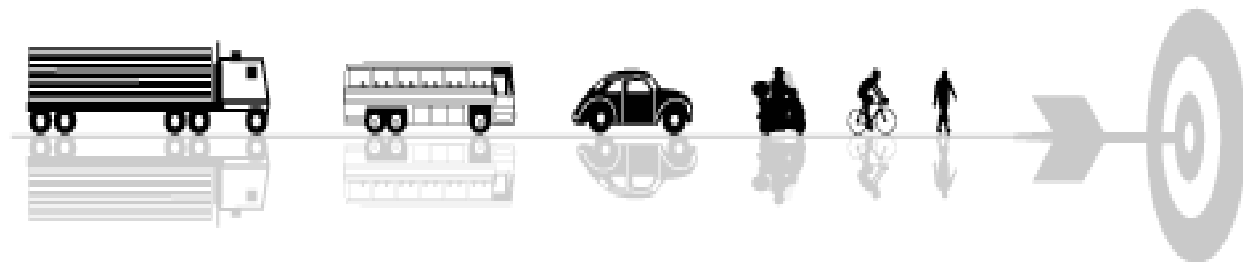




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Global and regional trends

Fast urbanization	Already high urban population
Equalization in mobility	Unprecedented growth of motorization
	Low motorization culture coupled with ageing and the culture of the « newly rich »

