National Road Safety Policy development – trends and challenges

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Results of the efficient road safety system, whether expressed in terms of reductions in deaths or injuries, or taking the special care on vulnerable road users (e.g. children, pedestrians) or problematic areas (e.g. speed, driving under influence, helmet wearing) are important to demonstrate the country’s ability to cope with road safety problems and improve road safety situation. Limited financial and human resources, lack of strategic approach, weak statistical capabilities and other existing economic or social problems led to the fact that only a few low- and middle-income countries started the setting of efficient road safety management system.

Integral part of road safety management system is the national legal and strategic framework. Outdated legal and regulatory framework and lack of road safety strategy does not support development of road safety management system and in some cases establishment of such a system is not even foreseen. Failure to constantly work on improvement and update of regulations leads to non-compliance with UN/international road safety legal instruments and increases the gap between best and worst performing countries. In many cases, there is also a lack of national strategy/action plan and weak coordination between national road safety stakeholders. This leads to deficiencies in planning and implementation of road safety measures and overlapping and duplication of some responsibilities in national road safety management system.

The aim of the workshop is to strengthen the knowledge of Central Asia, Caucasus and East-Europe countries on how to define national road safety policy and improve road safety situation. As such, the workshop will help participants to better understand international and regional best practices on road safety management, collection and utilization of robust and reliable road safety statistics and tools (SafeFITS, and RSPR) and methodologies for setting up road safety strategic goals. The workshop will allow attendees to share best practices in national road safety policy setting. Furthermore, workshop will strengthen national capacities to monitor and report on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal Target 3.6.
DRAFT AGENDA

13 November 2018

08.30 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 10.40  Session I. Road Safety Policy Framework - international experiences

Mr. Nenad Nikolic, UNECE, Global Framework Plan of Action for Road Safety (20 min)
Ms. Emma MacLennan, EASST, Director, Safe System Approach (20 min)
Ms. Katerina Folla, NTUA, Greece, European Union Road Safety Action Plan (20 min)
Ms. Natalya Stankevich, Senior Transport Specialist, The World Bank, Mainstreaming road safety into the World Bank transport projects (20 min)
Mr. Zaigham Nargvi, Senior Project Officer, Asian Development Bank, CAREC Road Safety Activities (15 min)
Q&A

10.40 – 11.00  Coffee break and Family photo

11.00 – 11.30  Welcome/ Opening speech

Mr. Akaki Saghirashvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia
Ms. Louisa Vinton, UN Resident Coordinator Georgia

11.30 – 12.10  Session II. How to define Road Safety Policy – European and regional experiences

Mr. Dejan Jovanov, Road safety expert, SEETO Regional Road Safety Strategy (20 min)
Ms. Emma MacLennan, EASST, UK Road Safety Programme (15 min)
Q&A

12.10 – 13.30  Lunch

13.30 – 15.15  Session II. How to define Road Safety Policy – Caucasus, Central Asia and East Europe experiences

Mr. Dejan Jovanov, Road safety expert, TRACECA Road Safety Strategy (30 min)
Moderator: Mr. Nened Nikolic UNECE
• National Road Safety Strategy/Action Plan, data collection and dissemination, trends, monitoring and future plans (special emphasis on evidence-based decision making)
• 3x20 minutes of country (AZE, ARM, BLR) experiences
Q&A

15.15 – 15.45  Coffee break
15.45 – 17.00  Session II. How to define Road Safety Policy - Caucasus, Central Asia and East Europe experiences (cont’)

Moderator: Mr. Nenad Nikolic UNECE
- National Road Safety Strategy/Action Plan, data collection and dissemination, trends, monitoring and future plans (special emphasis on evidence-based decision making)
- 3x20 minutes of country (GE, KYR, TAJ) experiences

Q&A

17.00 Closing Day I

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09.00 – 10.30 Session III. Tools for better road safety decision making

Ms. Katerina Folla, NTUA, Greece, SafeFITS (20 min)
Mr. Gela Kvashilava, Lead National Expert, Georgia Road Safety Performance Review (20 min)
Mr. Edmond Alite, Lead National Expert, Albania Road Safety Performance Review (20 min)
Ms. Natalya Stankevich, Senior Transport Specialist, The World Bank, Georgia Road Safety Management Capacity Review in 2015 (20 min)

Q&A

10.30 – 10.50 Coffee break

10.50 – 12.00 Session III. Tools for better road safety decision making (cont’)

Mr. Nenad Nikolic, UNECE, SafeFITS – Pilot project Georgia and Albania (15 min)
Ms. Katerina Folla, NTUA, Greece, Safety Cube (20 min)
Mr. Dejan Jovanov, Road safety expert, Tool for Road Safety Benchmarking - TRACECA/SEETO examples (20 min)

Q&A

12.00 Conclusions and Closing statements (UNECE/ MoESD GE)