





Main road safety legislation

Albanian legislation governing road safety and the specific articles regulating driver license and road user behavior have been progressively amended to align them with the EU legislation:

- Law No. 8378, dated 22 July 1998, "The Road Code of Albania"
- Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 153, dated 7 April 2000 "On the approval of the regulation on the implementation of the Road Code of Albania'





Amendments to the Road Code

Law No. 10488, dated 5 December 2011 "On amendments to Law No. 8378, dated 22 July 1998
- The Road Code in the Republic of Albania"

- Introduction of the point system (20 points)
- Revision of the driving school system, their licensing and monitoring
- Strengthening the traffic fine system by increasing the lower and upper limit of fines (art. 121 & 170)
- Revision of art. 184, driving under the influence of alcohol, prohibiting driving after consuming alcohol or under the influence of alcohol
- Increasing the fine when the driver is under the influence of drugs

Law No. 175, dated 18 December 2014 "On some changes and amendments to Law No. 8378, dated 22 July 1998 - The Road Code of the Republic of Albania"

- Classification/categorization of driving permits, and permit format; training and testing procedures, according to EC Directives (art. 150);
- Additional requirements on issuing driving permits to those with limited health capabilities to drive and medical history for first-time applicants;
- Additional requirements on issuing professional certificates (for transportation of both goods and passengers (art. 115/1).





Harmonization of Albanian regulation with EU legislation

- Albania got the status of a candidate country for EU membership in June 2014. This
 achievement came as a result of Albania's reform efforts in recent years and
 acknowledgment by the EU of the efforts made and the progress achieved on Albania's
 road to accession.
- The Stabilization and Association Agreement was signed with Albania in June 2006 and entered into force in April 2009.
- According to Article 18 of protocol 5 of the Agreement (Road Safety): Albania will
 harmonize its legislation on road safety, particularly with regard to the transport of
 dangerous goods, with that of respective EU legislation by the end of the fifth year after
 the date of entry into force of the Agreement.
- Albania has **progressed considerably** with the task of harmonizing its road safety legislation with the EU acquis communautaire during the last years





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Assessment of Albanian road safety legislation

- 51/70 EU road safety regulations are already implemented (fully or partially) in the Albanian legal framework
- Aspects not yet in full compliance with EU acquis Communautaire:
- - restraints systems of vulnerable users
- Tires
 Daytime running lights
 Blind spot mirrors
 Conspicuity
 Speed limitation devices
 Weights and dimensions
 Post-crash response
 Emergency calls
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- Driving license
 Driving license
 Equivalences categories of driving licenses
 Enforcement in the field of road safety
 Cross-border exchange of information
 Alcohol, drugs and medicine
 Psychoactive substances
- Psychoactive substances
 Third countries driver attestation

Accompanying measures

- to put in place **systems to monitor the effectiveness** of laws and regulations at national level (e.g. measurement of law compliance regarding key risk factors)
- \bullet to put in place all laws, regulations and monitoring and enforcement systems at
- to take into account the Albanian road safety policy framework in other policy **fields** of the country, and it should take the objectives of these other policies into account (energy, environment, employment, education, youth, public health, research, innovation and technology, justice, insurance, trade and foreign affairs, etc.)





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Module 3 PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW-UP AND UPDATE ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION ROAD SAFETY LEGISLATION

Current procedures to update road safety legislation

No specific procedures are presently set to follow-up and update the existing road safety legislation in Albania.

Road safety legislation is punctually updated when any of the following cases arrive:

- Request from a major body, such as the EU Transposition of EU directives into the national legal framework
- Identification of safety issues based on regular data analysis Results from the road crash data analysis carried out by the Police and/or the Lead Office can arise specific safety issues that need to considered.
- Occurrence of unexpected major road crashes (ex. road crash with an important number of victims) – Existing procedures and legislation are usually revised to avoid the repetition of similar road crashes.





Legislative process in Albania

Procedure to follow-up and update road safety legislation

Lead Office should take the lead on the revision, follow-up and update of road safety legislation in Albania & external legal experts must be engaged to support the Lead Office.