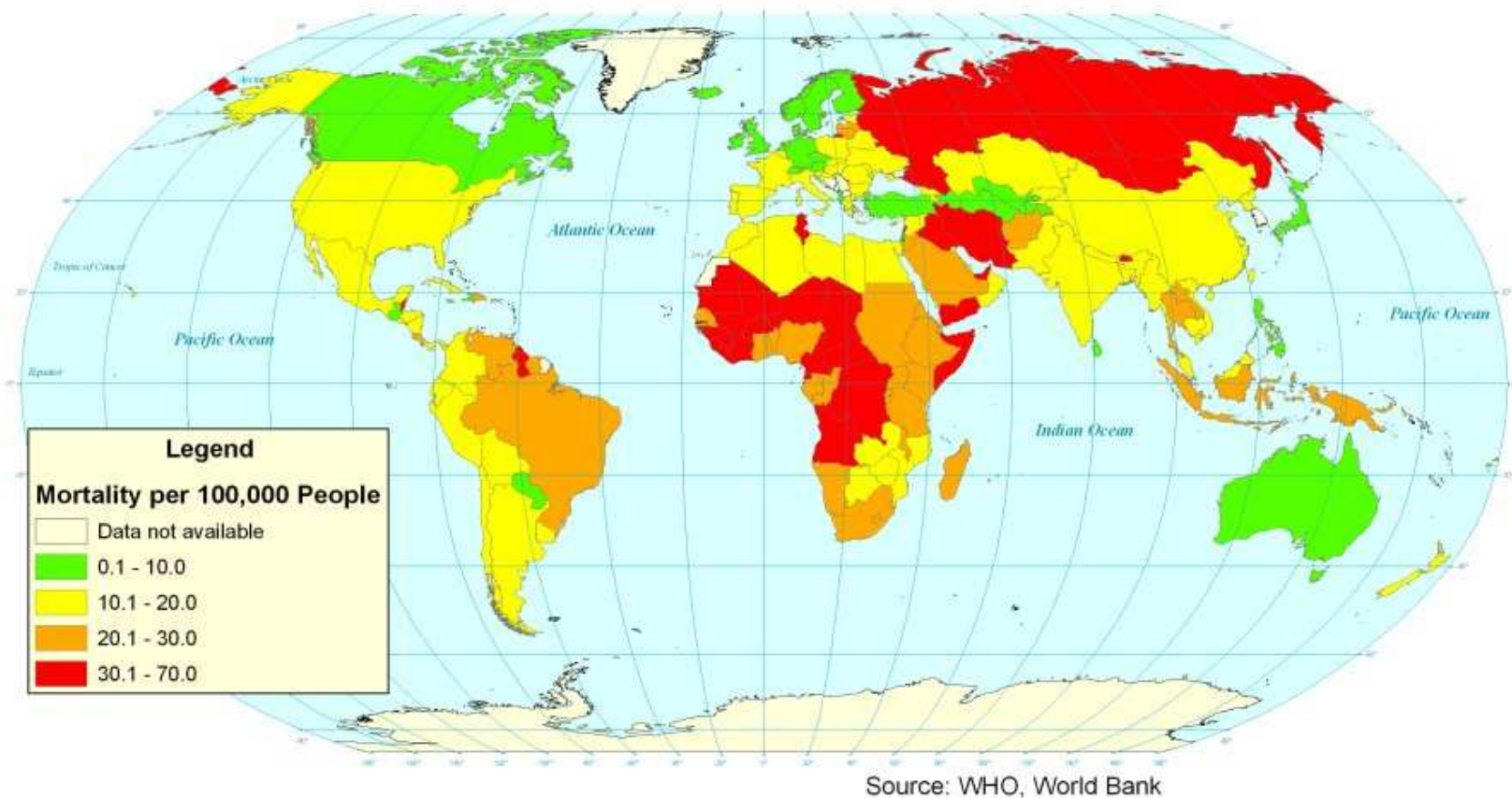


Global Road Safety **CRISIS**

- 30 million lives lost since the first car
- 1.3 million people killed and 50 million injured every year
- Source of poverty: road crashes cost US\$65 billion/ year in developing countries
- It is not a transport issue, it is a health, social and economic hazard

