



Second National Strategy for Improving Road Safety 2015-2020

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Road Safety Management in Republic of North Macedonia is implemented through several institutions and bodies that reflect the concept of multi-sectoral approach to the road safety.

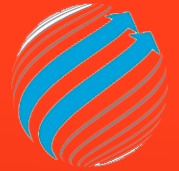
The Governmental coordinating Body for improvement of road safety and Republic Council for Road Safety have been established and are defined as leading bodies for the management of road traffic safety in the country

In addition to the two bodies mentioned above, the role of the others competent authorities is very important : Mol, MoTC, MoH, MLS, MON, ELS, PESR etc...



Most important documents on which the road traffic safety management in Republic of North Macedonia is based on are:

- **National transport strategy 2007-2017 ,**
- **National Strategy for Improving Road Traffic Safety 2009 – 2014,**
- **Second National Strategy for Improving Road Traffic Safety 2015 – 2020,**
- **National transport strategy 2018-2030**



Key legislation acts related to road transport are following:

- **Law on Public Roads,**
- **Law on Road Traffic Safety,**
- **Law on transport,**
- **Law on construction,**
- **Law on transport of dangerous goods,**
- **Law on vehicles,**
- **Law on environment, etc.**

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- Republic of North Macedonia, following the example of the European Union countries, has been actively involved in taking strategic measures and activities in order to improve road traffic safety. In this regard, two very important strategic documents have been prepared: National Strategy for Improving Road Traffic Safety 2009 – 2014, Second National Strategy for Improving Road Traffic Safety 2015 – 2020,
- The National Strategy is a framework that defines the main strategic measures and policies that should be undertaken by key competent institutions (for a period of 5 years in order to improve road safety in the Republic of North Macedonia (MoI, RCRTS, MoTC, MoH, MLS, MON, ELS, PESR etc...),
- Although the period of 5 years seems quite short when it comes to National Strategy, this is determined by law (Article 375, paragraph 1 of the Law on road traffic safety - For improvement of the road traffic safety, the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia adopts a National Strategy for Improving Road Traffic Safety for a period of five years).



Main Goal

Main goal of the Second National Road Traffic Safety Strategy 2015-2020 is the number of victims in traffic accidents by 2020 to be reduced to the average number of victims in the member states of the European Union.

The number of victims-young drivers to be reduced by 30%, the number of seriously injured to be reduced by 40%, the number of child victims in traffic to be reduced by zero.



In accordance with the European goal, the goal of the national strategy 2015-2020 is reducing the number of deaths in traffic accidents in the Republic of North Macedonia to 49 deaths per 1 million inhabitants by 2020 or in absolute numbers (If we take into account that Republic of North Macedonia has around 2,000,000 inhabitants), this means that the total number of people deaths in traffic accidents should not exceed 100 people per year.

The long-term vision of the Strategy is contained in the basic principle: "**Road safety - the right and responsibility of every road user.**" In this context, the Second National Strategy defines road traffic safety as personal, social and institutional responsibility.

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The National Strategy for Improving Road Traffic Safety contains an action plan, consisting of corrective measures in order to create a safe road traffic system. The Strategy is divided into five main components:

1. Road infrastructure management;
2. Safety roads;
3. Safety vehicles;
4. Safety behavior of traffic participants;
5. Rapid action after a traffic accident (system 112).



The main priority areas of action in the Second National Strategy 2015 - 2020 are:

- Raising public awareness of the need for greater road traffic safety;
- Continuous traffic education and professional training;
- Prevention of road traffic safety;
- Strengthening the role of local self-government in improving traffic safety;
- Protection of vulnerable groups which are participating in road traffic;
- Road and road infrastructure;
- Vehicle technical correctness;
- Introduction of modern safe technologies (smart);
- Traffic control in order to reduce violations of legal regulations;
- Rapid reaction to a car accident.

