

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

SECOND RSA WORKSHOP
**"PROPOSALS OF REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY,
LAW AND REGULATION CONCERNING RSA/RSI AND
ROAD SAFETY AUDIT MANUAL"**
and
FIRST ROAD SAFETY SEMINAR
"BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SAFE ROAD DESIGN"

Skopje, 28-29th April 2009

Summary and Conclusions

The second RSA Workshop took a place in Skopje, Hotel Holiday Inn, on 28 and 29 April, 2009.

The list of Workshop participants contains 45 attendants. For various reasons the final number of attendants at the Workshop was 43. 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:

It should be mentioned that all Workshop attendants had received approximately one month before the event, all project outputs and had enough time to study them and prepare comment on them. In addition, all attendants had receive early enough the proposed Agenda of the event. No comments have been received on any of the distributed material or the Agenda before the event.

➤ ***Programme and practical output***

Our summary of the Workshop is prepared according to the programme.

- **Road Safety: the European Union policy.** The target of this presentation was to give the attendants an overview about the political framework for road safety in Europe. The Presentation contained 4 parts: The EU road safety policy, Data & Statistics needed for a RS Policy (help for targeting action) and Focus on specific EU initiatives on Road Safety and conclusions. This presentation was, in our opinion, very helpful to show the EU Road Safety Policy to all attendants.
- **Presentation: Overview about the new road safety Directive of the EU.** Mr. N. Nikolic presented in detail the new road safety Directive (EU Directive 2008/96/EC). Presentation contained: Background of Directive history and objectives, Explanation of Road Safety Impact Assessment and Road Safety Audit/Inspection, Safety ranking and management of the road network in operation and Horizontal measures and implementation. The presentation set forward the need for harmonized practices concerning road infrastructure safety management and particularly about RSA in EU Member States.

- **1st Workshop topic: REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY (RRSS)**
Project activity B.2.1: Propose a short term regional Road Safety Strategy. The document Regional Road Safety Strategy with its Explanatory Report was presented through two presentations. After presentation the RRSS was discussed and the possibility to use this document as background for developing National Road Safety Strategies was stressed. During this session, two representatives of the Road Safety Council of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia mentioned that their country has an adopted NRSS and that therefore they had no reason to participate to the Workshop. Among the comments received was the opinion that the relationship between Road Safety Strategy and Ecology, has to be demonstrated in the relevant graphic.
- **2nd Workshop topic: LAW AND REGULATION CONCERNING RSA/RSI**
Project activity B.2.2: Propose draft Law and Regulations to implement mandatory road safety audits. This topic was presented through two presentations. Suggested law and regulation changes were elaborated and discussed in detailed way. The flexibility provided to SEETO Participants to use any of the three approaches that were provided by the Consultant, in adopting a mandatory RSA was stressed.
- **3rd Workshop topic: ROAD SAFETY AUDIT (RSA) MANUAL**
Project activity B.2.3: Prepare a draft Road Safety Manual. The Road Safety Audit Manual was presented in detail with four connected presentation (RSA-the methodological workflow, checklist-the core of manual, practical advices for RSA Report and RSA practical examples). After presentation, the RSA Manual was discussed and the opportunity given to SEETO Participants for its direct implementation was stressed. The RSA was already used by the project team in the relevant pilots.
- **4th Workshop topic: ROAD SAFETY AUDIT (RSI) MANUAL**
As RSI Manual was the other project result under the previous activity (B.2.3.). It was presented in a similar way, as RSA Manual. The presentation contained also four inter-connected presentations (RSI-the methodological workflow, checklist-the core of manual, practical advices for RSI Report and RSI practical example). After presentation RSI Manual was discussed. The RSI is being already used in the RSI pilots that the project carries out in SEETO Participants.
- **5th SEMINAR topic: BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SAFE ROAD DESIGN**
The target of the seminar was to introduce the attendants to the new principles of a safer design of interurban roads. These modern design principles are the basis of every RSA and RSI. The following topics constituted the content of the presentations during the seminar:
 - o Modern design principles of interurban roads (1.part) : Basics for a safer design (12 rules)
 - o Modern design principles of interurban roads (2. part): Passive safety installations according to the EU regulations
 - o Modern design principles of interurban roads (3. Part): Safer design of Highways and Motorways
 - o Modern design principles of interurban roads (4. Part) : Safer intersection solution – Roundabouts

An experienced road safety auditor Mr. S. Villaret was invited as a Short Term Expert, and he made two of the presentations.

