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## **10<sup>th</sup> Road Safety Working Group Meeting**

***Venue: Hotel Sheraton  
Tirana, Albania***

**December 14-15, 2017**

### **Conclusions and next steps**

The 10<sup>th</sup> SEETO RSWG meeting was held in Tirana on December 14-15, 2017 with the participation of RSWG members, representatives of Ministries of Interior Affairs as well as the consultants of CONNECTA and SAFEGE. The Chairman, Said Dahdah and Ms. Liljana Cela from SEETO, welcomed all participants and congratulated the RSWG members for the good work done and cooperation which will be reflected in the results and continuation of the WG work next year. The presence of Traffic Police for the first time gave an importance to the road safety subject as a shared responsibility and a joint work to achieve better results.

**Experience of the Host Member:** Road Safety Management in Albania is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy. The Reorganization and the new structure of the Ministry has not foreseen a department or a sector for road safety which is raising a big concern among all stakeholders dealing with road safety. Preparation of Curricula, training and licensing of the first experts for RSA and RSI was the last task that completed the implementation of the first connectivity reform measures. Certification process in Albania and the legal base is allowing an open market allowing other experts from EU/non-EU countries to perform Audits and Inspections in the country. Albanian Road Authority (ARA) is responsible for the *construction, operation and maintenance* of the national road network. Since March 2017, SEETO's Core and Comprehensive road Network is included under the Result Based Roads Maintenance and Safety Project (RRMSP) financed by the World Bank. The CONNECTA Consultant, in compliance with the ToR requirements, has carried out a comprehensive initial RSA on 315 km of Primary Network coming with recommendations to include interventions ranging from minor signs and marking provisions to major reconstruction of intersections or roundabouts. Last three months, ARA has taken action to clear national roads from advertising, billboards and illegal constructions in order to improve road safety and the process for improving of access in the fuel stations is still ongoing.

**Regional road safety study and Action Plan – SAFEGE:** The study is a base screening document of road safety compared to the 2010 baseline year and includes a detailed analysis of the legal part, performance indicators and the methodology for assessing the implementation of the 7 EU goals in all WB6 countries and Croatia. The

proposed Regional Action Plan includes some of the regional measures that were part of the agenda of the meeting of the Ministers of Transport with CCSER in Trieste summit in July 2017 as well as the idea of the Road Safety Observatory which will have more space for implementation with the Transport Community Treaty in place and with the parallel development of the national crash databases in the region.

**Connectivity Reform Measure Management Plan (CRMMP)- Ongoing activities by CONNECTA:** The inspections of 580 km (compared with 550km foreseen in ToR) were completed during the second week of December 2017 and the draft RSI reports for each road section will be prepared and send to all RPs by end of February 2018. The final version of the RSI reports is anticipated to be completed by end of April 2018 together with the three-year RSI plan. Status on RSI and the RSI implemented during last 3 years (2014-2016) for each RPs was presented to all participants emphasizing the importance of data collection for preparing the future RSI plan for 2018-2020. On the RSA development, three RSAs are carried out in three RPs and the reports for two out of three were already submitted to the respective representatives for comments. The RSA reports include recommendations for improving the designs. In early 2018 year, it is foreseen to carry out the other three RSA projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo\*. CONNECTA will prepare and submit by end of April 2018 RSA reports at different stages for each RPs. Road map for establishing a system for continuous road Crash Database has started from October 2017 and CONNECTA has sent to all RPs a questionnaire for screening the current situation. The Consultants will build on what has been done under other SEETO studies to avoid any overlap. Regional visits from CONNECTA consultants in the SEETO RPs are foreseen to be organized in Early 2018 and SEETO will help and give its contribution in arranging the visits. This measure is in assessment phase and will provide information whether the RPs have a road crash database in alignment with CADaS and if they have a multi-agency approach. Basic standards for building a new database where the dissemination of data between Ministries, stakeholders and afterwards regionally will be provided in the final deliverable of this measure.

**Road Safety in the view of Traffic Police authorities:** The Traffic Police representatives of 6 RPs were present in the meeting and actively and openly expressed their issues in their countries. Common problems that Traffic Police is sharing are: seatbelts, alcohol, traffic speed limits, methodologies used for data collection – paper and electronic based, missing a centralized database system, capacity building and trainings. There is more room for collaboration with respective authorities in charge for road safety and high political support is needed.

**Next steps:**

- The Regional Road Safety Action Plan (see Annex 1) drafted during the joint work of RSWG members and representatives of Ministry of Interior Affairs will

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be sent for comments to all participants and the final version will be part of the SAFEGE study.

- The information and shapefiles provided from the contact points of SENSoR project will be given to CONNECTA consultants together with information on other road safety inspections done by the RPs in the last 3 years. With the collected information, a regional map will be provided from SEETO Secretariat.
- CONNECTA will send a timetable indicating approximately when the RPs will receive their respective RSA and RSI reports.
- CONNECTA will provide the timetable for their visits to all RPs for the development of national road crash databases. The request will indicate the stakeholders that shall participate in the meeting: i.e. Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Interior Affairs, Ministry of Health.
- A template of SEETO Comprehensive road network broken down into sections by Corridors and Routes in every RPs will be provided to all RSWG members in order to provide the number of fatal crashes and the number of fatalities by section for the period 2014-2016. In case the fatal crash data cannot be broken down to the level of the road sections of the SEETO network then RPs shall provide data by Corridor and Route instead of sections. It is preferred that the task to be carried out in close collaboration with the Traffic Police.
- Next RSWG meeting will be held in May 2018 in Skopje.