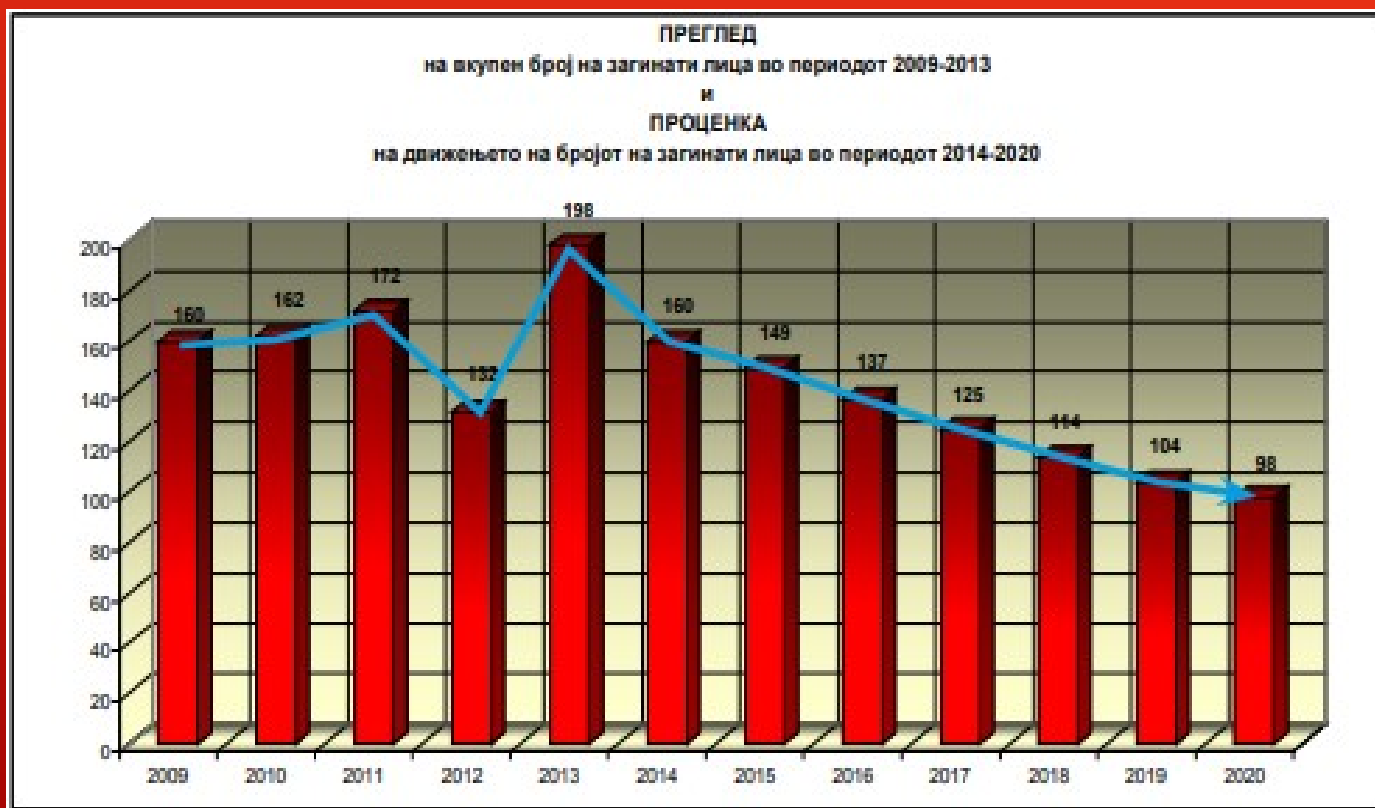
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- The National Strategy is prepared by the Coordination Body established by the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia. (according to Article 375 paragraph 2 of the Law on road traffic safety),
- . The Coordinating Body of the Government proposed a conclusion by which the Republic Council for Road Traffic Safety, as the institution that prepared the first Strategy, undertakes the responsibility to prepare the Second National Strategy for Improving Road Safety on the roads 2015-2020, in cooperation with other competent ministries, bodies and organizations,
- The Coordinating Body is in charge for monitoring the implementation of the National Strategy for Road Traffic Safety and to submit to the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia and the Government an Annual Report on the Implementation of the National Strategy for Road Traffic Safety. paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Law on road traffic safety).