Through discussions the following common conclusions could be mentioned that were reached:

- In the SEETO Participants a change of the road accident trends like in the EU is necessary (potential of saving 11.000 lives in next 10 years)
- SEETO Participants have full EC and WB support (EC Road Safety Unit and WB Road Safety specialists) for increasing the road safety
- The new EC Directive about infrastructure should be the kick of point for the road infrastructure safety management in SEETO Participants (it s incorporated in all Project results)
- Regional Road Safety Strategy is the basic systematic tool and should be used in all SEETO Participants (it will be recognized and supported from European and World Bank policy and other international financing institutions)
- Influence of NGO's to road safety is much higher than it was expected (case of new Law on Road Safety in Serbia)
- Existence of National Road Safety Programs is a good way to improve the road safety (case of Croatia)
- We expect good results after new Road Safety Strategy was adopted in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (National Road Safety Strategy was officially promoted at December 12 and accompanying road safety program is under preparation)
- Law and regulation changes will help to all SEETO Participants (to easily accommodate request for RSA/RSI as a mandatory road safety infrastructure management tool) in accepting the new road safety Directive and support the accession into EU
- RSA and RSI are recognizable effective proactive measures for road safety (EC Directive 2008/96)
- Principles of safe road design should be accepted by all SEETO Participants and incorporated into national design standards (one of long term benefits of RSA/RSI)
- Need for extended road safety education is more than evident in all SEETO Participants (it was and is supported by various EC and WB projects, as stand alone program or a part of wider projects) especially in the training of future certified Road Safety Auditors and Road Safety Inspectors
- An exchange of knowledge and experience in the Region and with EU members will be a chance for fast progress in road safety (for example using SEETO RS WG, existed institution such as Universities, Institutes, etc.)
- Road Safety Audit can contribute to the improvement of road design standards
- A collaboration rather than antagonism should be seeked between Road Safety Auditors and State Review Commissions in each SEETO Participant. For this purpose RSA Auditors must carry out their activities before the State Review Commission.

One of common task from attendees was to extend the contract in order to establish its sustainability. While a new project has to be prepared in relation to training and preparing the certified RSA auditors, an extension is necessary to establish a first set of trainers plus to suggest the certification of SEETO as RSA certification body for all the region, till the Participants develop

their own certification bodies.

A few of the attendants suggested that they will appreciate more interactive work. Some of them suggested that WS and Seminar need more speakers .

All WS and Seminar attendants were asked for helping the Project RSA Experts by providing the proposal of topics for 2nd Seminar (3rd WS).

The 3rd WS and 2nd Seminar are foreseen for the 2nd week of September to be held in Pristina.

➤ ***Organisational part:***

RSA Workshop and Seminar were organised on a high level. The venue provided in the Skopje Holiday Inn Hotel, was well prepared and the service was fully satisfactory.

A special thanks is also given to the Jean-Paul Repussard who prepared two very useful presentations (one for WS and one for RS WG meeting) and Mr. Nenad Nikolic, who also prepared and presented one of WS's introduction presentations.

➤ ***Evaluation of the Workshop:***

We thank also the attendants for their help to evaluate the Workshop through a relevant questionnaire that was distributed. We are very happy to inform you, that the analysis of all received Evaluation Questionnaires (28) shows that overall evaluation mark of the Workshop was 4,43 (5 = best).

By analysing collected suggestions, for the next WS and Seminar we will provide much more time for each SEETO Participants to present their RSA or/and RSI Pilots. We will also introduce more speakers and try to shorten the number and the length of presentations. Further more we will try to separate the WS from the Seminar.

Annex: Final list of attendants
Pictures