

UNECE activities for better road safety

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UN RS-related legal instruments



Some of the UN RS legal instruments

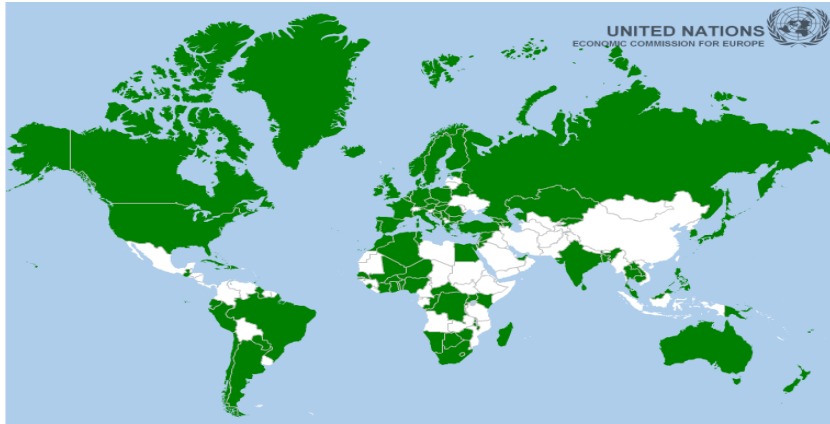
- European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)
- Convention on Road Traffic, Vienna 1968
- Convention on Road Signs and Signals, Vienna 1968
- European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)
- Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections, of 13 November 1997
- European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) of 30 September 1957

Sets of best practices

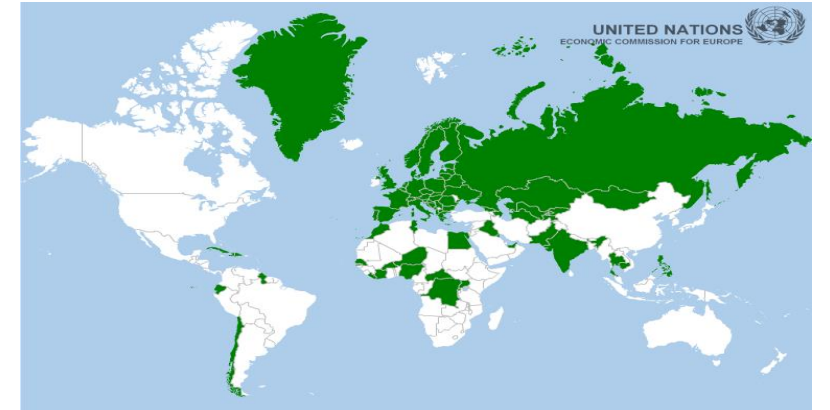
- Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)
- Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)



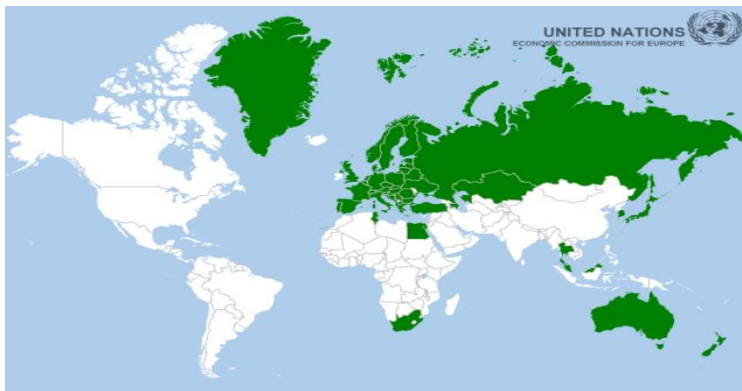
Accession to UN RS-related conventions



Convention on Road Traffic -
1949, 1968

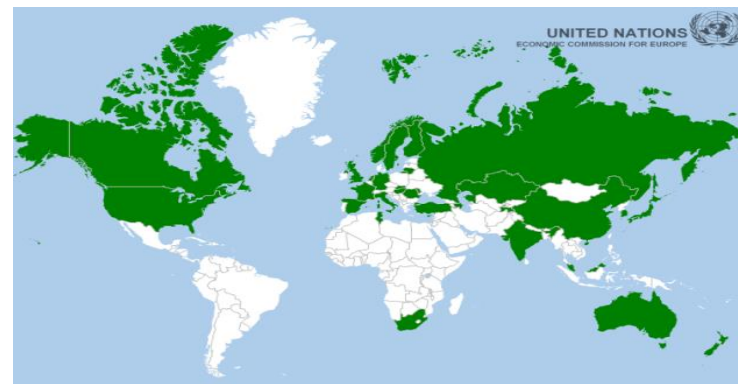


Convention on Road Signs and
Signals - 1949, 1968



1958

Vehicles Conventions



1998



Periodical Inspection
1997



The Balkans region - accession to 18 UN RS-related conventions

	Number of accessions
Bulgaria	15
Bosnia and Herzegovina	11
Greece	14
Montenegro	15
North Macedonia	9
Romania	14
Serbia	16
Turkey	10