Assessment of number of killed persons in traffic accident for period 2014-2020 (II strategy)



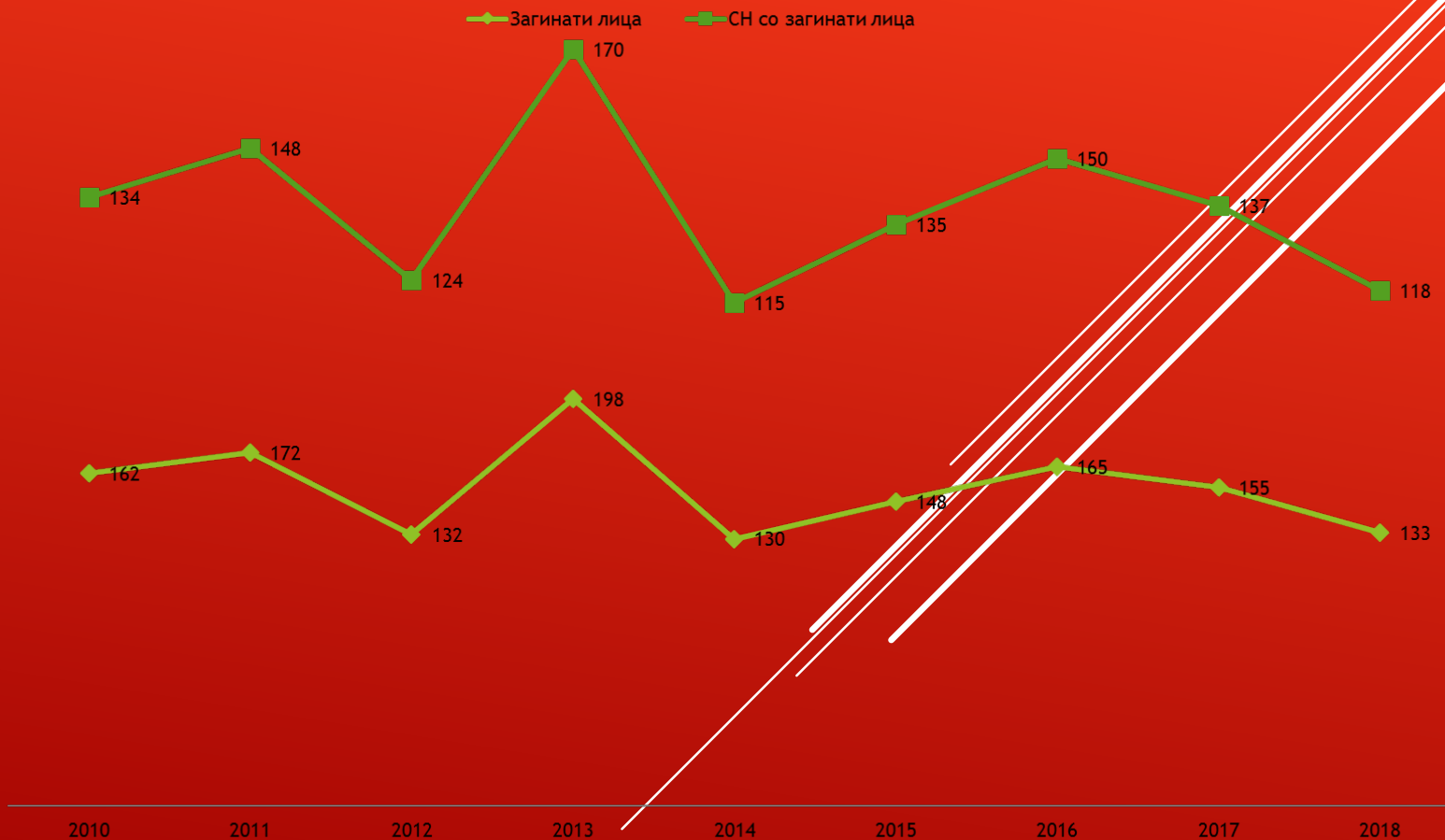


Situation with the road safety in the Republic of North Macedonia for the period 2010-2019 (2013 – is the worst year on the roads in the country)

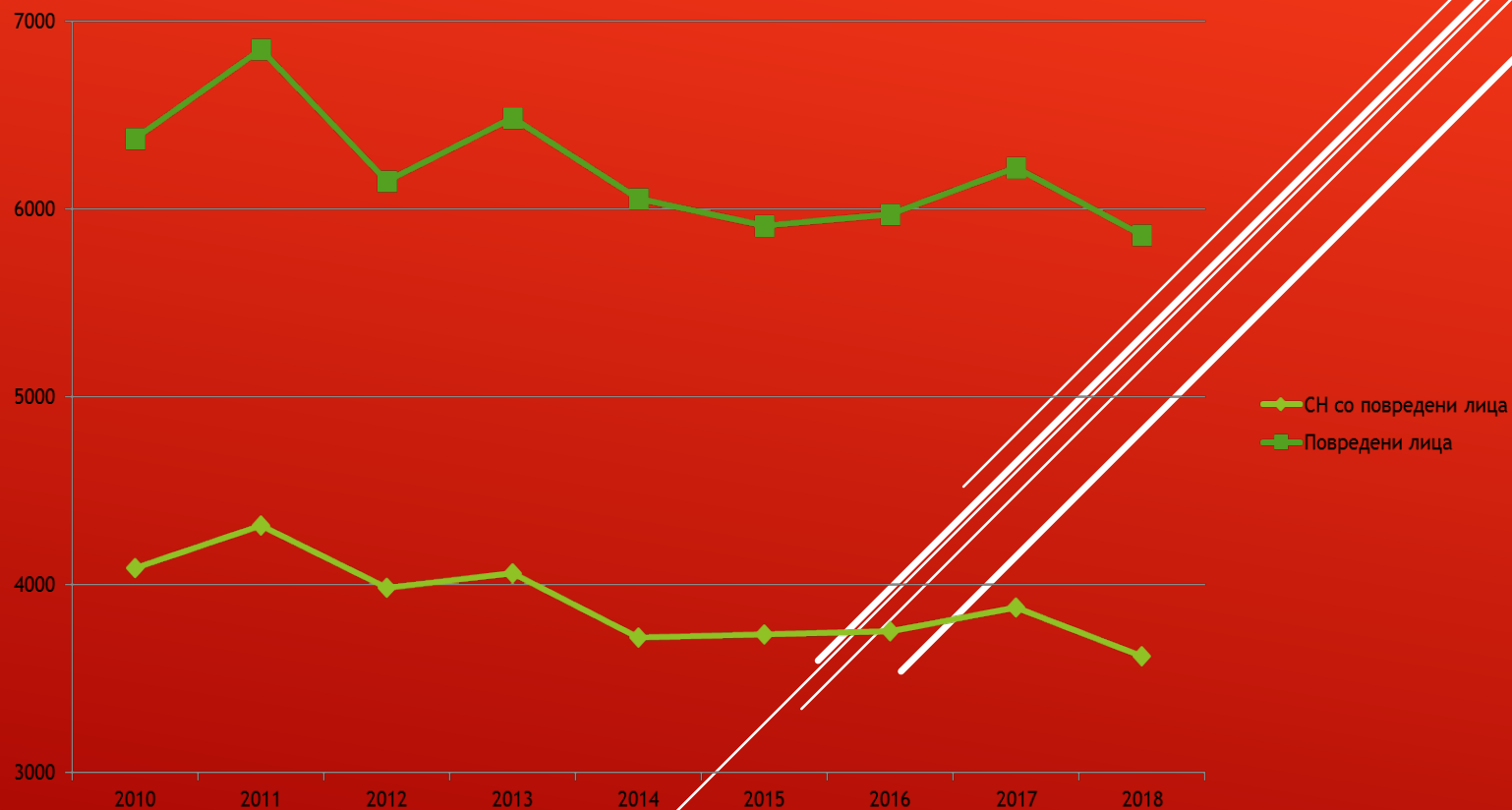
Година	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Загинати лица	162	172	132	198	130	148	165	155	133	132
Сообраќајни незгоди со загинати лица	134	148	124	170	115	135	150	137	118	109
СН со повредени лица	4089	4314	3984	4060	3719	3737	3754	3882	3622	3124
Повредени лица	6375	6853	6149	6484	6056	5 913	5971	6224	5860	5164



