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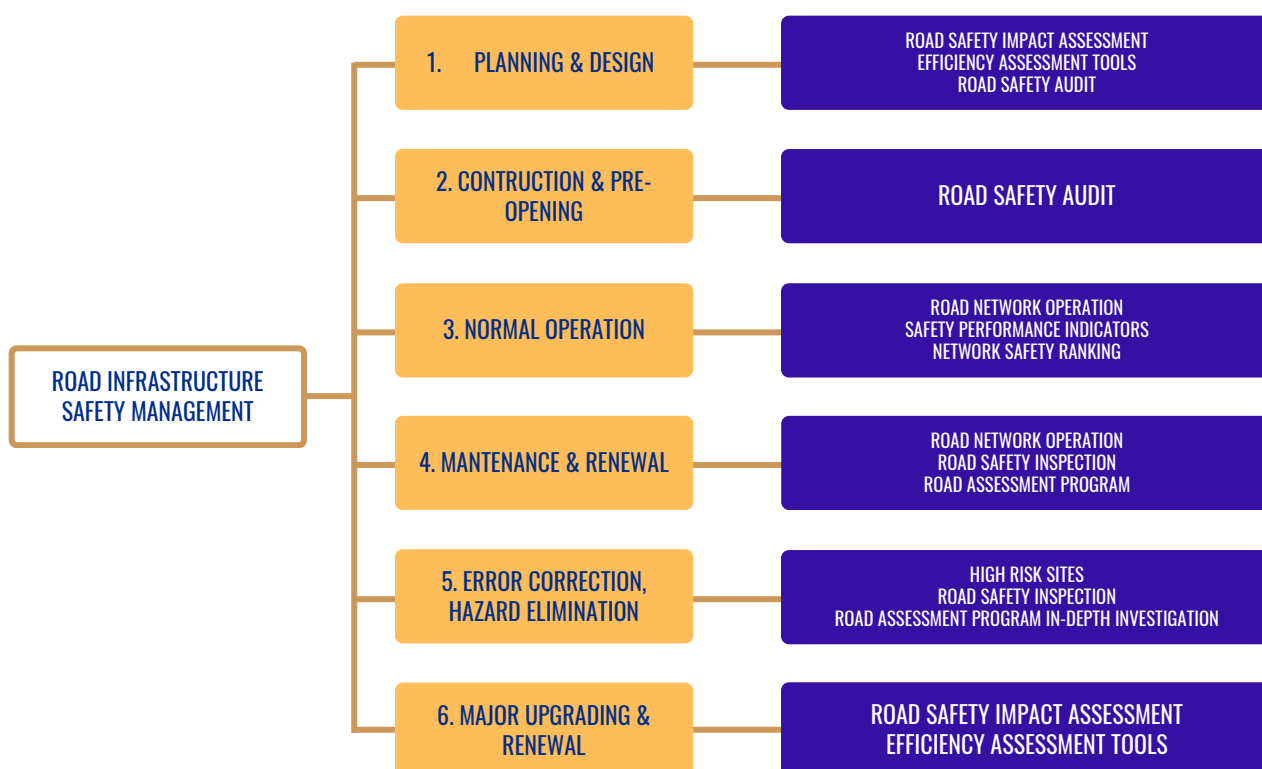


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TWINNING MISSION UNDER THE ACTIVITY 2.5.3. OF COMPONENT 2

Online mission held on 13-14 July 2023 aimed at preparation of the road safety audit/inspections of selected BC road network.

