

ANNEX III: PARTICIPATING UN ORGANIZATIONS STRATEGY FOR THE 2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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I. Overall approach to UNRSF 2020 Call for Proposals

Despite strong and consistent efforts by Member States, the international community was not able to achieve by 2020 the target of the Sustainable Development Goals on road safety owing to increasing, rather than decreasing, road fatalities and injuries globally. A key underlying reason is that Governments and key stakeholders, especially those that suffer comparatively most casualties, lacked strategic and coherent guidance on ways to identify gaps in the development of their national road safety systems and prioritize solutions based on best worldwide practices but tailored to their country's specific needs.

In response to this critical shortcoming, the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of ECE adopted at its 82nd session (Geneva, 25-28 February 2020), effective 1 April 2020, the ITC Recommendations on Enhancing National Road Safety Systems ([ECE/TRANS/2020/9](#)), providing much needed direction and guidelines to Member States on how to strengthen regulatory support in road safety and enhance their systems. Through the adoption in 2019 of the ITC Strategy until 2030, the subprogramme elaborated a 360-degree approach – regulatory, policy dialogue, analytical, capacity-building and technical assistance – to road safety in order to reap more benefits for its main beneficiaries. The ITC Recommendations have been developed as part of the Strategy and the 360-degree approach to Road Safety.

This strategic, short-medium-to-long-term approach will guide the overall UNECE approach to the 2020 UNRSF Call for Proposals.

All proposals received will be evaluated on the basis of their potential contribution to enhancing national road safety systems in one or more countries, across one or more pillars and critical areas in the National Road Safety System matrix ([ECE/TRANS/2020/9](#), figure 1, p.3).

Assessment and selection of project proposals for submission to the Fund will also be guided by the expected project impacts and quality of the theory of change linking proposed project activities with intended outputs, outcomes and impacts on the ground. An additional consideration will be the long-term effects expected as a result of the proposed projects, in order to ensure the sustainability and scalability of their impacts. This approach is fully integrated in the ECE/ITC Programme of Work and fully aligned with the geographic and substantive scope of its mandated work. This approach is also fully aligned with the UNRSF masterplan ([Global Framework Plan of Action for Road Safety](#)) and the Fund' [Funding Priorities and Criteria](#).

Reference document:

- Inland Transport Committee Recommendations for Enhancing National Road Safety Systems ([ECE/TRANS/2020/9](#))
- UNRSF Global Framework Plan of Action for Road Safety ([UNRSTF/AB/2018\(1\)/4/Rev.1-UNRSTF/SC/2018\(1\)/4/Rev.1](#))
- UNRSF Priorities and Criteria for Funding Projects ([UNRSTF/AB/2018\(1\)/5/Rev.1-UNRSTF/SC/2018\(1\)/5/Rev.1](#))

II. Application strategy

Applications will be accepted by low- and middle-income UNECE member States, in line with United Nations rules and regulations. UNECE member States may also choose to submit collaborative proposals, with the support of external stakeholders, including NGOs, if they so wish.

Completed “**Application Form - Stage 1**” should be submitted via email to UNECE by 8 January 2021. Shortlisted proposals will be further elaborated during the month of January, until the final selection of the three proposals submitted through/by the UNECE PUNO to the Fund, in line with the UNRSF Call for Proposals specifications.

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