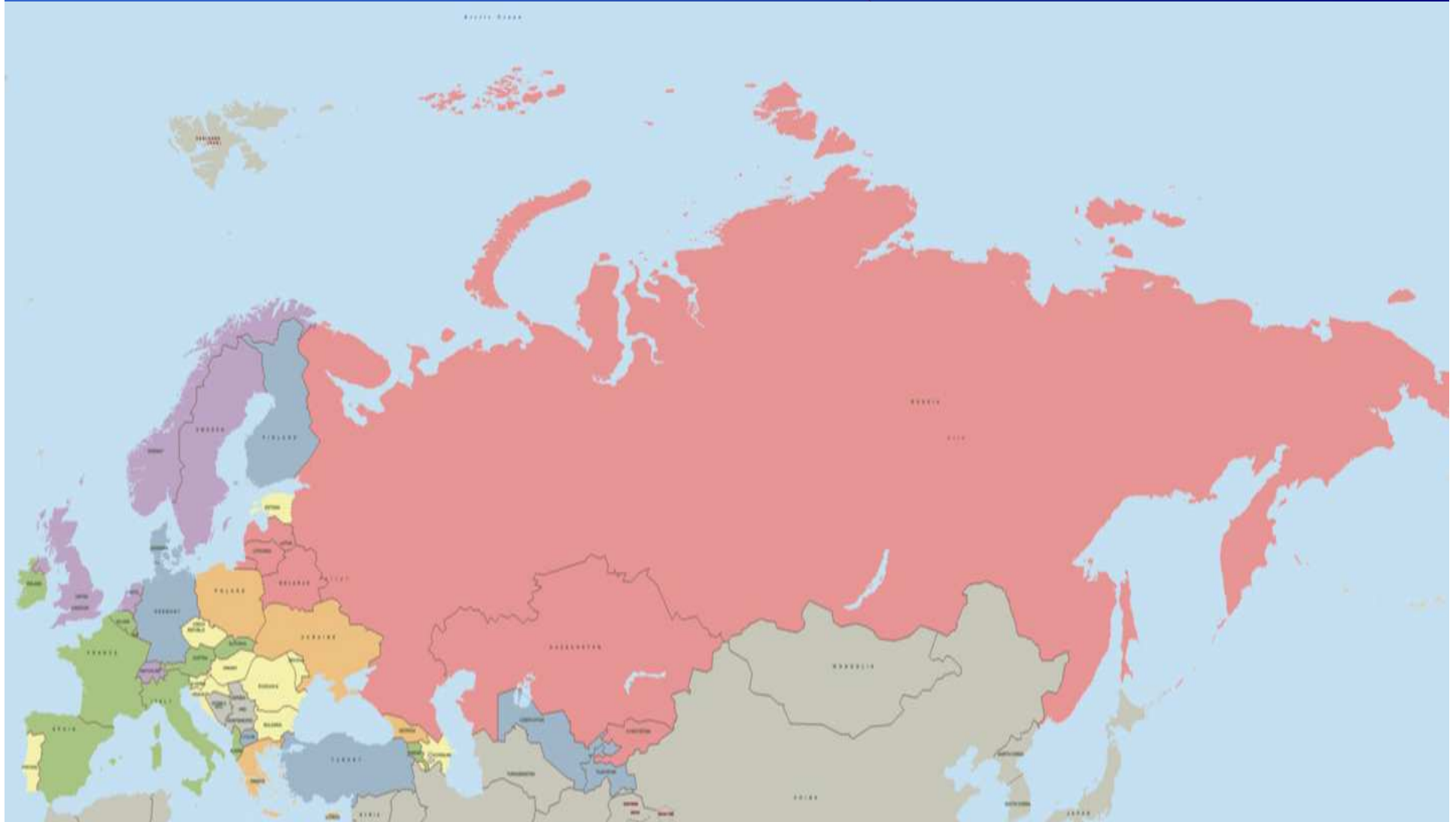


Awesome resemblance between the UNECE and the UNECA countries

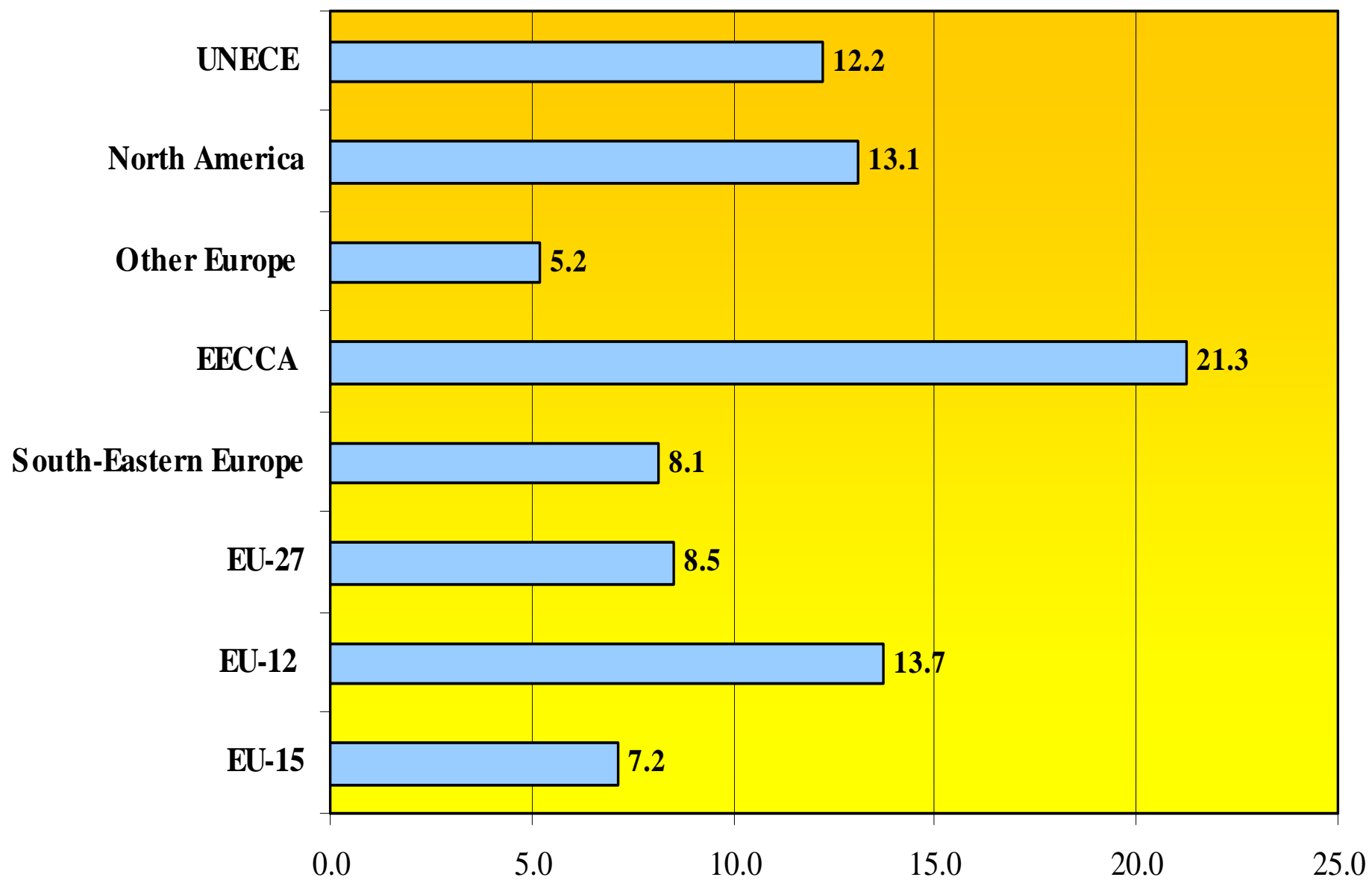