Procedures:

- 1. Regular legislation gap analysis
- 2. Regular data analysis for the identification of safety issues



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Regular legislation gap analysis

- Every six (6) months a follow-up and checking of EU and other countries (ex. USA, Australia) road safety legislation shall be implemented by the Lead Office. Desk reviews, online research, workshops, conferences and training courses shall be the main sources of information
- A gap analysis of the Albanian legislation shall be carried out based on the information collected
- Amendments/discussion papers to update existing legislation or to enter new legislation shall be suggested and shared with main related road safety stakeholders for revision
- A draft of the updated legislation shall be prepared by the Lead Office based on the final version of the amendments/discussion papers



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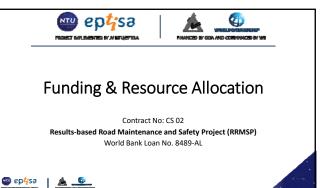
- 1. The Lead Office shall identify every year main road safety issues based on the analysis of road crash data implemented.
- The existing legislation (laws, bylaws, ministry instructions, road code articles, etc.) related to the road safety issues identified shall be then identify. External legal experts must be engaged to support the Lead Office, if necessary.
- The efficacy of the existing legislation in respect to the road safety issues identified shall be assessed through meetings with main related road safety stakeholders (ex. Police, Ministry of Justice, etc.) and public consultations with NGOs and civil society.
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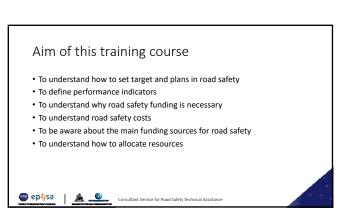


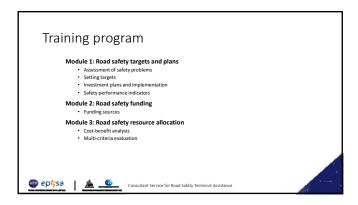


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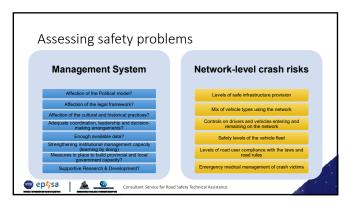


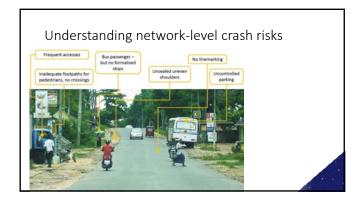














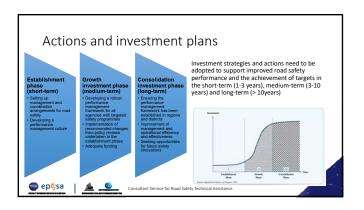
Setting targets — Case studies

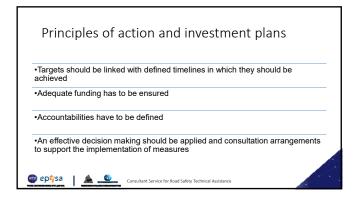
England: 3-star roads by 2020

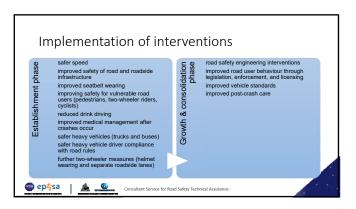
Highways England and the Department for Transport Identified the need to reduce road fatalities and serious injuries across their road network.

In 2015, Highways England set a target to achieve 80% of travel on 3-star or better roads across the strategic road network by 2020. In 2016 the Department for Transport Isunched an innovative local roads fund that targets the highest take 70 roads across the county as published by the Road Safety Foundation on an annual basis.

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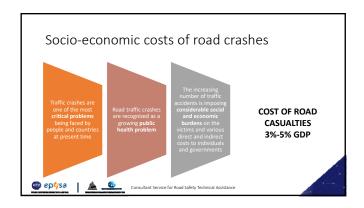






