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Road Safety priorities measures for endorsement at the Western Balkans Summit in Poznan

Reducing the number of fatalities by eliminating high risk road sections in the indicative extension of the TEN-T road network

In view of achieving the objective of creating a common road safety area, Western Balkans has set a common target of halving the overall number of road deaths by 2020 starting from 2010. Such a common target represents a significant increase of the level of ambition compared to the unmet target of the current Road Safety (RS) Action programmes that parties have.

With the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community and the Technical Committee for Road Safety, a new regional institutional structure is in place. Monitoring of the priority plan of measures for Road Safety, now being endorsed at Western Balkans Summit in Poznan, will ensure much needed high level of political commitment for its enforcement.

Already in April 2018, the high-level commitment of Ministers of Transport of Western Balkans region endorsed the Road Safety Declaration in Ljubljana, which reasserted commitments and targets in the area of road safety.

The Declaration highlights how to ensure the safety of all road users, particularly by: improving laws and enforcement; making roads safer through infrastructural modifications; ensuring that vehicles are equipped with life-saving technologies; and enhancing cooperation and exchange of experience.

In May 2018, within the context of the third and last 'mobility package', the European Commission presented a common framework for road safety for the upcoming 2021-2030 period, recalling the EU's long-term goal of moving as close as possible to zero fatalities in road transport by 2050 ('Vision Zero').

In the period from June 2017 to July 2018, with support of the European Commission through the Technical assistance (CONNECTA) for the Connectivity agenda for the Western Balkans, two studies for preparing three-year road safety inspection (RSI) plan for each regional participant were delivered. In addition, 580 km of roads were inspected, along the indicative extension of the TEN-T road Core/Comprehensive Network.

The CONNECTA team was also commissioned to undertake a technical assessment, and to provide a list of finding and recommendations in the Road Safety Inspections reports for each of the high-risk road sections on the Core and Comprehensive Road Network in the Western Balkans. The selection of these sections was based on the locations of the highest number of fatalities and serious injuries.

Based on the findings and recommendations from the study, as well as on the Road Safety indicators in terms of number of deaths and serious injuries, a list of priority road sections for immediate road safety improvements are identified. In addition to the criteria met, the list is based on a corridor approach, and on a wide geographical spread of the road network, ensuring inclusion of each of the Western Balkans parties.

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1) Ppriorities/quick wins - Technical Assistance for Detailed Design of the top priorities high risk sections

Location on the TEN-T	Road Sections	Fatalities and Serious Injuries in 2015 - 2016	Proposal of Activities	Timing and duration; proposed financing
Corridor Vc <i>MED Corridor</i>	<i>BiH - Ozimice-Topcic Polje (24 km)</i>	<i>Fatalities-5 Serious injuries -7</i>	<i>- Technical Assistance for Detailed Design of the inspected road sections</i>	<i>Technical assistance for Design Study 9 months</i>
	<i>BiH - Jablanica-Potoci (36.3km)</i>	<i>F-11 S_Inj-18</i>		
Corridor X <i>MED and Orient-East/Med Corridor</i>	<i>SRB - Bujanj Potok-Mali Pozarevac (20.6 km)</i>	<i>F - 8 S_Inj - 7</i>		
	<i>SRB - Beograd (Dobanovci)-Bujanj Potok(29.5km)</i>	<i>F-6 S_Inj-36</i>		
Corridor Xd	<i>MKD - Bitola- Prilep (42 km)</i>	<i>F-5 S_Inj- 15</i>		
Route 1/Route 2b <i>MED Corridor</i>	<i>ALB - Shkoder-Koplik (length 13km)</i>	<i>F - 13 S_Inj-6</i>		
	<i>ALB - Fushe Kruje-Lezhe (length 35.9km)</i>	<i>F- 18 S_Inj- 18</i>		

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Route 4	<i>MNE - Podgorica-Mioska (54 km)</i>	<i>F-3 S_Inj 89</i>		
	<i>SRB - Orlovaca-Stepojevac (22.1km)</i>	<i>F-18 S_Inj-39</i>		
Route 6b	<i>KOS - Fushe Kosove -Gjurgjice (28km)</i>	<i>F-10 S_Inj-106</i>		

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2) Priority actions - Works on road safety improvement

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Corridor Vc <i>MED Corridor</i>	<i>BiH - Ozimice-Topcic Polje (24km)</i>	<i>F-5 S_Inj-7</i>	<p>- Improvement of the road safety levels through low and medium cost countermeasures that may be implemented within a short-medium time frame including signing, traffic lights, pavement, object protection, some illegal and dangerous accesses closure, etc. (Tunnels improvement, expropriations, etc. are not part of the exercise.)</p>	<p><i>Works on road safety improvement – 12 months (WBIF, IFIs)</i></p>
	<i>BiH - Jablanica-Potoci (36.3 Km)</i>	<i>F-11 S_Inj-18</i>		
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