social media and webpages

❖ Promoting the use of safer vehicles

✓ Introduction of Periodic Technical Inspection in Accordance with EU Directive 2009/30/EC:
  ✓ Adoption of Technical Regulations
  ✓ Timetable for enactment of Periodic Technical Inspection
  ✓ Supporting Measures for the construction of new Inspection Centers

✓ Next stage: from 1st January 2019, PTI will become mandatory for all categories of motor vehicles
Improved management and access to reliable crash and other road safety data:

- New methodology is being developed according to Common Accident Data Set (CADaS) recommendations proposed by EC;
- Improvement of crash data quality generated from Hospitals
Additional assistance is necessary:

- Large-scale social campaigns for raising public awareness on road safety, based on the European Best practices;
- Procurement of special tablets for patrol inspectors enabling them to record and submit comprehensive information on road accidents in the electronic database;
- Technical Assistance related to further developing Crash Database and Road Safety Performance Indicators – Ensuring their compliance with International Standards
Thank you for Attention!