

# ROAD SAFETY SUMMIT, ROMANIA



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**Partners:** GRSP, GRSP – Romania, Members from the Chamber of Deputies, General Inspectorate of Romanian Police, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Health, World Health Organisation, European Commission Delegation to Bucharest, World Bank, European Transport Safety Council (ETSC)

**Cost/time/resources:** 10,000 CHF



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## Summary project sheet.

### **Objectives and scope**

Economic growth in Romania during the last 20 years has had a significant impact on road safety with the rate of death now surpassing the European average. However no countermeasures have been planned in Romania to stop the rising number of road fatalities. A European Union directive on infrastructure safety approved by the EU Parliament requires the adoption of guidelines on infrastructure safety management but leaves the details of implementation to Member States.

### **Activities**

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The objectives of the SUMMIT were to:

- Raise more political awareness on the need of road crash reduction in Romania
- Join forces to change the negative fatality trend in Romania
- Invest more in road safety to reduce the high costs of crashes.

To harmonize legislation regarding common infrastructure safety management instruments, it was recommended that the Romanian Legislature take several actions:

- Alignment of the Inter-Ministerial Road Safety Council
- Creating a National Road Safety Plan, Fund and Management Structure
- Introduce mandatory road safety impact assessment, audits and inspections for all new infrastructure by agreeing on the Road Safety Audit Law developed during EU PHARE project in 2005
- Establishment of National Road Safety Research Institute

### **Conclusion and main lessons learnt**

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