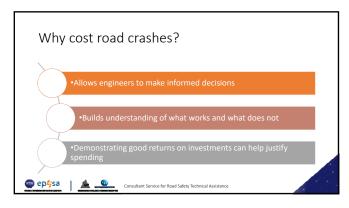




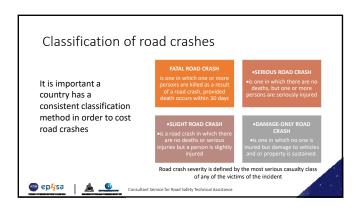


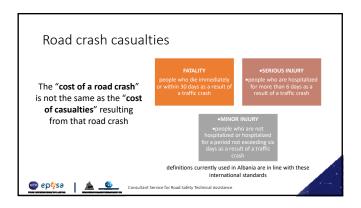


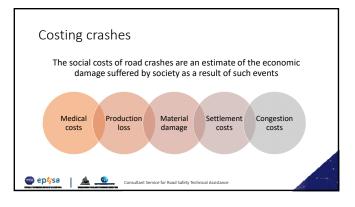


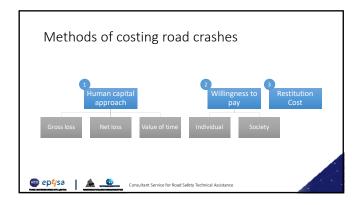


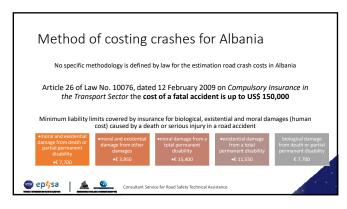


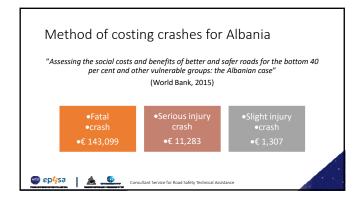


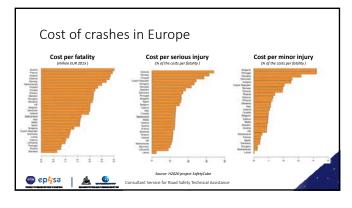






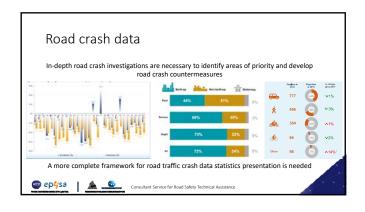


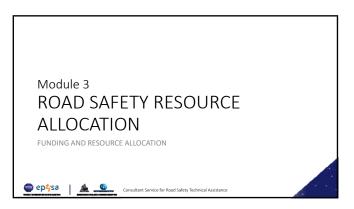




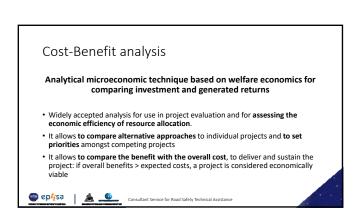


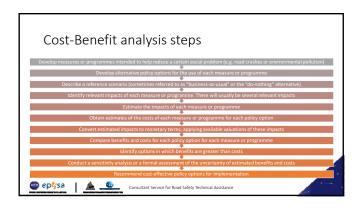


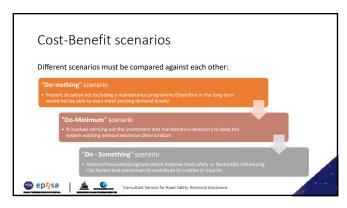


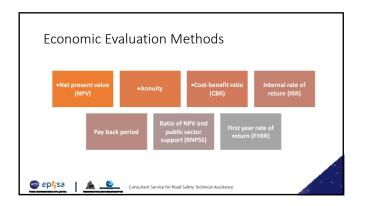


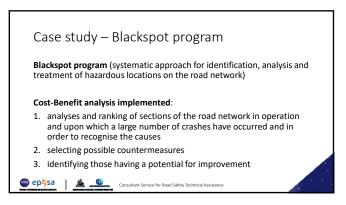
Resource allocation approach Need for improvements is normally much greater than what is possible to implement with available resources When planning for the implementation of improvements, it is necessary to decide which improvement should be implemented and in what order and when the selected interventions should be carried out A suitable balance must be struck between the needs and what can actually be implemented Focus should be put on the most suitable safety effects, and actions/projects should be prioritized accordingly

