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## Athens Regional Workshop

On setting up road safety reliable, harmonized and comparable data collection system and sharing at regional level

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## 1. Background

The Ministers responsible for Transport of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) have agreed on the importance of **Euro-Mediterranean transport cooperation** founded on two complementary pillars: (i) **regulatory reform and convergence** in all relevant different transport sectors (maritime, civil aviation, road, railway and urban transport); and (ii) establishment of the future **Trans-Mediterranean Transport Network (TMN-T)**, to be connected with the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T). To this end, two Regional Transport Action Plans (RTAPs) have been elaborated by the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum for the Mediterranean Region, the first RTAP concerning 2007-2013 and the new one for the period 2014-2020.

In order to complement the work of the EuroMed Transport programme in the land transport sector and assist the implementation of the RTAPs, the European Union has launched two EuroMed Regional Transport Projects:

- The **“Road, Rail and Urban Transport” (EuroMed RRU)** that lasted 5 years (2012-2016), aimed at supporting the implementation of the Trans Mediterranean Transport Network (TMT-N) by developing appropriate regulatory framework and operational conditions to facilitate cross-border transport, to enhance land transport safety and to promote sustainable and efficient urban transport.
- The new one, **“EuroMed Transport Support Project”** ([www.etsp.eu](http://www.etsp.eu)), started in January 2017 and will last 4 years, aiming to increase the sustainability and performance of transport operations in the Mediterranean region through increased safety in transport operations; increased efficiency / lower costs of transport; lower environmental impact of transport, thus contributing to regional economic integration, economic well-being and job creation. The project covers Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, State of Palestine and Tunisia.

**Action 10 of the 2014-2020 RTAP for the Mediterranean Region**, inter alia, calls upon the EuroMed Partner Countries pursue efforts for setting-up a reliable data collection system on road fatalities and serious road accidents, including where possible on their causes to facilitate data comparison. It also encourages them to share their national data at regional level, similarly to the practice of the European Road Safety Observatory and the Community Road Accident Database (CARE).

Road safety related data are used by the police, transport authorities, health facilities, insurance companies and policymakers. Reliable road traffic crash data are key to identifying risks, developing strategies and interventions to address those risks, and evaluating the impact of interventions. Road traffic data are also important in persuading political leaders that road traffic injuries are a priority issue. These data can also be used in the media to make the public more aware of legislation and changes in behavior that will improve their safety.





Following a first round of EuroMed country visits and discussions with the MOT and key stakeholders aimed at identifying country priorities in which TA from the EuroMed TSP would be required, during the inception period (Jan-March2017), it has become evident that for Tunisia and Morocco, Road Safety is first priority, while for Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon it is also among the main issues to be addressed under EuroMed TSP. However, for all these countries **collection of credible road safety data is a major challenge**.

Moreover, as reflected in the below table, there are serious **discrepancies between the official data of 2013 of most EuroMed Partner Counties, with the respective WHO assessment** included in its Global Status Report of Road Safety 2015, concerning the same year.

| Country        | Official Data | WHO Report | Difference in % |
|----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>Egypt</b>   | 6.700         | 10.466     | 56              |
| <b>Lebanon</b> | 649           | 1.088      | 68              |
| <b>Tunisia</b> | 1.505         | 2.679      | 78              |
| <b>Morocco</b> | 3.832         | 6.870      | 79              |
| <b>Algeria</b> | 4.540         | 9.337      | 105             |
| <b>Jordan</b>  | 768           | 1.913      | 250             |

Activity 1A.2.6. b consists of provision of **TA on setting up road safety reliable, harmonized and comparable data collection system to EuroMed Partner Countries and sharing at regional level**. Among the major objectives of this activity are:

- to identify the methods of road safety data collection in the concerned Partner Countries (diagnosis);
- to report on the existing best practices, methods and tools at national, European and international, including those of the European Road Safety Observatory (ERSO), the Community Road Accident Database (CARE), WHO, International Traffic Safety Data and Analysis Group (IRTAD) of ITF-OECD, UNECE and UN SafeFits project;
- to understand the differences of the gaps between WHO and national statistics of the concerned EuroMed Partner Countries and bridge them;
- while at the same time promote collection and processing of harmonized, credible and comparable road safety data in the region.

Following consultations with the key international and European players on the subject (WHO, ERSO, CARE, IRTAD and UNECE), as well as 'diagnosis' missions in the concerned partner countries, it has become apparent the necessity for organizing **a regional workshop** with the country representatives (from the MOT, Traffic Police and Health Sector per country) as an opportunity to share international and European best practices with road safety data at regional level and identify the road map on the ways forward.



## 2. Objectives of the event

This three-day regional workshop - the 3rd day of which dedicated to site visits - is the natural follow up of several tasks implemented under this project's activity, and offers a unique opportunity **to share national, European and international experiences and best practices with road safety data and allow a regional exchange on setting up a road map for the follow up actions.**

Issues to be discussed at the workshop include:

- existing methods of road safety data collection in the EuroMed Partner Countries;
- existing best practices, methods and tools at national, European and international level;
- awareness raising on the reasons of the existing discrepancies between the official national data and WHO estimates and suggestion of ways to bridge them,
- support to countries to implement common definitions and international good practice on road safety data in the region
- support to countries to improve their vital registration data (VRD), that are considered by WHO in its Global reports;
- related experience in a EU member State, the case of Greece;
- road map on the way ahead.