Traffic accident with casualties



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Road traffic safety data for the period 2010 to 2019 show that the number of death people in road accidents in the last 9 years has generally decreased, but graphs 1 and 2 show that there is no clearly defined trend and tendency that indicates the need for improving road safety management system.

The number of death people in traffic accidents shows significant fluctuations annually and accordingly there is no clear tendency in which direction the traffic safety situation is moving.



The statistical data from the past 5 years show that the possibility for achieving the goals of the Second National Strategy 2015-2020 is difficult to achieve, the goal of the national strategy is not fully achieved.

The main reason for the failure to achieve the objectives of the Second National Strategy lies in the incomplete and inefficient implementation of the policies and measures set out in the strategy.

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For the purpose of improvement of the road traffic safety in long-term perspective, it is necessary to immediately begin the process of preparing a new strategic document for improving road traffic safety.

This process gives two possibilities:

- Preparation of Third National Strategy for improvement of road safety 2020 – 2025,
- Review, redefining and implementation of the policies, measures and objectives of the Second National Strategy and extending the deadline for its implementation - (this concept is expected to give better and more efficient results). In parallel, this will create opportunities for implementation of the measures and objectives set out in the European Commission's strategic plan for improving road traffic safety for the period 2020-2030.

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On an initiative of MoTC an EUIF funded project “Technical assistance for establishing an Executive body for road safety in Republic of North Macedonia” started in January 2020.

Team of experts (consultants) support the MoTC and established working group in terms of:

- concrete proposal for establishing an executive body for traffic safety management
- analyses of the necessary legal changes to the relevant legislation
- draft systematization act
- draft budget etc.

It is expected Executive body for road safety to be established until the end of 2020 and to become operational in 2021.



Conclusions

Statistics confirms that traffic safety in Republic of North Macedonia is improving, but not at the required level. In order road traffic safety to be improved, it is necessary to be implemented urgent measures such as:

- Strengthening the traffic preventive action for all groups of traffic participants and for all risk factors that endanger the road traffic safety,
- Strengthening traffic education within the educational process,
- Improving the process of education and training of candidates for drivers,
- Improving the process of technical control and improving the technical correctness of



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- **Improving the work of driving schools and examination centers,**
- **Continuous education of traffic participants,**
- **Improving the system for fast and efficient intervention after a traffic accident,**
- **Intensification of traffic police controls,**
- **Implementation of systemic measures of continuous gradation of repressive measures depending on the severity and recurrence of the traffic violation,**
- **Strengthening the role and engagement of local self-government in the process of road traffic safety management,**
- **Promoting and supporting the non-governmental sector, especially in the area of education of traffic participants and raising public awareness about the consequences of traffic accidents, etc.**



Thank you for your attention

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