

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 facing less reduction in road traffic fatalities and injuries.

Guiding questions for round table

- Question 1** | What effective actions can governments put in place to enhance road safety?
- Question 2** | What challenges do governments face to address 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?

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

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