

Support for Implementing Measures for the South East Core Regional Transport Network Multi Annual Plan (EuropeAid/125783/C/SER/MULTI)

1. RSA Workshop

“EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY AND THE NEED FOR REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY”

Tirana, January 28 and 29, 2009

Summary and Conclusions

The first RSA Workshop took a place in Tirana, Albania, 2009, Hotel Tirana International (Tirana, Albania) on 28 and 29 January, 2009.

The list of workshop participants contains 51 attendants. For various reasons the final number of participants at first workshop day was 45. As an annex to this document we present the final list of attendants.

Below we summarise the main points of the workshop and the relevant conclusions:

→ Programme and practical output

Our summary of the workshop is prepared according to the chronological order of the workshop.

- **Presentation by the project: “The Policy, best practice and main strategic documents concerning traffic safety management in EU”.** The target of this presentation was to give the attendees an overview about the political framework in road safety in Europe. This presentation was more or less theoretical but was – in our opinion – very helpful to show similarities and differences regarding the road safety situation in Europe and in the SEETO Region.
- **Presentation by the project: “Results of the Analysis stage of the RSA component of the Project”.** Next we presented the results of the first project stage (analysis of the existing situation). We informed the attendees about the basic findings and parameters. The intensive discussion that followed in the workshop about the interpretation of the results was very fruitful. The main conclusion was, that improvements regarding future data collection are necessary (standardized definitions of accidents etc.) .
- **Presentations by Participants (in total 7): Exchange of road safety best practices** were well accepted by all SEETO Participants. Every SEETO Participant was presenting one example of his road safety best practice. We think that the examples are demonstrating the successful stories about the improvements in road safety in the region. We think that the examples are demonstrating the successful stories about the improvements in road safety in the region. We can summarize, that we got generally very good responses about this in the discussion during the workshop. We think that the good examples from the Region could help to have a better cooperation and exchange of experience in Region under the SEETO umbrella. We thank especially all active speakers from every SEETO Participants for their excellent work.

- **Presentation by the project: "The draft of the short term Regional Road Safety Strategy (RRSS) – the methodological approach, best practice in Europe and the adaptation to the local situation"**. The presentation about this topic was on the second day. In addition, after the presentation, detailed discussion was initiated. In the discussion the colleagues from different SEETO Participants gave special attention to the draft of Regional Road Safety Strategy and the possible way of its implementation. We got from the attendees only positive reactions. We think the need of the RRSS was generally accepted although the starting situation in the different SEETO Participants is not the same (e.g. the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia have a adopted National Road Safety Strategy).

It has to be mentioned, that special attention was given to the institutional and human capacity building in all SEETO Participants, as well as providing the integrity of road safety work. Regarding the presented matrix "institutions – human – integrity" we got some useful comments to improve this document.

In the discussion we got also the useful proposals regarding the logical order of the goals in the RRSS document (Attendee Prof. Vujanic: "Education and engineering should be on the top of the priority list"). We can agree to this approach.

All SEETO Participants clearly recognized the necessity of political support at National and Regional level (even more they suggest that some kind of regional body linked to SEETO will positively influence road safety). The lack of basic documents (such a National Road Safety Strategy and follow-up RS Action Plans) were mentioned in addition.

Almost all SEETO Participants stressed out the great influence and importance of the SEETO Secretariat. To have a sustainable progress of a future RRSS a coordinating body at regional level is necessary (possibly SEETO).

In the discussion and balancing of the pros and cons, the attendees agreed about the following crucial decision regarding the RRSS:

- the timeframe of the RRSS will be 10 years (2010 – 2019)
- the **mission of the RRSS** should be "A reduction of the fatalities by 50 % comparing accident data for year 2019 with accident data for year 2007".

- **Final Presentation about the next project steps:** This presentation was held to inform the attendees about the practical work in the next month. Especially regarding the foreseen Road Safety Audit (RSA) and Road Safety Inspection (RSI) pilots we are looking forward to continue the good cooperation in the next months.

The following project steps are foreseen in the next months, in the project Phase 2 "Definition"

- Finalizing the draft of the RRSS by the end of February 2009
- Draft of law and regulation regarding a mandatory Road Safety Audit by the end of February 2009
- Draft of a Road Safety Audit manual by the end of March 2009
- We will conduct RSA and RSI pilots together with a group of local experts in every

SEETO - Participant. Therefore we kindly ask the attendants for their support: every SEETO - Participant should deliver proposals for sufficient design projects for RSA and existing road sections for RSI by the end of February 2009.

→ Organisational part:

RSA Workshop was organised on high level. The venue provided in the Tirana International Hotel, was well prepared and the service was fully satisfying.

We thank the host country Albania, as well as the Albanian colleagues for supporting the preparation of the Workshop.

A special thank is also given to the SEETO chairman Mr. Kujtim Hashorva for his accurately and helpful introductory words in the Workshop opening procedure.

We want to apologise for the non-satisfying quality of food at dinner in restaurant "Vila Logoreci". This was unexpected because our previous experience with that restaurant was good.

→ Evaluation of the Workshop:

We thank also the attendees for their help to evaluate the Workshop through a suitable questionnaire.

We are very happy to inform you, that the analysis of all received Evaluation Questionnaires (28) shows that overall evaluation mark of Workshop was 4,6 (5 = best).