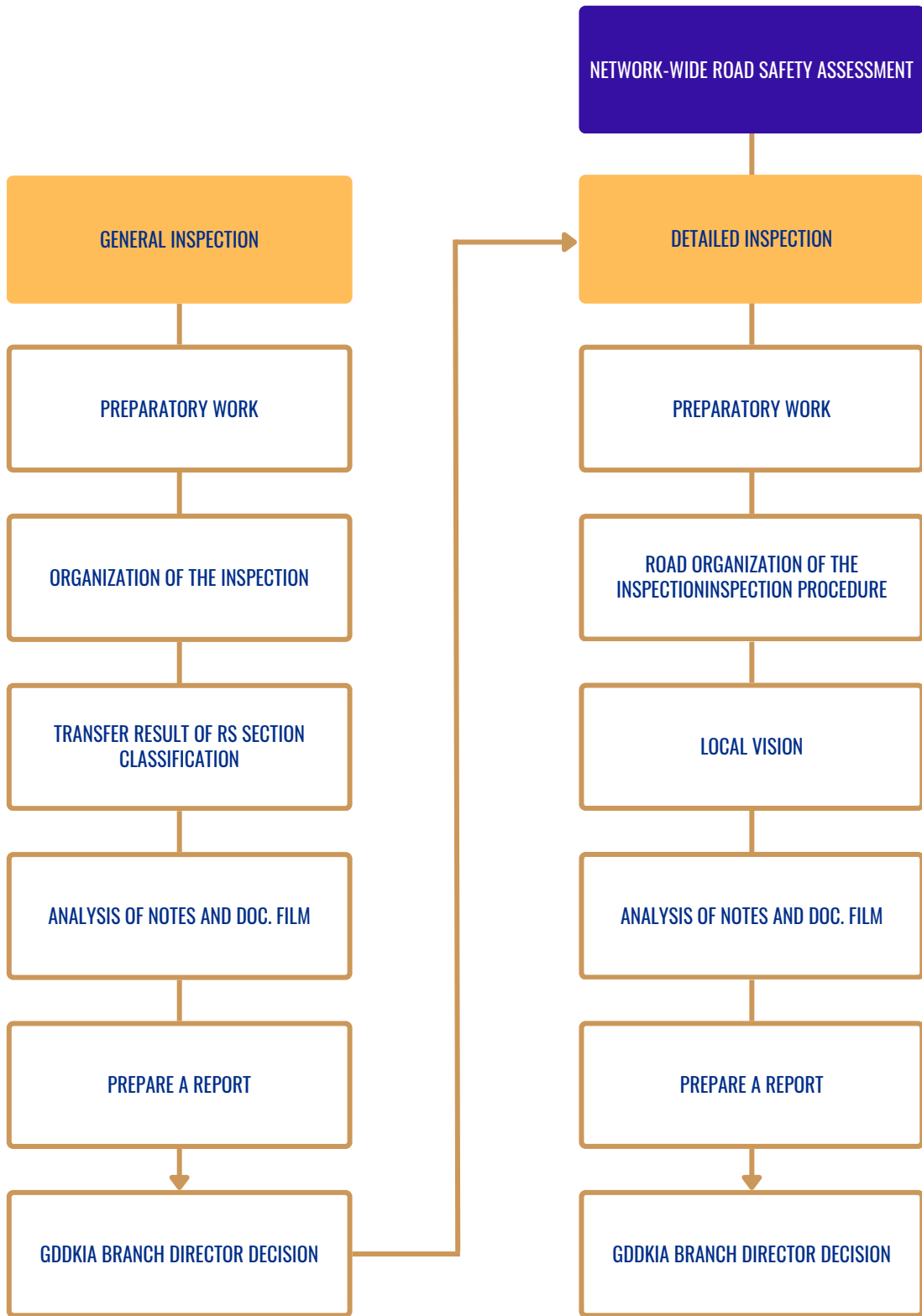
Representatives of the Centre for EU Transport Projects and General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways of Poland delivered presentations about road infrastructure safety management including road safety audits and the types of safety inspections carried out on roads.



Experts provided representatives of the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency and State Agency of Azerbaijan Automobile Roads with a detailed understanding of the practical approach to the implementation of road infrastructure safety management procedures set out in Directive 96/2008/EC on road infrastructure safety management.

During the meetings, the experts covered the methodology of conducting road safety inspections. They provided information about the necessary tools, requirements, and procedures. Moreover, they have emphasized measures to ensure the safety of the inspection teams while carrying out their tasks.

ROAD SAFETY INSPECTION PROCEDURE



THIRD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Third Steering Committee Meeting of the twinning project was held on August 31 in a hybrid format. The meeting focused on reviewing the progress made during the third quarter of the project's implementation.

Project Leader and Junior Partner Project Leader of Member States, and Project Leader of Beneficiary Country, representatives of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ministry of Economy were among the participants.