Road Traffic Mortality per 100,000 People

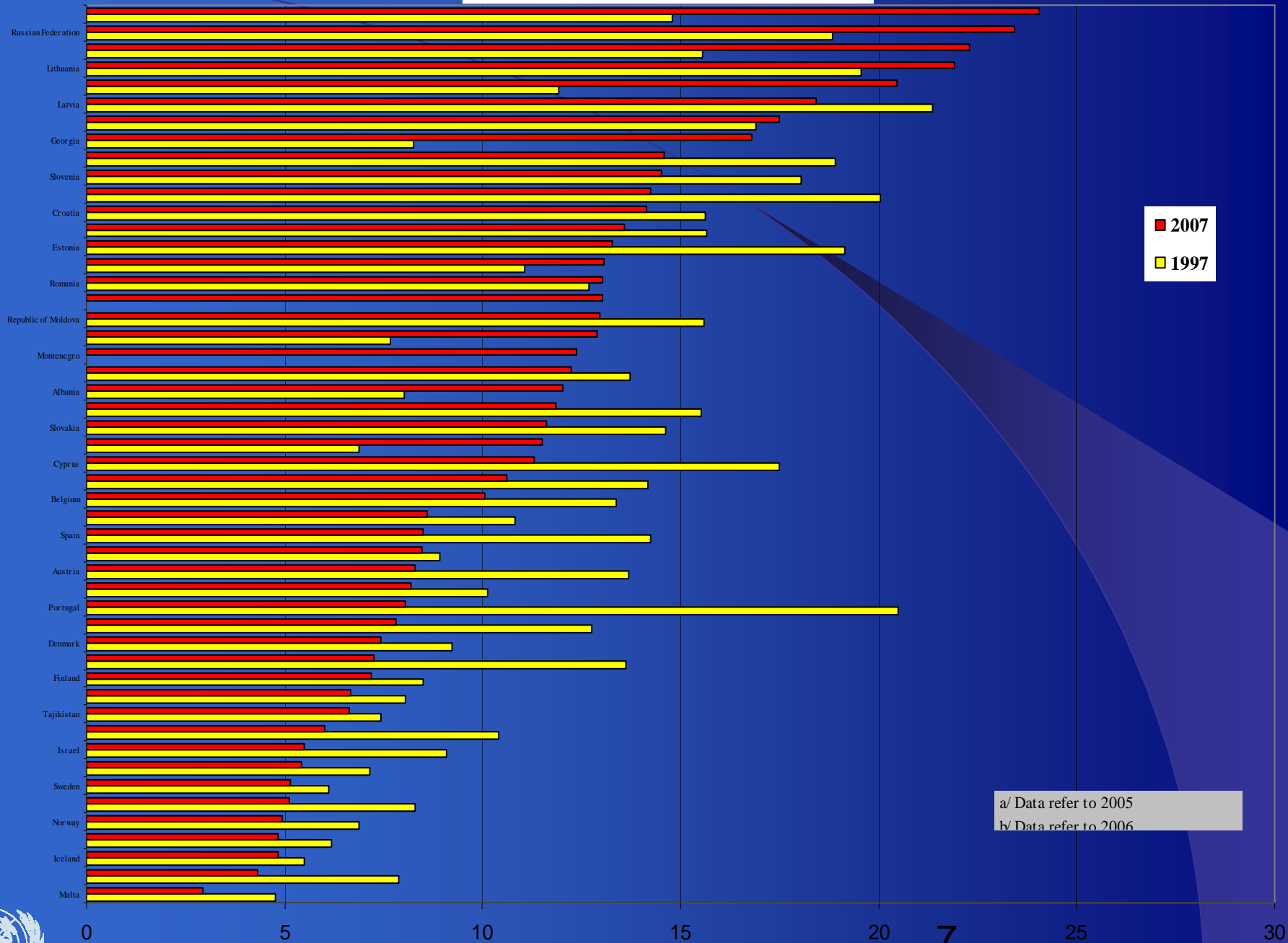
171 to 250
 136 to 170
 111 to 135
 86 to 110
 61 to 85
 0 to 60
 no data