## 3. Time and Venue

**Time:** Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 May 2018

Four (4) overnight stays in Athens

**Venue:** Hotel President (43, Kifissias Avenue, 115 23, Athens, Greece

## 4. Target Groups

The present sub-activity concerns all EuroMed Partner countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia). EuroMed Partner countries have been invited to designate up to three (3) Experts each, one from the MOT, one from Traffic Police and one from the Health Sector, to attend the workshop under the project funding.

While, EuroMed country expert's participation in this meeting under the project funding, is limited to three participants per country as above described, countries may decide to increase the number of their experts participating, at their own cost.

Experts from the EC DG MOVE, UNECE, UNESCWA, WHO, ITF/IRTAD, UfM, FIA, IRF, SaferAfrica Project and SSATP/World Bank and the Greek key stakeholders, are expected to have an active participation.



In view of the importance of women engagement with the project, participation of women will be encouraged.

It is recommended to limit the number of participants to 40 to ensure interactivity of the sessions and involvement of all in the discussions.

## 5. Preliminary Program

The event will be held in two parts:

- First Part, Workshop: Duration 2 days
- Second Part, Road Safety related site visits: Duration 1 day.

Preliminary programme as follows:

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| <b>Arrival:</b><br><b>Monday, 7 May 2018</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Travel and Arrival:</b> Departure of participants from their countries and arrival to Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos"</li> <li>• <b>Transfer from Airport to President Hotel in Athens</b> (information to follow)</li> </ul> |
| <b>DAY 1 :</b><br><b>Tuesday, 8 May 2018</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1<sup>st</sup> day of the workshop</b></li> </ul>  |
| <b>DAY 2 :</b><br><b>Wednesday, 9 May 2018</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2<sup>nd</sup> day of the workshop</b></li> <li>• <b>Working dinner with International Organizations and Greek Officials</b></li> </ul>  |
| <b>DAY 3 :</b><br><b>Thursday, 10 May 2018</b> | <b>Site visits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Athens Metropolitan Traffic Control Centre (tbc)</b></li> <li>• <b>Road Safety Institute "Panos Mylonas" Training Centre</b></li> <li>• <b>Motorway "Attiki Odos" Traffic Control Centre</b></li> </ul>                         |
| <b>Departure:</b><br><b>Friday 11 May 2018</b> | <b>Transfer to Athens airport and departure of participants to their countries</b> (information to follow)   |

## 6. Organization and funding

The Team Leader and Road Freight Transport (TL& RFT) KE, the Road Transport and Road Safety Data NKEs engaged with the activity and the Project Officer will prepare the organizational aspects of the workshop.

The European Commission will be pleased, under EuroMed TSP, to facilitate the participation of the three National Experts for each EuroMed Partner Country, (one from the MOT, one from Traffic Police and one from the Health Sector), to the Regional Road Safety Data Workshop in



Athens. Travel, hotel and other related costs, for up to 4 overnight stays in Athens, will be covered by the project in accordance with the provisions of the EU external aid. A per diem will be provided to the EuroMed Partner country participants under the project support, on the spot, less the actual cost of the items covered by the PD directly covered by the project. EuroMed RRU has ensured an optimal Hotel accommodation solution aimed at keeping the actual travel costs at the lower possible level, based on your arrival in Athens on 7 May and departure on 11 May 2018. Your air tickets will be also booked by EuroMed TSP.

Information on the Hotel and transfer from/to Hotel/ Palais des Nations/Airport as well as for the booking of the air tickets, will be communicated separately with the experts upon the confirmation of their participation.

Experts from the invited International organizations are most welcomed to use the group price booking with Hotel President in Athens for their accommodation, the details of which will be communicated soon.

Participants are kindly requested to confirm their participation at their earliest convenience and not later than by Friday, 30 March 2018, to Mr. Michalis P. Adamantiadis, TL&RFT KE ([Adamantiadis.Michalis@etsp.eu](mailto:Adamantiadis.Michalis@etsp.eu)) and Ms. Françoise Jehu, Project Officer ([francoise.jehu@suez.com](mailto:francoise.jehu@suez.com)).

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you need further information.

The workshop will be held in English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

Participants in the workshop will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

## 7. Indicators

| OVI (Objectively Verifiable Indicator)   | Source of verification  |
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| By the end of the project, at least two EuroMed countries engaged in this activity will have set up reliable, harmonized and comparable road safety data collection system                                     | Communications from the country and other public sources                        |
| By the end of the project, sharing and comparing harmonized national data in the region will have been established or advanced;  | Communications from the country, ETSP and other official sources                |
| By the end of the project the reason for the existing discrepancies between WHO Data and those of at least two EuroMed countries engaged in this activity will have been identified or identified and bridged. | Communications from the country and WHO   |
| The participants appreciated the event and considered it useful  | Evaluation questionnaires and communications to EuroMed TSP by all participants |
| Women's engagement   | Percentage of women experts' participation                                      |



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| RTAP support | Action 10: Set-up a reliable data collection system on road fatalities and serious road accidents including where possible on their causes to facilitate data comparison; Mediterranean countries are encouraged to share their national data at regional level, similarly to the practice of the European Road Safety Observatory and the Community Road Accident Database (CARE). |
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