Financing Safer Roads - Supporting the development of safer road infrastructure

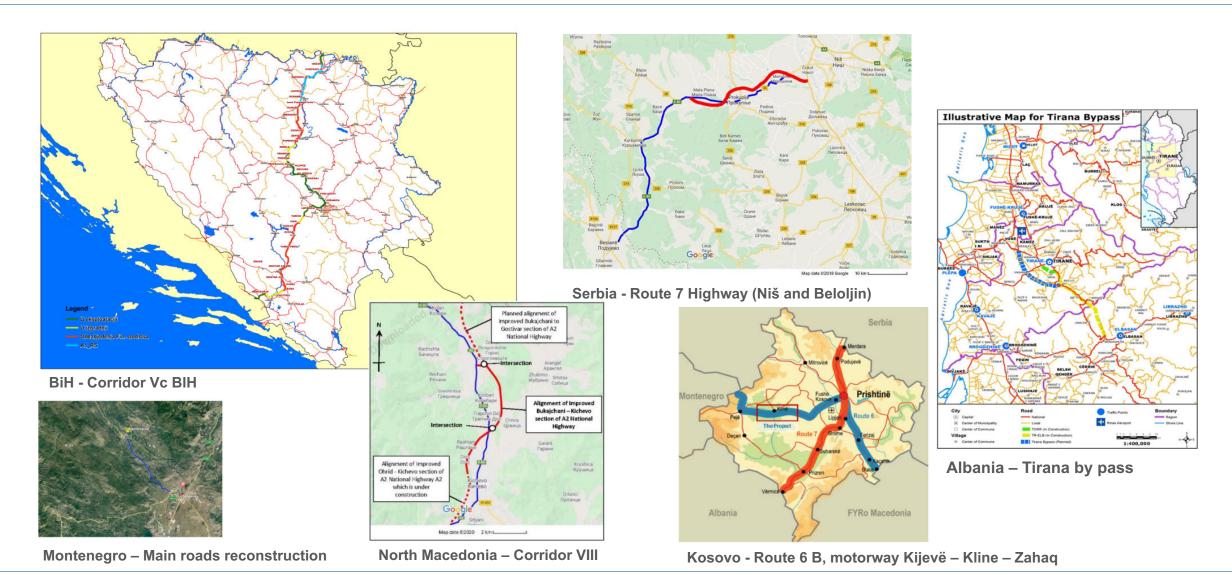
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## EBRD Road Projects in Europe





# Road Traffic Collisions resulting in a fatalities reported to the Bank on EBRD road projects



#### **SINCE 2020**

- Albania <u>road collision</u> with <u>loss of whole family</u>, accident on <u>level crossing</u> and 2 fatalities relating to a <u>truck entering a road under construction</u>
- BIH accident during <u>construction</u> of a bridge pier with the loss of two lives
- Serbia 3 fatalities one linked to a vehicle <u>collision with signs and structures</u>, a separate incident with <u>driver turning into on-coming traffic</u> and bus driver <u>hit by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vehicle</u>
- North Macedonia <u>traffic accident</u> resulting in a company driver losing his life.
- Outside Road Projects 1 in 4 fatalities reported on Projects investment in the Western Balkans was associated with a Road Traffic Collisions with workers driving for work

#### SUCH CASUALITES ARE PREVENTABLE

## EBRD Environmental and Social Policy (2019)





# \*Currently under revision

#### Traffic and Road Safety

- The client will identify, evaluate and monitor the potential traffic and road safety risks to workers and project-affected communities throughout the project life-cycle and, where appropriate, will develop measures and plans to address them. For projects that operate moving equipment on public roads and other forms of infrastructure, the client will seek to prevent the occurrence of incidents and injuries to members of the public associated with the operation of such equipment.
- The client will take into consideration relevant EU road and traffic safety management standards 44, identify road safety measures for both motorised and non-motorised road users and incorporate technically and economically feasible and cost-effective road safety components into the project design to mitigate potential road safety impacts on the local affected communities. Where appropriate, the client will undertake a road safety audit for each phase of the project and routinely monitor incident and accident reports to identify and resolve problems or negative safety trends. For clients with vehicles or fleets of vehicles (owned or leased), the client will introduce GIP arrangements to manage road and traffic risks 45 and will provide appropriate training to workers on driver and vehicle safety. The client will ensure regular maintenance of all project vehicles.