The meeting agenda have covered several important topics related to the project, including project's activities, budget, schedule, and Communication and Visibility Plan. Participants discussed the achievements, challenges, and adjustments that were made to the Initial Work Plan based on the progress so far. They also evaluated how well the project has adhered to the planned activities.



TWINNING MISSION UNDER THE ACTIVITY 2.6.1. OF COMPONENT 2

Mission under the activity 2.6.1. “Report on the review of the status of digitalisation of road maps and their level of details and capability of the existing databases (Vehicles and Drivers modules)” was conducted on 4-7 September 2023.

In the course of the Mission, experts from Polish and Lithuanian institutions held several meetings with the representatives of the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport (MDDT), including Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency, Main Information and Communication Department and Main State Traffic Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Agency of Azerbaijan Automobile Roads, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, including Geodesy and Cartography Agency, State Statistical Committee.



During the mission, experts visited e-Gov Development Center of the Innovation and Digital Development Agency under the MDDT and Intelligent Transport Management Center of the MIA to conduct on-site observations.

The mission involved identifying databases that various institutions in Azerbaijan have related to transport including road safety.

Taking into account that digitalization helps make data more accessible, the experts assessed the level of digitalization of maps and databases. The mission also focused on understanding how data flows among different institutions. Ensuring smooth data exchange is vital for coordination and decision-making.



The importance of the accurate and up-to-date data was emphasized during the meetings for effective decision-making and efficient operations in the transportation sector.

On the basis of the discussions, experts will analyse and assess the usefulness of this data in the context of further developing the system and creating a single database for traffic management. Overall, the aim of the mission is to create a more efficient and effective system for accessing and using data to make informed decisions and improve transportation operations.

STUDY VISIT TO LITHUANIA

A study visit to Lithuania was organised under the Component 1 “Strengthening of legal and institutional framework of road safety system” to the Vilnius, on September 18-22.

Representatives of Azerbaijani institutions including the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport including Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency, Main State Traffic Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the State Service for Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control under the Ministry of Economy, State Agency of Azerbaijan Automobile Roads took part in the study visit.

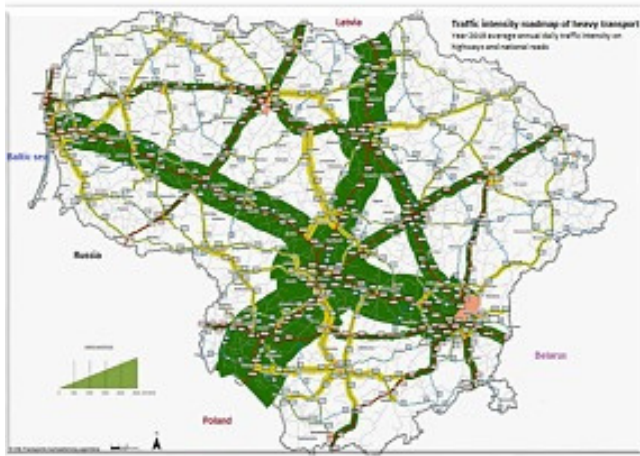


The purpose of the study visit was to gain a comprehensive understanding of how Lithuania approaches road safety, from its institutional structure to its policies, practices, and successful strategies. This knowledge could then be applied or adapted in Azerbaijan to improve road safety and reduce accidents.

During the first day of the study visit participants had the opportunity to participate in a meaningful social event “Invisible People Bus” organized by the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration (LTSA), Junior Partner of our project within the European Mobility Week. This event was dedicated to addressing a critical issue: pedestrian fatalities on the road due to the lack of light reflectors.

The LTSA plays a pivotal role in various aspects of road transport safety. Among its primary functions are the licensing of road transport carriers, ensuring the regulation of passenger transportation on international routes, and conducting type approvals of vehicles.

