

LAUNCHING OF THE DECADE OF ACTION (2011-2020) FOR ROAD SAFETY IN THE UNECE REGION



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Road safety is one of the most serious challenges facing society today with more than one million fatalities every year. United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/255 declared the period 2011-2020 as a decade of action for Road Safety, with a goal to reduce road traffic fatalities worldwide.

The UNECE is organizing a conference to be held in Belgrade on 27th-29th April 2011, in collaboration with the Serbian Government "Launching the Decade of Action for Road Safety in the UNECE region"

Topics and sessions:

Launching the Decade of Action

Declarations and Commitments of Actions to improve road safety by the heads of National delegations

Policies and Initiatives that work

Governments, International and Regional Organizations will share best practices and experiences

The role of a lead road safety agency

Presentation of UNECE's work for establishing/strengthening the operations and effectiveness of national road safety agencies.

Improving road safety

Road safety management and implementation capacity

Safer Roads and vehicles

Road user behavior

Conclusions and the way forward

PARTICIPATION

Government Officials, International and Regional Organizations, NGOs, private sector stakeholders and members of academia will come together to discuss best practices and share experiences on road traffic safety measures.

Events

- ▶▶ *Presentation of UNECE Road Safety film*
- ▶▶ *Press Conference on Wednesday 27 April 2011 at 13:00 pm*
- ▶▶ *Televised quiz for Children "What do you know about Road Safety?", Wednesday 27 April 2011, 18:00pm*
- ▶▶ *Televised Panel Discussion : Government and UNECE representatives will discuss the main challenges and specific actions for the effective implementation of the Decade.*
- ▶▶ *Visit to the Road Traffic Police Control Centre, Friday 29 April 2011, 09:00 am*



United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and road safety

Addressing road traffic safety in an effective way requires both a multi-sectoral and a multi-disciplinary approach, even within transport. UNECE, through its specialized working parties, offers such a multi-dimensional approach through the “integrated safety chain” of the three key road safety facets: infrastructure, vehicle and driver.

UNECE has pioneered road safety activities in the UN system. As the only UN intergovernmental body concerned with road safety, it develops and administers international legal instruments in the area of traffic regulations, construction and technical inspection of vehicles as well as safe transport of dangerous goods. These instruments have assisted member States across the world to harmonize and enforce traffic rules, produce safe and clean road vehicles, reduce the risk of accidents with dangerous goods and hazardous materials and ensure that only safe and well maintained vehicles and competent drivers are allowed to participate in traffic. Moreover, transport infrastructure agreements developed under UNECE auspices, have given Europe coherent pan-European and safer road transport networks.

The UNECE attaches great weight to the current effort of increasing road safety and it has ambitious plans for a series of road safety activities to educate, to raise awareness, to induce action and to create dynamic and effective responses.

UNECE road traffic safety legal instruments

- ▶▶ **The 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic**, sets up commonly agreed rules on all factors influencing international road traffic and its safety, including the driver and the vehicle, and is the reference for many national Road Traffic Codes all over the world
- ▶▶ **The 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals**, sets up more than 200 commonly agreed reference road signs and signals, prescribes common norms for traffic light signals and uniform conditions for road markings.
- ▶▶ The implementation of the two conventions is complemented by two sets of best practices, known as the **Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)** and the **Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)**

