



Centre for Studies on Road Safety (CSRS)

WHO WE ARE:

The Centre for Studies on Road Safety (CSRS) was registered through a special decision Nr. 421, taken by the Tirana Court in September 2007 and is licensed by the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Telecommunications with license No. 15, dated 31.12.2007. Under this license CSRS activities include "technical-economical consultancy on road transportation activities".

The board of directors of CSRS is composed from members of academia and the business community and professionals such as economists, mechanical engineers, lawyers, and police representatives. The activities of the centre have mainly focused on studies, research, project development and providing consultancy services on a variety of issues which will contribute to the improvement of road safety in Albania. The centre also focuses on educational activities in order to improve the knowledge, attitude and behavior of the general population on road safety and to decrease risky behavior. Some of these public awareness campaigns have been supported by international organisations and programmes such as PAMECA, UNDP and OSCE as well as from local institutions such as the prefecture and the state police of the districts of Shkodra, Lezha, Fieri and Tirana. These activities have utilised various media, including TV programmes, popular newspapers and targeted questionnaires. CSRS is also committed to working on the preparation of a textbook, aimed at middle school students to help improve their knowledge of road safety.

COLLABORATION INTERESTS:

The collaboration interests of CSRS include studying automobilistic problems, strategies, proposals, organising conferences and consultations in the area of road safety and responses to authorities and public agencies in the promotion of decisions and legal acts. Interests also include technical, economic, legal and administrative assistance to improve the use of vehicles and contribute to road safety. In collaboration with public or private entities, CSRS is interested in analysing, educating, studying and finding solutions to the problems that relate to the development and organisation of the road transport of persons, goods, road networks, traffic flow and road signals at the local and national level. CSRS also reviews and provides expertise in the enforcement of road laws and their consequences.

AREAS FOR R&D COLLABORATION:

- Transport information and database design for all modes of transport, storage, processing and updating the information collected from all transport information sources.
- Policy and legislation for harmonisation of the Albanian legislation for the transport sector with EU legislation as well as conventions and agreements for the transport sector.

- Projects and research for transport issues, infrastructure, safety and security, including environmental and cost – benefit analysis.
- Supporting specific services for third parties.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS:

In more than 3 years of activity, the CSRS has accomplished up to 90 pre-feasibility and feasibility studies for all modes of transport, covering the issues on transport infrastructure planning, traffic accounting and engineering, transport policies and legislation. A considerable part of these activities and projects are performed in cooperation with international consultants and are financed from PHARE, European Commission Programmes, the World Bank, etc.

The project team members, including staff from the Institute of Transport and the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, are collaborators with long experience in the transport field, academics and lecturers from the Polytechnic University of Tirana who contribute with specific expertise on specific issues, related to the project's subject.

The Institute of Transport (IT) has established a national and international network for cooperation in transport research activities. It has access to some European websites where it is registered for periodic information and participation (such as the ICARO project – Italy, FP7). IT is active and present in many international events for transport, organised at local and international level. IT is listed in the current partner search tools of the European Commission programmes and calls for transport themes and continuously searches for partners during the preparation of applications. The Institute also participates as a local partner in various EU projects.

WHAT MAKES US A GOOD PARTNER?

- IT is the unique national (NGO) centre for transport and safety research in Albania;
- More than 3 years of experience in research projects in the field of transport and safety security;
- Works in close collaboration with the state police, central and local public transport agencies, statistical institutions, universities and freelance experts.
- Professional staff that is trained and qualified in transports issues.
- Author or/and local subcontractor of projects with World Bank Funds (SWEROAD, etc.).

EU PROJECTS:

1. Education of Road Movement;
2. The Study on Environment Pollution by Road Traffic;

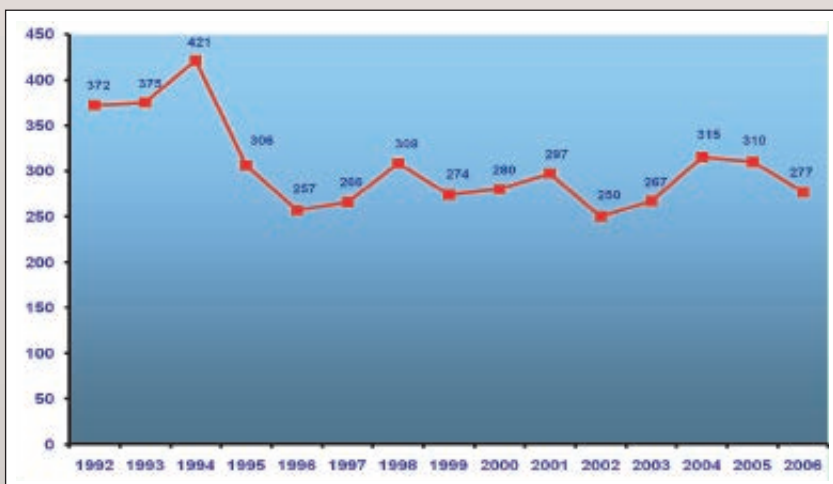


National Conference on road accidents in Albania

3. The Study on Transport Manuals, Legislation, Conventions and International Important Agreements in Albania;
4. Road Code of Republic of Albania;
5. Planning of National Road Traffic;
6. Auditing of National Road Network Signaling;
7. Road Safety, Recommendations and Measures for a Safe Movement in the Core Albanian Road Network.



Publication Manual of the Road Code



Study on National Road Accidents in Albania

OTHER INFORMATION:

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