#### E&S Policy (2019) - PR4



Develop measures and plans to address traffic and road safety risks



Incorporate technically and economically feasible and cost-effective road safety components into the project design



Undertake a road safety audits and routinely monitor incident and accidents



Introduce Good International Practice arrangements to manage road and traffic risks for vehicles and fleets

PR 1 – where affected individuals or groups are identified as disadvantaged or vulnerable .....ESMP will include ..measures so that impacts do not fall disproportionately on them.

PR 10 – meaningful engagement with interested parties ...taking into account the needs of disadvantaged or vulnerable groups.

# EBRD Response to Road Safety – Strategies



#### **EBRD Strategies**

#### **Country Strategy**

'....emphasis will be made towards road safety looking at safer roads, occupational road risk, raising awareness of communities who are most at risk and capacity building. To funds may be required....'

#### **Transport Strategy – Strategic Direction**

- Continue to work collectively with other MDBs to tackle road safety issues;
- Engage with national authorities at the policy level to encourage the development of national and regional road safety strategies where opportunities arise, including safe driving campaigns, black spot management, data collection and so on;
- Continue to engage with educational institutions in the economies where the Bank invests
  to support training of professionals involved in safe road design and road safety auditing;
  and with local communities to raise awareness of road safety through locally-targeted road
  safety campaigns;
- Promote private sector occupational road safety, focusing on safe driving practices, telematics, improving driver behaviour;
- Require road safety audits for Bank-funded projects, focusing on safe designs and modal intersections, such as level crossings

## Challenges in the Western Balkans



#### **Crash Data**

Description and Location missing or limited

Prevents infrastructure improvements

#### **Road Design**

Designs approved before RSA

Limited opportunity to apply any recommendations

Designs focus on vehicles and rather than needs for vulnerable road users

#### **Planning**

Little consideration between planning of buildings and highway safety

Planning needs to considered access / egress to the highway

#### **Maintenance**

Need to factor in ongoing maintenance

Unrepaired guard rails, faded signs, worn road markings - Safety concern

Responsibility for road maintenance can be unclear - highway authority or local municipality

# Traffic Management

Work zones can be unsafe

Road Safety not reflected in ops ctrl

Temporary signals operate over unrealistic long length – driver noncompliance

# Capacity Building – Construction and Operational



# Building Safer Infrastructure (Road Safety Audits / Inspections)

Occupational Road Risk (ISO 39001)

Safer Roads

Public Awareness
(Targeted campaigns,
Stakeholder Engagement)

National Governance (ISO 39001, Updating Design Standards, Training)

