

## 5<sup>th</sup> SEETO Road Safety Working Group

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Brussels, Belgium*

### Conclusions

- SEETO Road Safety Working Group (RSWG) convened its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on June 3-4, 2015 in Brussels. A list of attendees is included in Annex 1.
- **EC** is emphasizing and recommending to the region that the main focus will be in the two main papers:
  - White Paper 2011: Towards a "zerovision" on road safety
  - Policy Orientations on Road Safety 2011-2020
- The information exchanged between the representatives from the EU and 3 IFIs (EBRD, EIB and World Bank) brings a more coordinated, efficient and harmonized work and investments in road safety in the SEETO region. IFIs offered their support to the Regional Participants to push forward the road safety agenda.
- UNECE and ETSC representatives had an informative session in the meeting dedicated to the latest development.
  - Currently UN is preparing the mid-term review of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. Given that, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global High Level Conference on Road Safety, Brasilia (Brazil) 18-19 November 2015 will be held to assess the progress on implementing plans for the Decade of Action. The major outcome will be: **Brasilia Declaration on Road Safety**. One of the main outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference was the agreement by member States to launch a process to develop a set of **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, which will build upon the Millennium Development Goals and converge with the post 2015 development agenda.
  - Based in the ETSC annual report, **Performance Index (PIN)** report, a slow progress is done in 2014 year bringing to the fact that will be a challenge to meet the 2020 50% target. The need to tackle the three main killers: 1) via Police enforcement, 2) infrastructure improvements and 3) vehicle safety and to start implementing injury reduction strategies, involving the health sector are the recommendations based in the latest statistics and analysis.
- **Regional Participants (RP)** gave a comprehensive presentation and described the Road Safety situation in their countries emphasizing the latest development for the last period 2014-2015. The written reports submitted from all RP will be putted together in one document and will be used as an informative report for the entire region in the Road Safety field.

- **Lead Road Safety Agency:** The Road Traffic and Safety Agency in Serbia is giving a good example in the region regarding to lead agency work and functions including the management of a centralized crash database using different sources, analysis and research. While other regional participants are encouraged to follow similar approach to road safety management, the meeting took note that this approach may not work in all regional participants.
- **Road Safety Data Management:** Road Safety data collection through SEETIS III is available however just the general indicators are included in the questionnaires. Upgrade of SEETIS III will consider update of the existing Road Safety questionnaires as well. The enhancement of the indicators and harmonization of the questionnaires with the European Commission (EC) will be an important step and good basis for developing and monitoring road safety Strategies and Action Plans. Given that, having good data is encouraged from the EC to be a priority.
- IRTAD group offered twinning and further cooperation with the SEETO RSWG in exchanging best practices and improving the road safety data collection system. IRTAD questionnaire will be distributed to all Regional participants and afterwards the WG will come up with a decision whether SEETO will apply to become part of the IRTAD database.
- **Annual RSWG Report:** The Regional Road Safety Strategy Survey published in 2014 is considered as an important document that gave a very useful update on the progress of the implementation of the road safety strategies adopted by various regional participants. It was agreed that this report will be slightly modified with a new template and name to become an annual deliverable of the RSWG issued during the first quarter of each calendar year covering the year before. Work will start in the fall to prepare the 2015 report.

#### **EC Directive 2009/96 on road infrastructure safety management:**

- **Training and Certification:** All regional participants confirmed that they are working toward complying with this EC Directive and that local regulations are being revised in particular to include the mandate and management of road safety audit and inspection. However, all regional participants shared a same problem they are facing which is the certification of road safety auditors and inspectors. Under Technical Assistance, Track D, a Road Safety Audit Curriculum, Road Safety Principles and Road Safety Audit Handbook were delivered which SEETO highly recommended to be used by regional participants as a base for drafting their RSA/RSI guidelines in the national level. The program for the Road Safety Audit Training held in November, 2014 in Brussels was based on the curricula drafted under this TA, which was in line with the EU legislation, however only certifications of attendance were issued to the 21 experts, hence they are not officially recognized as road safety auditors.

A two-page report should be delivered by the members of the RSWG to SEETO Secretariat describing the mandate of the Road Safety Audit/Inspection in their country

highlighting the road network covered by law (main or rural roads), and whether the Auditor/Inspector needs to be certified mentioning the recognition of the certificates. Based on the information gathered and legal requirements that each regional participants has, the RSWG will explore alternatives for setting up a SEETO process for the RSA/RSI training and/or certification.