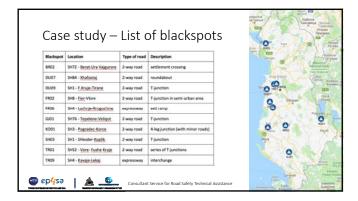


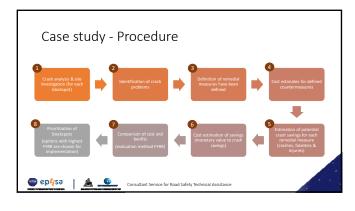


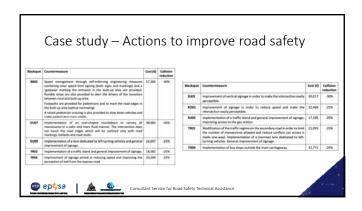


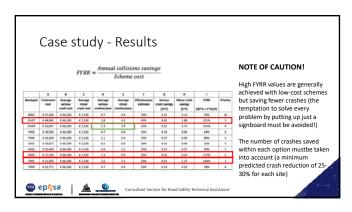


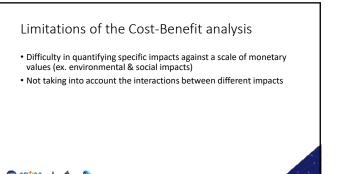


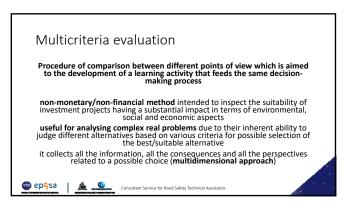


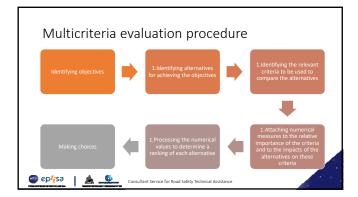


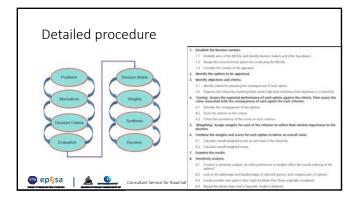


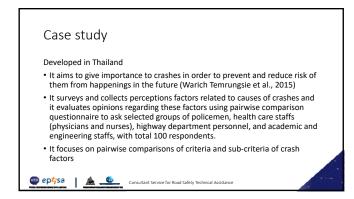


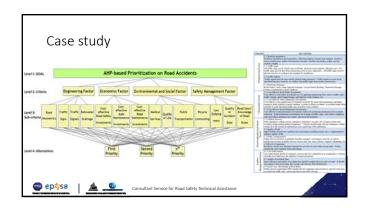












Road safety funding in Albania

- Lack of stable road safety funding and prioritized interventions
- No separate budget allocated for road safety in the overall state budget
- No dedicated road safety budget item for any of the government agencies dealing with road safety in Albania
- Limited road safety actions are funded if included in development projects or traffic improvement plans
- Direct budget allocations for road safety are uncommon
- Public bodies dealing with road safety issues generally suffer from a shortage of funds





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Road safety funding in Albania

- Although the GoA collects taxes that should be used for road safety improvements (general tax revenues, road funds, fuel tax, etc.), the public is not informed on how these taxes are being used for road safety improvements and earmarked to support spending on road safety issues in general
- Despite a formal commitment, the contribution of insurance agencies to road safety is lacking as is almost any sponsorship by private businesses in general





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Road safety funding approach

- should come primarily from funds allocated to the regular budget.
- should be allocated to each government body concerned and be regarded as part of their regular tasks to be performed
- IMRSC should have a dedicated budget from the GoA
- additional support from insurance companies and private businesses should be promoted





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Road safety shortcomings in Albania

- Limited political and government/administrative support on a regular basis for the implementation of road safety strategy, action plans and best practices, as well as law enforcement in general
- The IMRSC is seen more as a policy organization, does not meet regularly and the existing technical secretariat does not have real coordinating power
- There is no dedicated road safety fund
- There is a limited capacity and power to deal with road safety issues within local governments which in turn results in poor involvement in road safety and the lack of the necessary tools and know-how in road safety management
- A lack of experience, coordination and joint actions to achieve tangible results in all aspects of road safety, with the most visible negative impact in monitoring and evaluation





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1. Core government funding from consolidated/general revenue 1. Levies on private sector operated insurance (usually compulsor) right insurance which are exclusively decided (larges) risurance may be exclusively or purposes may be added to road user charges, and the revenue of the purpose of the purpose





Key features for funding road safety

- Road Safety Funding must be sufficient for the program of works required
- Road Safety Funding must be sustainable
- Road Safety Funding must be certain or at least reasonably predictable. Planning for road safety is often based on a strategy or program which covers a decade and action plans of 1 or 2 or 3 years
- · A road safety fund must be created in preference to a road fund
- The specific business case for road safety funding must be developed, based both on the suffering saved and the real economic saving to be achieved through reduced deaths, injuries, and crashes





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Key features for funding road safety

- Road Safety Funding mechanisms must alleviate accusations of revenue raising
- Road Safety Funding must be improved by clear elements of social justice and selective adoption of the user pays principle
- Road safety fund expenditure must be fully controlled by those responsible for road safety
- Multiple relevant agencies must be funded through the lead agency so that specialist skills and arrangements of the various agencies are harnessed for road safety
- Road maintenance must not be seen as road safety and funded from road safety





Key features for funding road safety

- Road Safety actions and the funding required for them must be incorporated in the budgets and plans of delivery agencies each year
- Expenditure of road safety funding must be flexible from year to year. This allows for changes in action plans as the nature of the problem evolves and the effects of previous actions are seen (or not seen)
- Road safety expenditure by each agency must be separately and identifiably reported in Annual Reports to allow tracking of funds.





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