

Peer Learning Round Tables



Cluster 1: People

Strengthening health, food and social protection systems towards COVID-19 recovery and resilience

Session 1-3

Road safety – Changing gear

Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 10:00-12:00

Representatives from countries which have achieved remarkable results in road safety during the last 10 to 15 years will discuss their implemented policies with their counterparts (peers) from countries with a slower rate of reduction in road traffic fatalities and injuries.

Guiding questions for round table

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| Question 1 | What effective actions can governments put in place to enhance road safety? |
| Question 2 | What challenges do governments face when putting in place stringent road safety requirements? |
| Question 3 | What level of investments are needed by governments when introducing effective measures to enhance road safety? |

Policy actions for discussion

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| Policy action 1 | Establishing a systemic national framework for improving road safety, through concerted legislation and its enforcement, supported by education and technology use, targeting all elements in the safety equation – roads, road users and vehicles, as well as post-crash response effectiveness. |
| Policy action 2 | Set-up mechanisms for efficient coordination and cooperation among key national road safety stakeholders. |
| Policy action 3 | Leveraging international cooperation and UN mechanisms to achieve road safety related SDG targets. |

Moderator

Moderator | Ms. Claire Depré
Deputy-Director for Land Transport, DG MOVE, European Commission

Keynote

Keynote | Ms. Marie Gautier-Melleray
Interministerial delegate for road safety, France

Speakers

Lithuania | Mr. Dmitrij Bial
Senior Adviser of Road and Air Transport Policy Group at Ministry of Transport and Communication

Bosnia and Herzegovina | Mr. Zoran Andric
Assistant Minister, Ministry of Transport and Communications

Serbia | Mr. Dusko Pesic,
Director, Road Traffic Safety Agency

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Director, Land Transport Agency

WHO | Mr. Nhan Tran
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Background

The Road Safety crisis with 1.35 million fatalities/year and 20-50 million seriously injured/year impacts not only our daily lives but has also major economic consequences with socio-economic costs of 1.2 per cent of global GDP. SDG target 3.6 already called for a 50 percent reduction of fatalities and serious injuries by 2020. This goal has not been met. Therefore, a more sustainable approach would be warranted. The General Assembly has proclaimed the second decade of action for road safety and set as a new target for 2030 to halve the number of road fatalities and serious injuries (GA/RES/74/299).

Within the European region several countries have managed during the last years a remarkable reduction of numbers of road traffic fatalities and thus contributing to making the European region the leading region in road safety with the best performers being members of the European Union. Best practice approaches have been identified by intergovernmental bodies and translated into leading guideline document for road safety policy changes such as the ITC recommendation on enhanced National Road Safety Systems.

Organizers

Lead organizer | UNECE, Sustainable Transport Division