Fatalities per 100 000 inhabitants in the UNECE region, 2007



Road accidents: Fatalities per 100 000 inhabitants, 1997-2007



■ 2007
■ 1997

a/ Data refer to 2005

b/ Data refer to 2006

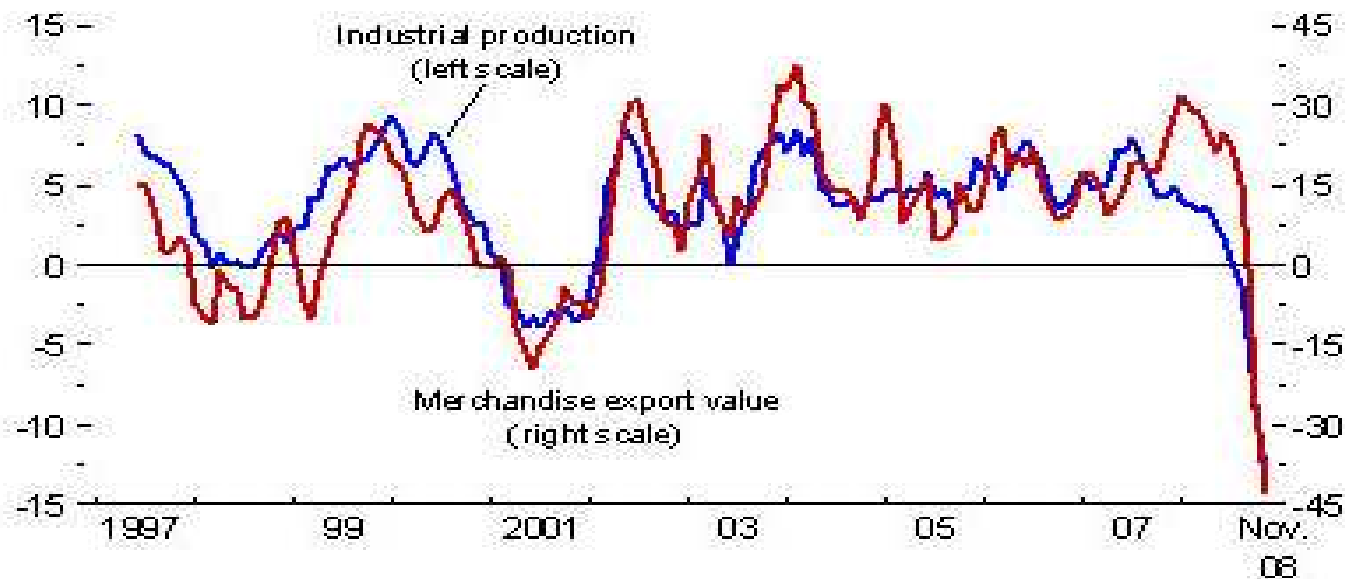


Source: UNECE Transport Database, International Transport Forum, Eurostat

Economic crisis deepens the road safety crisis

Figure 2. Growth in Global Industrial Production and Merchandise Trade

(Annualized three-month percent change)



Sources: Haver Analytics; and IMF staff estimates.



