

ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT IN ALBANIA

ALBANIAN ROADS AUTHORITY



MAP OF THE ALBANIAN ROADS NETWORK



Overall length of road network in Albania
18,300 KM

Included:

- National roads
- Local road
- Urban or municipal roads
- Communal Roads
- Private access roads

THE INSTITUTIONS FOR TRANSPORT POLICY IN ALBANIA

- The central institution for transport policy in the Republic of Albania is **Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy** (MIE)
- **Albanian Road Authority** - (ARA) is the main agency for the management of the National Road Network. ARA is responsible for *construction*, *operating* and *maintaining* the national road network



ALBANIAN ROADS AUTHORITY - 3,945 km

- Primary Roads P = 1184 km
- Main Secondary (Secondary-Primary) SP=359 km
- Secondary Roads =2058 km
- ADF roads included in the national network=344 km

The National Roads network connects all major cities tourist centers, border points with neighbors and carries the vast majority of the traffic of the Country.

ARA OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

The overall objective - to contribute to ***economic growth*** in Albania through improvements of national roads network for all roads users, in alignment with European and International Standards

Some of the main functions of the ARA are:

1. **To ensure** maintenance of all road through performance-based contracts.
2. **To prepare** medium term development programs as well as annual working plans for all activities related to road construction works.
3. **To provide** safety for all road users.
4. **To create** and maintain a system for administering roads and bridges.
5. **To do** the maintenance and to operate the scada system in tunnels.



-All road segments that are part of list of Core and Comprehensive SEETO network, have been included in one Inspection, with focus on Road safety, which was carried out during 2014 year, in the **-19 main axes** of our National Road Network.

This inspection highlighted all the issues related to road safety.

The main problems identified were regarding with:

- road geometry
- pavements
- signalizations
- accesses to roads
- lighting
- accesses for pedestrians and all vulnerabel road users
- public transport, etc.





THE RECOMANDATIONS

- All accesses to main roads, should be in accordance with road categories and designs standartes.
- Repair for all damages asphalts layers
- Removing business advertisement, on the roads sides that are in contradiction with the Albanian Road Code
- Improvement of vertical signs where is necessary- missing or is damaged
- Refreshing the road markings
- Demolition and cleaning of debris of objects that are in contravention of the law along road axes.
- Designing projects for the geometric solutions of intersections, roundabouts and access to major roads
- More effective management by Supervision for all construction, improvement and rehabilitations work.



Based on the road safety inspection recommendations, from finally report, during the years 2014-2017, ARA has implemented the projects regarding with Road Safety Improvements

1.Road safety improvement in Kashar – Durres	1,800,000 €
2.Road safety improvement in Kashar – Rinas	1,540,000 €
3.RS improvements the Customs Roundabout- Kashar	1,581,000 €
4.The Customs roundabout- Kashar(paralel roads)	827,000 €
5.Road safety improvement Rrogozhine – Lushnje	1,200,000 €
6.Road safety improvement Lushnje- Fier 21.7 km	805,000 €
7.Road safety improvement Fier- Levan 15,3 km	135,000 €
8.Road safety improvement Levan- Vlore 22 km	419,000 €
9.Road safety improvement Vlore - Dukat L=28 km	225,000 €
10.Road safety improvement Dukat- Dhermi L=20.6	280,000 €
11.Road safety improvement Dhermi- Borsh 32.8 km	340,000 €



12.Road safety improvement	Borsh- Qafe Gjashte, 34,4km	560,000 €
13.Road safety improvement	Qafe Gjashte- Butrint 19.4 km	350,000 €
14.RS Improvement	Rrogozhine-Elbasan-Librazhd-Q.Thane-Korce-Kapshtice (190 km) -	7,300,000 €
15.Road Safety Improvement	Vore - Hani I Hotit	4,152,000 €
16.Road Safety Improvement	Ura e Bunes – Muriqan	370,000 €
17.Road Safety Improvement	Rinas - Kthesa e Rinasit	166,000 €
<i>The value for all these project was calculated in total</i>		<i>22,050, 000 €</i>



Since March 2017 all Core and Comprehensive roads SEETO Network, are included under the maintenance World Bank Project - Result Based Roads Maintenance and Safety Project (RRMSP)

The RRMSP includes a section regarding the organization of an independent road safety audit to be made across the national network, leading to the identification of those roads where fatalities due to accidents occur more frequently and improvement is mostly needed.

The Consultant, in compliance with the ToR requirements, carried out a comprehensive initial RSA on 315 km of Primary Network where, according to the information and data collected from the relevant authorities (MoTI, MoI, ARA), most of the road accidents occur

The recommendations of this audit include interventions ranging from minor signs and marking provisions to major reconstruction of intersections or roundabouts.

The consultant carefully assessed the extent of this very critical and specific issue for the Albanian road network based also on previous studies such as the one carried out by the Swedish consultant SweRoad within the frame work of the WB. There is a map of black spot distribution on the Albanian network spread mostly on the western core network with high volumes of traffic, high speed transits and free-access populated rural areas, implying that immediate interventions should be done to mitigate the adverse effect of the substandard safety conditions in those particular parts of the network.

Also, according the ToR it's foreseen, a Road safety audit using iRAP, assessing the road safety situation carrying out a road safety audits and undertaking checks of supporting data, star rating results and safer road investment plans in accordance with iRAP specifications.



For three months, ARA has taken action to clear national axes from advertising, billboards and illegal constructions in order to improve road safety.

Hundreds of these elements, in close cooperation with other institutions and the Police were removed and many of illegal buildings were destroyed.

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