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LAUNCHING CONFERENCE OF THE TWINNING PROJECT

Opening conference of the twinning project took place on March 3, 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The event was attended by high-level officials representing institutions of Azerbaijan, Poland and Lithuania. Launching conference represented an important milestone in the Twinning project, and served as an opportunity for stakeholders to come together and lay the groundwork for a successful partnership.

Representatives of the Beneficiary Country main stakeholders, EU Member States authorities, EU Delegation to Azerbaijan, Twinning implementing partners, Centre for EU Transport Projects based in Poland – shared their overviews on project implementation, strengthening cooperation and common activities. The scope of the project was presented by the Resident Twinning Adviser and Experts from Poland and Lithuania.

In his speech, Minister of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan **Mr. Rashad Nabiyeu** expressed his gratitude to EU for funding this important project by underlining that the project includes a number of provisions of the “State Programme on Road Safety for 2019–2023” approved by Presidential Decree.

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The project is of great importance in terms of improving management, coordination and addressing road safety issues in Azerbaijan.

Mr. Andrzej Bittel, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure of the Republic of Poland informed about significant achievements of Poland in road safety. He stated that according to the European Commission's data from February 2023, the largest decreases in road fatalities, by more than 30 percent compared to 2019, were recorded in Poland.

Ms. Joanna Lech, Director of Centre for EU Transport Project added: "CEUTP and all project partners are committed to provide best experience and contribution in the key road safety areas of interventions, i.e. legislation, technology, enforcement and education throughout all Safe System pillars. Road safety requires well-orchestrated actions from multiple stakeholders to make the overall system forgiving of mistakes we as humans will do."



TWINNING MISSION UNDER THE ACTIVITY 1.1.1 OF COMPONENT 1

On February 20-23, 2023, the first mission under Activity 1.1.1 "An assessment report on gaps and recommendations concerning the legislative acts in the field of road safety and a roadmap with clear timeframe for implementation of the recommendations of the assessment report" was conducted. This mission represents an important step in the project's efforts to improve road safety in Azerbaijan.

During the mission, the experts from Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration, Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania and Regional Transport Inspectorate of the Republic of Poland focused on different fields of legislation related to road safety. Freight and passenger transportation, vehicle safety requirements, vehicle maintenance systems, and electric and autonomous vehicles are all important areas to consider when it comes to road safety.

By engaging with a wide range of stakeholders, including Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Agriculture, State Customs Committee, Baku Transport Agency, Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency, and by scrutinizing the legal acts of the Republic of Azerbaijan and comparing them to EU regulations the experts were able to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current situation and identify potential areas for improvement. This helps to ensure that the legal framework in Azerbaijan is up to date and effective in promoting road safety.



'DIGITAL DIALOGUE' ON ASAN RADIO

On February 27, 2023, the Head of the International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, Mr. Shahin Ismayilov, and Resident Twinning Adviser, Ms. Edyta Jaszczuk were guests of the "Digital Dialogue" radio program, which is joint project of the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport and ASAN Radio.

During the program Ms. Jaszczuk and Mr. Ismayilov provided comprehensive information about the Twinning Project, and the importance of road safety in the global context.

The program highlighted the significance of road safety as a critical issue that affects everyone, regardless of their age, gender, or socioeconomic background. The guests stressed that road accidents are preventable and can be reduced through the implementation of effective policies and measures. Significance of international cooperation and knowledge sharing in addressing complex challenges such as road safety were emphasized during the program, as well.



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TWINNING MISSION UNDER THE ACTIVITY 2.3.1 OF COMPONENT 2

The online mission under the activity “Revision of the current road safety interventions’ planning, monitoring, evaluation and assessment processes and elaboration of the proposal of the planning and follow-up methodology” was conducted on March 28-31, 2023.

RSMS UNDERSTANDING

- GOALS & OBJECTIVES REFLECTED BY KPIs/RSPIs
- NECESSARY AREAS OF INTERVENTIONS
LEGISLATION / ENFORCEMENT / EDUCATION / TECHNOLOGY
- SPECIFIC TASKS AND PROCESSES
ASSOCIATED TO ENGAGED ORGANISATIONS
- NECESSARY RESOURCES
DATA / SYSTEMS / COMPETENCES / STANDARDS

OBJECTIVES & INTERVENTIONS MATRIX

	OBJECTIVES & KPIs/RSPIs	LEGISLATION	ENFORCEMENT	EDUCATION	TECHNOLOGY
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Przemysław Jan Rozczewski

The ultimate aim of the online mission is setting up an effective Road Safety Management system in Azerbaijan by improving co-ordination and co-operation between all the relevant partners in charge of road safety.

Each day of the 4-day online mission focused on the role of different ministries play in ensuring the safety of road transport, including the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The successful meeting with the representatives of the Azerbaijani, Polish and Lithuanian institutions indicates that there is effective collaboration between different countries and organizations to achieve the common goal – road safety in Azerbaijan.

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