



Ministry of
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Workshop on selected issues from the National Road Safety Strategy in Georgia

Child restraints, rear safety belts and speed management in urban areas

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UNECE is a custodian of wide range of transport-related legal instruments, norms, standards and recommendations which will, if implemented efficiently, assist Member States in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For road safety related targets especially, legal instruments developed under the UNECE auspices have assisted many countries in developing and enforcing traffic rules and measures and improving road safety management system; producing safe road vehicles; reducing the risk during the transport of dangerous goods and hazardous materials; and ensuring that only safe and well-maintained vehicles and competent drivers can participate in traffic.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is the United Nations Specialised Agency for Public Health. In 2004, WHO, in conjunction with the Regional Commissions, was tasked with coordinating road safety, within the UN system. WHO's primary objective is to support member states adopt and implement a "safe systems" approach to road safety. This is achieved through the development of technical and normative guidance, sectoral and disciplinary road safety capacity development, research and advocacy.

In July 2022 Georgia adopted the new National Road Safety Strategy. During the preparation of the strategy experts identified a number of pressing issues which should be addressed, subject to analysis of potential results and resources required for its implementation. Having in mind previous fruitful cooperation in road safety, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia (MoESD) asked UNECE to provide analysis and experts' advice for three important road safety topics: safety belt use on rear seats, use of child restraint systems and speed management, especially in urban areas. The report was provided to MoESD in July 2022 and during this workshop results of the report will be presented.

The aim of the workshop is to strengthen knowledge of Georgian experts on international legal instruments and best practices on use of safety belts on rear seats, child restraint system and speed management. It will help national stakeholders to update the National Road Safety Strategy and related action plans to be in full conformity with international best practice. The workshop will build capacity on how these road safety aspects influence the basic road safety indicators, identify tools and instruments for the improvement of the current situation and give recommendations on their implementation in Georgia. The main findings and recommendations of the report and potential benefits of the implementation of the above-mentioned road safety measures will be presented.

The workshop will be held in English and Georgian.

AGENDA

Wednesday, 5 October 2022

08.30 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.20 Welcome/ Opening speech

Mr. Guram Guramishvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia

Ms. Anna Platonova, UN RCO Head, Georgia

09.20 – 10.10 Session I. Global strategic developments in road safety

Mr. Nenad Nikolic, UNECE: *UNECE road safety activities including the Inland Transport Committee Recommendations on Enhancing National Road Safety System* (20 min)

Mr. Jonathon Passmore, WHO: *Decade of Actions for Road safety 2021-2030* (20 min)

10.10 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 10.50 Session II. National strategic developments in road safety

Mr. Erekle Kezherashvili, MoESD Georgia: *National Road Safety Strategy Georgia 2022-25* (20 min)

10.50 – 11.00 Session II. National strategic developments in road safety

Ms. Eva Eichinger-Vill, Austria/Mr. Gela Kvashilava, Georgia: *Why addressing child restraints, rear safety belts, and speed management are important to increase road safety in Georgia* (10 min)

11.00 – 12.00 Session III. Use of safety belts on rear seats

Ms. Eva Eichinger-Vill, Austria/Mr. Gela Kvashilava, Georgia: *Analysis of the current status, international best-practices and recommendations for Georgia* (25 min)

Mr. Edoardo Gianotti, UNECE: *UN/ECE Regulation 16* (10 min)

Q&A and discussion (10 min)

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.30 Session IV. Use of child restraint systems

Ms. Eva Eichinger-Vill, Austria/Mr. Gela Kvashilava, Georgia: *Analysis of the current status, international best-practices and recommendations for Georgia* (25 min)

Mr. Edoardo Gianotti, UNECE: *UN/ECE Regulation 44 and 129* (10 min)

Ms. Marijana Jovanovic, Centre for road safety promotion, Serbia: *National experience* (15 min)

Q&A and discussion (10 min)

14.30 – 15.00 Coffee break

15.00 – 16.10 Session V. Speed management in urban areas

Ms. Eva Eichinger-Vill, Austria/Mr. Gela Kvashilava, Georgia: *Analysis of the current status, international best-practices and recommendations for Georgia* (25 min)

Ms. Karin Schranz, Senior Road Safety Expert, Austrian Federal Ministry of Transport, Austria: *National experience in urban areas* (15 min)

Mr. Torben Heinemann, Tbilisi Transport and Urban Development Agency, Germany: *National experience* (15 min)

Q&A and discussion (15 min)

16.10 – 16.50 Wrap-up session

Ms. Eva Eichinger-Vill, Austria/Mr. Gela Kvashilava, Georgia: *The importance of solid road safety data; General recommendations to further increase road safety in Georgia* (15 min)

Tour de table, Q&A and discussion (25 min)

16.50 – 17:00 Closing remarks (UNECE/WHO/MoESD GE)