BULGARIA

Population: 7,494,332
Income group: Middle
Gross national income per capita: US$ 6,320

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: State-Public Consultative Commission on the Problems of Road Safety

- Funded in national budget: No
- National road safety strategy: Yes
- Funding to implement strategy: No
- Fatality reduction targets set: Yes (2011–2020)
- Fatality reduction target: 50% (<388 deaths by 2020)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

- Formal audits required for new road construction: Yes
- Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure: Parts of network
- Policies to promote walking or cycling: Subnational
- Policies to encourage investment in public transport: Subnational
- Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs: Subnational

SAFER VEHICLES

- Total registered vehicles (2010): 3,284,837
- Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 2,602,400
- Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 125,371
- Heavy trucks: 335,788
- Buses: 23,857
- Other: 197,421

- Vehicle standards applied: UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards
- New car assessment programme: Yes
- Vehicle regulations:
  - Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars: No
  - Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars: —

SAFER ROAD USERS

- Penalty/demerit point system in place: Yes
- National speed limits: Yes
- Local authorities can set lower limits: No
- Maximum limit urban roads: 50 km/h
- Enforcement: 0123456 8 9 10

- National drink–driving law: Yes
  - BAC limit — general population: 0.05 g/dl
  - BAC limit — young or novice drivers: 0.05 g/dl
  - BAC limit — professional/commercial drivers: 0.05 g/dl
  - Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints: Yes
  - Enforcement: 0123456 8 9 10

- National motorcycle helmet law: Yes
  - Applies to drivers and passengers: Yes
  - Helmet standard mandated: No
  - Enforcement: 0123 5 6 7 8 9 10
  - Helmet wearing rate:
    - Drivers*: 80%
    - Passengers*:

- National seat-belt law: Yes
  - Applies to front and rear seat occupants: Yes
  - National drink–driving law: No
  - Enforcement: 0123456 8 9 10
  - Seat-belt wearing rate:
    - Front seats*:
    - Rear seats*:

- National child restraint law: Yes
  - Enforcement: 0123 5 6 7 8 9 10

- National law on mobile phones while driving: Yes
  - Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use: Yes
  - Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones: No

DATA

- Reported road traffic fatalities (2010): 775, 74% M, 25% F
- Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes: 2% c

- Drivers/passengers:
  - Buses (1%)
- Drivers/passengers:
  - Heavy trucks (5%)
- Pedestrians (22%)
- Cyclists (3%)
- Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (8%)
- Passengers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (27%)

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

- Source: State-Public Consultative Commission on the Problems of Road Safety.
- Further data on each country can be found in the statistical annex.