# EBRD Activities in Road Safety (2013-2021)



Collaboratior



Member of the UN Road Safety Collaboration / Friend of the UN Envoy



MDB Road Safety Working Group



Internal Road Safety
Working Group



Close partnerships with various Road Safety NGOs

Capacity Development



Occupational Road Risk Toolkit



Road Safety
Engineering
eLearning Training



Road Tunnel Safety Training



Road Safety Auditor Training Project Integration

Transition Impact



ESDD Traffic and Road Safety Tools



E&S Action Plans

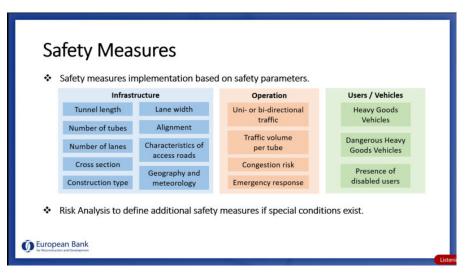


TC Project Support

# EBRD Recent Assignment – Road Tunnel Safety in Bosnia





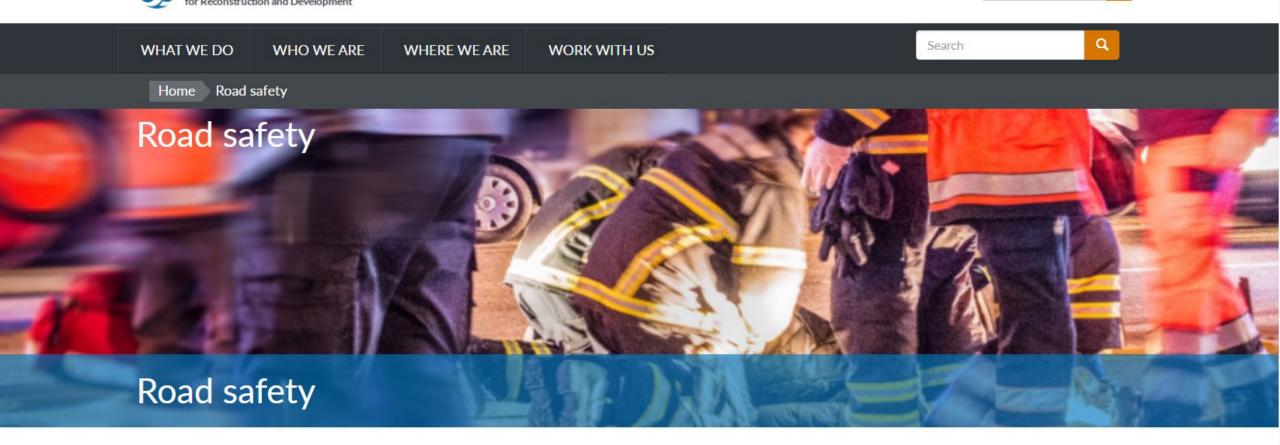


#### TRAINING MODULES

- Introduction to the EU Directive on Tunnel Safety
- 2. Benchmarking organizational arrangements
- 3. Risk Analysis and Assessments
- 4. Tunnel Infrastructure and Geometry
- 5. Drainage, water supply, lighting, power and ventilation
- 6. Fire safety and access for emergency services
- 7. Emergency planning
- 8. Road signs and markings and managing driver behaviour
- 9. Tunnel operations



Corridor Vc in Bosnia and Herzegovina



Transport is a vital part of everyday life, as well as economic growth and social development.

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But every day, 3,300 people around the world are killed due to road traffic incidents. That is approximately 1.2 million people each year.

In addition to that, as many as 50 million people are injured or disabled by road traffic crashes every year.

The majority of road traffic deaths and injuries affect people in low and middle-income

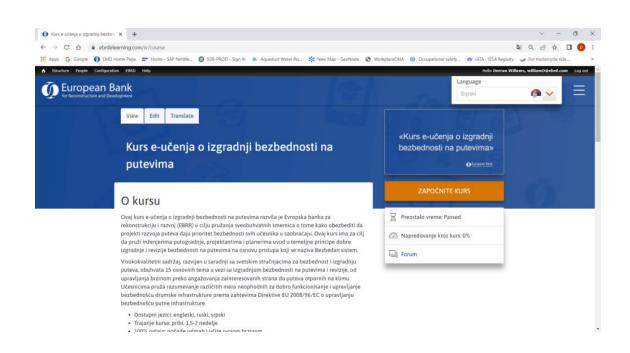
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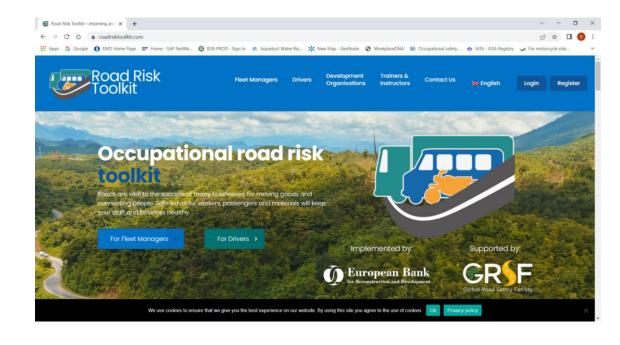
◀ The EBRD approach to road safety

Working with other MDBs on road safety

#### EBRD Tools and Resources







# **Road Safety Engineering**

(Available in English, Russian, Serbian) <a href="https://ebrdelearning.com/">https://ebrdelearning.com/</a>

#### **Occupational Road Risk Toolkit**

(Available in various lanugages) <a href="https://roadrisktoolkit.com/">https://roadrisktoolkit.com/</a>

# Continuing Road Safety Support.....



Road Safety
Auditing with
local engineers
participating in
the Audit Team
- Bosnia in
Herzegovina

Implementation of ISO 39001
High Authority - Serbia

Supporting the implication of Road Safety
Auditing
Certification
Training Montenegro

Tunnel Road
Safety Training
- Bosnia in
Herzegovina

What's next?

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