Inland Transport Committee Recommendations for Enhancing National Road Safety Systems (2020)

Road safety management – vertical and horizontal coordination

Area Pillar	Legislation	Enforcement	Education	Technology	International regulatory support
Safe user	Traffic rules drivers cyclists pedestrians	Lawful behaviour ensured by police and inspectors	Awareness raising, training and examination	Supportive technology and equipment, rules reminders	UN RS legal instruments and resolutions, WP.1, SC.1, WP.15
Safe vehicle	Rules and standards for admission of vehicles to traffic	Certification and inspections by qualified inspectors	Awareness raising for users, training for inspectors	Supportive technology and equipment, compliance reminders	UN RS legal instruments and resolutions, WP.1, SC.1, WP.29
Safe road	Standards for design, construction, maintenance and signage	Audit, assessment and inspection by qualified teams	Awareness raising for road managers, and for inspectors	Forgiving and self-explaining road design, intelligent road systems	UN RS legal instruments and resolutions, int. standards WP.1, SC.1
Effective post-crash response	Standards for data collection post-crash response and investigation	Oversight of rescue services, investigators investigating crashes	First aid and rescue service training, investigators training	Supportive technology and equipment	Consolidated resolution, int. standards WP.1, SC.1



Global Forum on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)

A screenshot of the UNECE website's 'Road Safety Forum' page. The page features a navigation menu with 'Transport' highlighted. The main content area includes a 'Road Safety Forum' header, a descriptive paragraph about the forum's history and mission, a circular icon depicting a family with a bicycle, and sections for 'Press Releases' and 'Upcoming Events'. The 'Press Releases' section lists three recent events, and the 'Upcoming Events' section lists two future events. A 'News' section at the bottom provides updates on Kyrgyzstan's sign change and a new publication on road safety.

UNECE TRANSPORT AREAS OF WORK / ROAD SAFETY FORUM

Road Safety Forum

The UNECE pioneered road safety activities in the United Nations system with the establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group on the prevention of road accidents in 1950. In 1988, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), an intergovernmental body, was established.

Today, WP.1 remains the only permanent body in the United Nations system that focuses on improving road safety (see [road safety film](#)). Its primary function is to serve as guardian of the United Nations legal instruments aimed at harmonizing traffic rules. [More...](#)



Press Releases

- UNECE organizes demonstration of new helmets for e-bikes and mopeds
24 February 2016
- UN SG's Special Envoy for Road Safety and UNECE call on Governments and the automotive industry to implement UN road safety legal instruments
10 February 2016
- Secretary-General appoints Jean Todt of France Special Envoy for Road Safety
30 April 2015

Upcoming Events

- (WP.1/GE.1) Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings (7th session)
21 to 22 March 2016
- (WP.1) Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (72nd session)
29 March to 01 April 2016
- (WP.1/GE.2) Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals (7th session)
30 to 31 May 2016

News

- Kyrgyzstan** changes its distinguishing sign (depository notification [↗](#)).
- A new publication: **"Together with UNECE on the road to safety"** is now available to mark the mid-term review of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety. It offers a comprehensive overview of specific activities and initiatives undertaken by UNECE Inland Transport Committee to address challenges faced by road safety

- The Global Forum on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) is the **ONLY** Permanent intergovernmental body in the UN dealing with Road Safety open to all countries throughout the world
- Two sessions per year, two ad-hoc Expert Groups



The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)

- **UNECE Sustainable Transport Division giving secretariat to WP.29 for more than 60 years**
- **WP.29 is:**
 - the unique worldwide regulatory forum for the automotive sector
 - administrating three Multilateral UN Agreements



Construction regulations
1958 Agreement – Type Approval Regulations with mutual recognition of the type approvals
1998 Agreement – Global Technical Regulations



In Use PTI regulations
1997 Agreement – Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspection

United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety



Mr. Jean Todt's mandate includes helping to mobilize sustained political commitment, raising awareness of and advocating for accession to UN Road Safety Conventions and advocating for adequate funding for global road safety.

