

Regional Meeting on Renewing Regional Road Safety Goals
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Road safety status in the Republic of Tajikistan

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Legal and institutional framework for road safety

- ▶ **Law "On Road Traffic" dated from 4 November 1995, No. 196**
- ▶ **Law on mobile phone use while driving**
- ▶ **National law on drug-driving**
- ▶ **Lead agency – State Automobile Inspectorate of the Ministry of internal affairs;**
- ▶ **Funded in national budget**

Status of United Nations Transport Agreements

- ▶ **Protocol on Road Signs and Signals, of 19 September 1949**
- ▶ **Convention on Road Signs and Signals, of 8 November 1968**
- ▶ **Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and / or be used on Wheeled Vehicles, of 25 June 1998**
- ▶ **European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by road**

Organization measures for road traffic safety

- ▶ **Central authority for road traffic safety is Road Traffic Safety Commission of the Republic of Tajikistan;**
- ▶ **Chairman of the Commission is the Head of Defense and Rule of Law Department of the Executive Office of the President;**
- ▶ **Organizational and operational support of the Commission is provided by the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Transport of Tajikistan;**

National strategy for road safety

- ▶ **Governmental Target Program for the Development of Transport Sector of the Republic of Tajikistan until 2025 – infrastructure development**
- ▶ **The Program for the Improvement of road traffic safety at motor roads of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2014-2016**
- ▶ **Targets of the program:**
 - Increasing efficiency of management and state supervision over road safety;**
 - Improving the efficiency of rescue and emergency medical assistance to victims of road accidents;**
 - Improvement of road construction works and bringing the technical condition of roads in accordance with international standards;**

ROAD SAFETY – A GROWING CONCERN AND COST

- ▶ Road safety is a growing problem in many countries around the world and this is also applicable for Tajikistan.
- ▶ Road crashes in Tajikistan alone currently result in around 1,244 deaths and at least 12,440 serious injuries annually - many of which will result in permanent disability of the victims.
- ▶ The fatality rate for Tajikistan is 18.09 per 100,000 persons.
- ▶ In total, traffic incidents are estimated to cost the country around 4.4% of its annual GDP and result in total losses to the economy of around \$250 million annually, an amount that is equal to nearly half of the total development assistance of \$436 million that Tajikistan receives from all sources combined.

Ongoing measures

- ▶ In order to ensure safety on the international roads (included in AH) , built (being finalized) , almost 5000 meters avalanche galleries and 14 km of tunnels;
- ▶ It was built and reconstructed 1680 km of roads and 100 bridges;
- ▶ Also prepared and carried out all the necessary procedures for the reconstruction of five road sections in length of 380 km , which are the main components of the international roads, included to AH;
- ▶ The level of accidents on all roads of the three international sections of the AH compared with previous years gradually decreased (by about 5-6 % on average) .

Organization supporting Tajikistan to improve road safety

- ▶ **UNESCAP;**
- ▶ **World Health Organization;**
- ▶ **TRACECA;**
- ▶ **Red cross and red crescent society;**
- ▶ **SPECA**
- ▶ **ADB (CAREC Program)**
- ▶ **Financial Institutions funding road construction and rehabilitation projects also support road safety improvement system of Tajikistan. The projects include components and also improve road safety by promoting community road safety awareness and strengthening the road safety management capacity of the Ministry of Transport.**

Steps forward

- ▶ **Improvement of normative legal acts, regulating activities related to road safety;**
- ▶ **Organization of the Center for the study and analysis of the causes of road accidents;**
- ▶ **Organization of roundabouts;**
- ▶ **Construction of the road separation barriers;**
- ▶ **Reduction of the speed limit in populated areas down to 30 km/;**
- ▶ **Photo radar installation;**
- ▶ **Detailed investigation of fatal accidents.**

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Thank you!