## Annex 1: Proposal for a Regional Road Safety Action Plan

Activity	Inputs	Timeline
Establish a Road Safety Observatory	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harmonize national databases to meet CADaS</li> <li>2. Prepare a structure and working plan</li> <li>3. Staffing and resources</li> </ol>	2019
Establish WB6RoadPol (organization of traffic police heads)		2020
Implement the recommendations of the RSI pilot	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Detailed designs prepared</li> <li>2. Funding allocated, and contracts signed</li> <li>3. Contracts implemented</li> </ol>	2018
Implement Directives <b>2014/45/EU</b> and <b>2014/47/EU</b> on roadworthiness of motor vehicles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amendment of Road Safety Laws</li> <li>2. Prepare TORs for equipment procurement and training</li> <li>3. Implement on Core and Comprehensive Road Network</li> </ol>	2020 Note: third component will require longer period in order to fully implement it
Implementation of Motorcyclists Safety Program		2020

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## Annex 2: List of participants in the 10<sup>th</sup> RSWG meeting:

### RSWG Members:

- **Said Dahdah**, Senior Transport Specialist, World Bank Group - **RSWG Chairman**
- **Nikolin Berxhiku**, Expert of road safety, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Albania
- **Ariana Hasani**, Specialist in Department of Standards Directory, Albanian Roads Authority
- **Miroslav Djerić**, Expert associate for international cooperation, Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Darko Miceski**, Head of Unit for IPA planning and preparation of project documentation, Ministry of Transport and Communications of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Marko Vujačić**, Coordinator for negotiating chapters 14 (Transport policy) and 21 (Trans-European Networks, Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs of Montenegro
- **Olivera Stević Ledenčan**, Head of Road Traffic Safety Group, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of Serbia
- **Emir Morina**, Traffic and Transport Engineer, Ministry of Infrastructure of Kosovo
- **Arsim Mulaku**, Technical Control Officer in vehicle department, Ministry of Infrastructure of Kosovo

### Speakers and observers:

- **Zana Joca**, European integration expert, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of Albania
- **Ervin Dervishi**, Road Security Specialist in Public Security Department, Traffic Police Directory, Albanian State Police
- **Saša Jasnić**, Head of Road Safety department, Public Company Republic of Srpska Roads
- **Goran Smitran**, General Inspector in Unit for Traffic Safety, Uniformed Police Administration, The Republic of Srpska Ministry of the Interior
- **Biljana Shuperliska**, Head of Unit for Statistical Research and Documentation, Ministry of Interior Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Dragan Klikovac**, Head of the Road Traffic Safety Section in the General Police Department, Ministry of Interior of Montenegro
- **Ivana Subotic**, Engineer for Traffic Safety, Public Enterprise "Roads of Serbia"
- **Aleksandar Radenkovic**, International Cooperation Affairs and Public Relations, Ministry of Interior, Serbia
- **Gjynejt Mustafa**, Multi Modal Transport Demand Expert; Department for Road Management, Ministry of Infrastructure, Kosovo

- **Fisnik Cakaj**, Traffic and Transport Engineer in the Road Management Department, Ministry of Infrastructure, Kosovo
- **Sheremet Ahmeti**, Director of Traffic Division, Ministry of Interior Affairs, Police Traffic, Kosovo
- **Burim Llugaliu**, Officer for Database Traffic Division, Ministry of Interior Affairs, Police Traffic, Kosovo

**Consulting Engineers:**

- **Dejan Jovanov**, Team Leaders of the RS Project "Regional Road Safety Study and Action Plan, SAFEGE
- **Konstantinos Georgiu**, Deputy Team Leader, Transport Expert ConnectA
- **Jesper Mertner**, Project Leader – Road Safety Audit Expert, ConnectA
- **Michael John Fell**, Road Safety Data Specialist, ConnectA

**SEETO Secretariat:**

- **Liljana Çela**, Information Resources Manager, SEETO
- **Nerejda Hoxha**, Transport Planning Manager, SEETO
- **Jordana Ficovic**, Financial Expert, SEETO

**Apologies for absence from:**

- **Zenaida Mulaganovic**, Senior Expert for Road Infrastructure, Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Spasoje Micić**, Senior associate for road transport, Ministry of Transport and Communications of Republika Srpska
- **Nedžad Lisak**, Department for transport, federal Ministry of Transport and Communications of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Kiril Karkalashv**, Assistant Manager, Public Enterprise for Roads, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Nikola Arnaut**, Independent adviser in the sector of construction, reconstruction and maintenance, Montenegro
- **Desimir Desnica**, Advisor, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of Serbia
- **Saša Stojanović**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of Serbia
- **Burim Krasniqi**, Head of department for coordination and road safety, Ministry of Infrastructure of Kosovo

\* 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.