- Meetings with decision-makers in more than 30 countries to raise attention on road safety
- Road Safety Performance review in four African countries (Uganda, Cameroon, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe)



United Nations Road Safety Fund

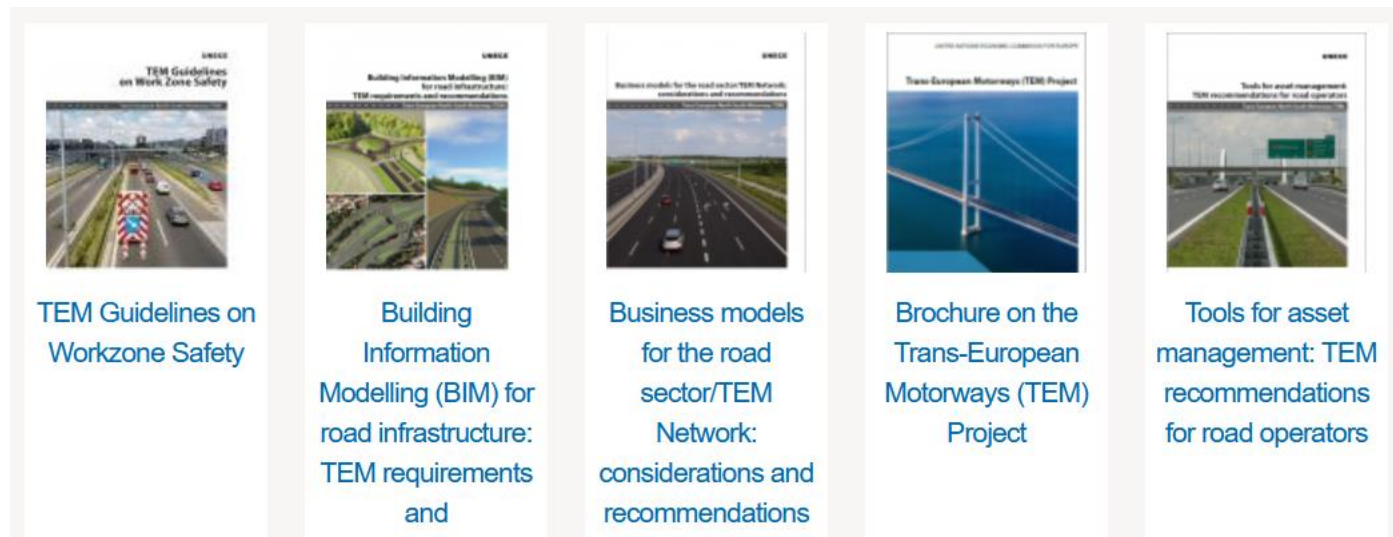


- Established in 2018 as a global partnership working to help halve road deaths and injuries in the low- and middle-income countries
- 25 approved project in 5 regions and 30 countries so far.



Trans-European North-South Motorway project

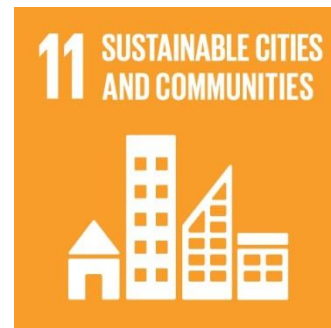
- Established in 1977
- 11 active Participating Governments including Bulgaria
- 2-3 reports annually related to roads/motorways development, asset management, road safety, data management, environmental protection.



SafeFITS



- SafeFITS aims to facilitate knowledge-based transport policy decision making related to road casualty reduction
- Model primary objective is to assist governments and decision makers, both in developed and developing countries, to decide on the most appropriate road safety policies and measures in order to achieve tangible results in improving road safety.
- Decade of Action or Road Safety 2011-2020
- SDGs achievement:
 - Target 3.6
 - Target 11.2



Road Safety Performance Review



- Describe current road safety situation and help Government to identify the most critical road safety aspects and priority needs.
- Analyze (national experts, UNECE and UN family and international experts) road safety situation, identify the most pressing road safety issues and come with recommendations.
- Organize capacity-building seminars and workshops, based on priority needs identified in the Review.
- Initiate national policy dialogue and raise awareness on road safety issues.
- Publish the report in English and national language and sensitize public and non-governmental sectors on the need to launch ambitious road measures.
- Prepare follow-up activities and monitor progress.



Thank you

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