Road Transport Sector



- Total length of the main Road Network – 21237 km
- Local roads and streets – 63684 km
- The main roads include:
 - ✓ 6 E category roads – 1751 km
 - ✓ Including motorways – 309 km

Road Network of Lithuania

Furthermore, participants had also opportunity to meet representatives of the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Study visit included an online meeting with Estonian "Clevon", a notable player in the field of autonomous vehicles. In addition, participants had the opportunity to see on-site operation of robot couriers delivering goods to customers from one of the leading grocery chains in Lithuania "IKI" in collaboration with delivery company "LastMile". It was emphasized that Autonomous Robot Carriers (ARCs) are safe thanks to 360° cameras and special sensors, and teleoperators who remotely supervises their operation in real time, along with being nature friendly, economically efficient.



In the course of the study visit, participants visited Transport Competence Agency, which plays a pivotal role in conducting thorough road safety audits, road safety inspections which are systematic evaluations of road infrastructure to identify potential safety hazards, as well as identifying and investigating black spots.

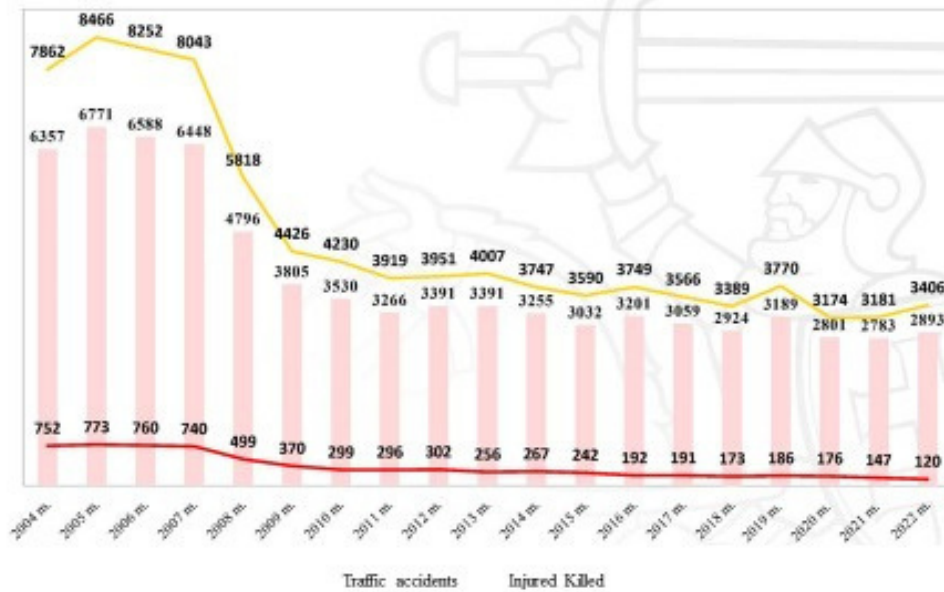
Moreover, visit to the Lithuanian Road Administration provided participants with a comprehensive overview of their role as the road infrastructure manager in Lithuania. We gained valuable understanding about several key aspects of their operations, including the Intelligent transport systems, sectorial speed cameras, and weather conditions monitoring stations, and the overall status and future prospects of road infrastructure in the country.

Visit to the Lithuanian Association of Periodical Technical Inspection Companies "Transeksta," and international bus manufacturer, "Altas." was also organized in the course of study visit.

The visit encompassed various fields of road safety and transportation, including visits to the Police Department of the Ministry of Interior, the State Enterprise "Regitra," and the Vilnius School of Automechanics and Business. These visits allowed delegation to gain insights into the vital roles these institutions play in ensuring safe and responsible road use.



DYNAMICS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, ROAD DEATHS AND INJURED 2004-2022



Dynamics of traffic accidents, road deaths and injured in Lithuania in 2004-2022

The visit to the Police Department provided participants with a glimpse into law enforcement's critical role in maintaining road safety, while visit to the State Enterprise "Regitra," provided participants with the opportunity to get acquainted with the examination process of drivers. Besides, visit to the Vilnius School of Automechanics and Business emphasized the significance of the lessons conducted in the specialized courses on improving the ability to drive in dangerous weather conditions, as well as repairing car parts.



In summary, study visit to Lithuania encompassed a holistic view of road safety and transportation. These experiences highlighted the collaborative efforts of various institutions in Lithuania to ensure safe and responsible road use for all citizens and visitors.

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