Road safety is a multi-dimensional task

- **Government, regional and city levels**
- **Many different sectors**
- **Interventions needed in different areas – public transport**



National challenges

- Comprehensive strategy
- Absorbption capacity of funds and knowledge
- Political support and ownership



How can UNECE be your partner?

- Road traffic safety conventions, good practices and statistics
- Support to Urban Transport Policies through THE PEP
- Investment planning methodology



UNECE Instruments to improve traffic safety



SOCIAL RULES

TRAFFIC RULES



VEHICLES



**ROAD AND
TRAFFIC SIGNS**



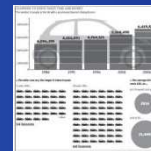
**INFRASTRUCTURE
- Tunnel safety**



DRIVERS' LICENSE



**DANGEROUS
GOODS**



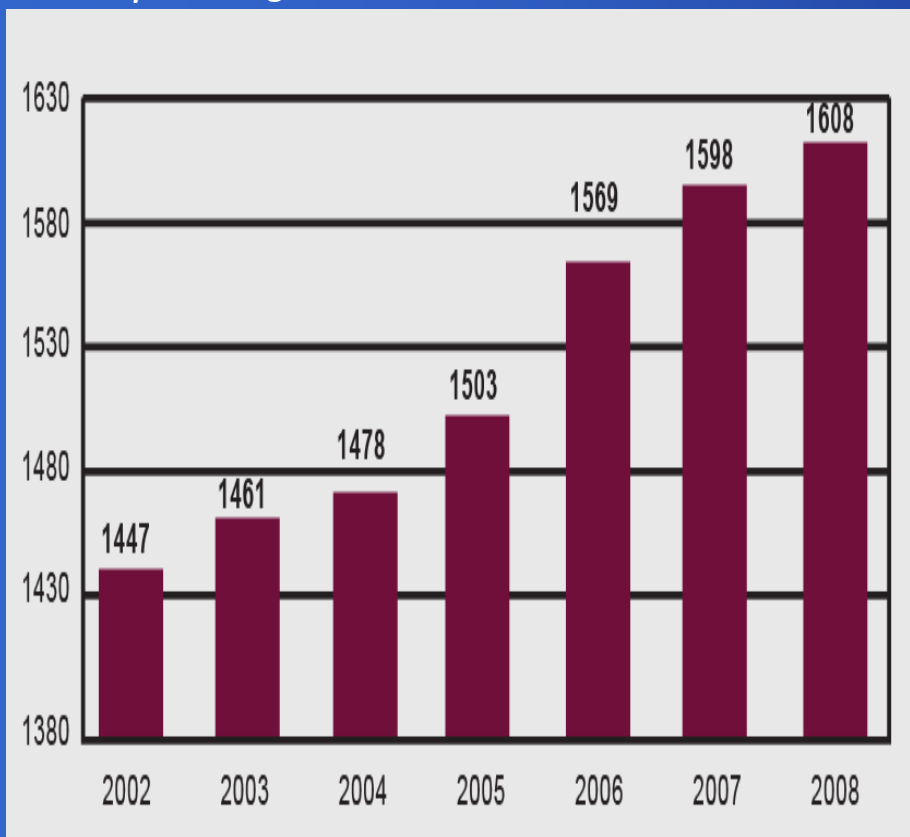
STATISTICS



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UNECE legal instruments

Total Number of Contracting Parties to UNECE Transport Legal Instruments



- **Over 1,600 Contracting Parties, growing demand**
- **Almost one quarter from outside the UNECE region**
- **A solid foundation for any transport system – regional or global**



Summary

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- Centre of regulations and multilateral agreements
- Analytical work and capacity building:
 - Investment planning methodology
 - safety
 - CO2



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