Against this background, the RSWG will put forward a proposal that will give the SEETO RSWG a formal and continuous role in road safety audit/inspection training and/or certification without contradicting applicable laws of the regional participants and building on the experience from other countries, organizations and using the deliverables of Track D of the Technical Assistance (COWI, 2014).

- **Road Safety Inspection/Assessment of SEETO comprehensive road network:** It was agreed that the RSWG should manage a study that will inspect and provide safety raking and management of the SEETO comprehensive road network according to Articles 5 and 6 of the EC Directive. The meetings took note of the Star Rating and Risk Mapping methodologies developed by the International Road Assessment Program. These methodologies have been applied to all regional participants (except Kosovo\*) under the EC-funded South East Neighborhood Safe Routes (SENSoR)<sup>1</sup> Project. Albania<sup>2</sup> and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia<sup>3</sup> are planning to implement an iRAP studies. The RSWG will put forward a proposal for a Road safety Assessment study for SEETO comprehensive road network following the iRAP methodology and taking into account existing studies in this area.

#### **Next Steps:**

1. The RSWG will prepare a template for its annual road safety report
2. The RSWG will prepare a Concept Note for a formal involvement in a regional RSA/RSI training and/or accreditation process and present it to the next SEETO Steering Committee Meeting for approval.

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\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

<sup>1</sup> South East Neighborhood Safe Routes <http://sensorproject.eu/#!/splash>

<sup>2</sup> Albania is planning an iRAP study under the Road Maintenance and Safety Project to be financed by the WB.

<sup>3</sup> Macedonia is currently running the EU funded project "Improvement of road safety along the SEETO Comprehensive Network" which is in the final phase.

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3. The RSWG will prepare a funding proposal to undertake a road safety assessment of SEETO Comprehensive network. The proposal will be adopted by the SEETO Steering Committee, and after that it will be presented to the EC and IFIs for funding.
  4. The RSWG will assess the feasibility of filling the IRTAD questionnaire by the regional participants
  5. It was agreed to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> RSWG meeting in the fall of 2015 in Croatia ( to be confirmed)

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## Annex1: List of participants of the 5<sup>th</sup> SEETO RSWG

### Present:

#### RSWG Members:

- **Said Dahdah**, Senior Transport Specialist, World Bank Group - **RSWG Chairman**
- **Susanne Lindahl**, Policy Officer , Unit C4: Road safety, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport
- **Nikolin Berxhiku**, Expert of road safety, Ministry of Transport of Albania
- **Dražen Antolović**, Head of sector, Directorate of Strategic Infrastructure Objects, Ministry of maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure of Croatia
- **Valben Mustafa**, Councilor, Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,
- **Rame Qupeva**, Head of Road Infrastructure Department, Ministry of Infrastructure of Kosovo

#### Guest and observers:

- **Maria Teresa Sanz Villegas**, Policy Officer , Unit C4: Road safety, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport
- **Graziella Jost**, Programme Director, ETSC
- **Nenad Nikolić**, Regional Advisor, Transport Division, UNECE
- **Heike Martensen**, Belgium Road Safety Institute (BRSI)
- **Per Mathiasen**, Senior Sector Engineer, EIB
- **Marcial Bustinduy Navas**, Principal Sustainable Transport Specialist, EBRD
- **Miroslav Rosić**, Engineer for road safety databases, Road Safety Traffic Agency Serbia
- **Steve Lawson**, Partnerships & Research Director, EuroRAP
- **Olivera Djordjevic**, International Affairs Manager, EuroRAP
- **Flamur Mullisi**, Road Safety Directorate, Specialist, Ministry of Transport of Albania
- **Samir Dzaferović**, Senior associate, Ministry of Communication and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Appointed to the role of the RSWG
- **Spasoje Mičić**, Senior Associate for road traffic, Ministry of Transport and Communications Republic of Srpska
- **Petar Krasić**, Advisor, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of Serbia
- **Olivera Stević Ledenčan**, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of Serbia

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**SEETO Secretariat:**

- **Liljana Çela**, Information Resources Manager, SEETO
- **Sanja Dodig**, Administrative Assistant, SEETO

**Apologies for absence from**

- **Jakup Hoti**, Director of Road Safety Secretariat, Ministry of Infrastructure of Kosovo\*
- **Miroslav Djerić**, Senior Expert, Ministry of Communication and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Kiril Karkalasev**, Road Transport Engineer Agency for National Roads of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Igor Banović**, Deputy state Secretary, Ministry of Transport and maritime Affairs of Montenegro
- **Dalibor Milošević**, Adviser for Road Transport, Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs of Montenegro
- **Saša Stojanović**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of Serbia