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STUDY VISIT TO POLAND

The Study Visit of the relevant representatives of Azerbaijan administrative bodies to Warsaw and Gdańsk in Poland within the Component 2 of the twinning project on “Setting up an effective Road Safety Management System” took place on April 03-07, 2023.

Representatives of the administrative bodies of Azerbaijan responsible for road safety management such as the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport (MDDT), Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency under the MDDT and the Ministry of Internal Affairs were among the participants of the visit.

According to the programme of the Study Visit, Azerbaijani representatives were able to visit various institutions and learn about their roles in ensuring road safety in Poland, including General Inspectorate of Road Transport, Center for Automatic Traffic Enforcement (CANARD), Warsaw Metropolitan Police Headquarters, the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, the Centre of the European Union Transport Projects (Project Leader), TRISTAR Traffic Management and Control center in Gdańsk.

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They also had the opportunity to witness demonstrations of procedures and techniques for assisting victims of traffic accidents at the Main School of Fire Service, and meet the Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Poland. In addition, the visit to the Tunnel Management Centre of the General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways (GDDKiA) provided insight into safety and monitoring systems for tunnels, as well.

The visit provided opportunity for the participants to gain knowledge and insights into Polish road safety management structures and policies, with a particular focus on road crash risks and high-tech solutions implemented.

Overall, all of these experiences gave the representatives a comprehensive understanding of road safety practices in Poland. It seems like a valuable experience that will contribute to the development of road safety measures in Azerbaijan.



TWINNING MISSION UNDER THE ACTIVITY 1.2.1 OF COMPONENT 1

Project mission under the Activity 1.2.1 on “Report on detailed mapping and functional analysis of the transport sector institutions (with a view to identify: objectives, missions, functions, information flows, redundant responsibilities and gaps in the framework of the implementation of the State Programme on Road Safety for 2019-2023) in charge for the road safety” was carried out during May 30 – 02 June in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Member State Project Leader, representing the Centre for EU Transport Projects and Junior Partner Project Leader, representing the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration, had consecutive meetings with the representatives of the institutions of Azerbaijan aimed at performing in-depth analysis of a current situation of the road transport safety institutional framework in Azerbaijan.

The project team engaged in discussions with relevant stakeholders, such as Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Science and Education, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency under the MDDT, Baku Transport Agency and State Agency of Azerbaijan Automobile Roads.

The meetings dedicated to reviewing the objectives and missions of these institutions, understanding their functions and responsibilities, assessing information flows related to road safety and identifying any redundancies or gaps in the existing institutional framework.

The outcome of this project mission will be comprehensive report on the detailed mapping and functional analysis of the transport sector institutions. This report would provide valuable insights into the road transport safety institutional framework in Azerbaijan and offer recommendations for improving the implementation of the State Programme on Road Safety for 2019-2023.

TWINNING MISSION UNDER THE ACTIVITY 2.4.1 OF COMPONENT 2

Online mission under the Activity 2.4.1 “Revised road accidents prevention mechanism that allows detailed analysis of accidents as well as preparation of the detailed designs and technical specifications for black spots elimination” took place on May 15 – 18, 2023 in accordance with the Work Plan of the Twinning Project.

Short-term experts from Poland and Lithuania representing different institutions in close cooperation with the representatives of relevant institutions from Azerbaijan joined their efforts to carry out analysis of the current state of road accident prevention mechanism in Azerbaijan. General characteristics of road transport (road network, vehicles, and infrastructure), rescue and post-accident care, tools and methods of road accident prevention mechanisms used were among the topics that were given special importance in the course of the mission.



General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways, Ministry of Infrastructure, General Inspectorate of Road Transport of Poland and Lithuanian Transport Competence Agency were involved institutions representing Member States. Institutions including Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Emergency Situations and other bodies such as Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency under the MDDT and State Agency of Azerbaijan Automobile Roads shared their knowledge on relevant field.

They supported Project experts in assessing the current situation and developing recommendations related to the need for possible changes in the legal, institutional-legal and infrastructural environment in order to achieve the set result within this Activity.

TWINNING MISSION UNDER THE ACTIVITY 3.8.1 OF COMPONENT 3

Three-day mission held in Baku dedicated to Activity 3.8.1 within Component 3 “Countrywide traffic safety awareness-rising and communication strategy, including advocacy and promotion action plan prepared and in use” was accomplished efficiently.

Preparation of comprehensive road safety strategy aimed at building necessary awareness of the road safety including speeding, drunk driving, usage of the seatbelts and distracted driving etc. requires hard work and cooperation from all parties. Therefore, Polish and Lithuanian representatives who has expertise on this field conducted productive meetings with Azerbaijani representatives during May 16 – 18, 2023 to find key areas for the development of effective communication strategy on road safety for Azerbaijan.



Azerbaijani representatives from Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency under the MDDT, Azerbaijan National Automobile Club, as well as Azerbaijan Technical University and University of Architecture and Construction were acquainted with the social campaigns carried out successfully in Lithuania and Poland. Participants engaged in discussions with representatives of Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy and the Centre for EU Transport Projects in Poland regarding the implementation of such campaigns in Azerbaijan and the identification of the specific target group to prioritize.

Considering the proactive engagement of the Azerbaijani side during these meetings conducted within this mission, there is a firm assurance that the objective of this Activity will be accomplished with success.

STEERING COMMITTEE NO 2

The Second Steering Committee Meeting for the twinning project "Increasing Road Safety in Azerbaijan" took place on May 5, 2023 in Baku. This meeting was dedicated to reviewing activities implemented during the second quarter of the project.

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The Resident Twinning Adviser, Edyta Jaszczuk, was moderating the meeting which was attended by the Project Leaders of Member States and the Beneficiary Country, as well as representatives from the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan and Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan (PAO).

During the meeting, the Second Quarterly Interim Report and Rolling Work Plan No 2 which covered the project's activities, budget, schedule, and Communication and Visibility Plan for next 3 months of the project implementation were presented, discussed, and approved by the Steering Committee.



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