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**

For more information and registration form see: [www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/conf_belgrade.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/conf_belgrade.html)
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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).