

Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the WG5 on Road Traffic Safety

Department/Section: EUAM Kharkiv Field Office

Date/hour and place of the meeting: 15 April 2020 from 14:00 - 15:00

Skype meeting

Participants & Contacts:

Regular members of WG5

- NPU MD Kharkiv, Yevhenii Voloshyn not present
- Kharkiv National Automobile and Highway University KHADI, Oleksandr Riabushenko
- Patrol Police Kharkiv, Maryna Kulbachna
- Roads Service in Kharkiv Region, UKRAVTODOR, Oleksandr Riazantsev
- Roads Service in Kharkiv Region, UKRAVTODOR, Serhii Kovaka not present
- Patrol Police Kharkiv, Yevhenii Petrov available on Whatsapp
- MoIA University Kharkiv, Stanislav Osiatynskyi not present

Irregular:

- Patrol Police Kharkiv, Andrii Sikalenko not present
- Patrol Police Kharkiv, Alla Starokozheva not present
- Prosecutors Office of Kharkiv Region, Fedir Zakharov not present

EUAM: Tuomo Korhonen, Senior Adviser on General Policing

Liviu Velicea, Adviser on Community Policing Vira Kovalenko, Regional Operations Officer

Oleksandr Kotelenets, Interpreter

Purpose of the meeting

The 23rd meeting of a Working Group 5 on Road Traffic Safety, is a part of the CSS II project in Kharkiv Region. The purpose was to discuss:

- 1. KHADI course on Audit of RTS postponed until after the quarantine due to COVID-19 situation:
- 2. UKRAVTODOR interactive maps and problems in legislation and internal SOPs that prevent the efficient exchange of information between NPU and UKRAVTODOR on road traffic accidents (RTAs);
- 3. Ideas for Road Traffic Safety week campaign activities that can be implemented by working group online.

Content (key points)

1) Liviu Velicea will give an overview of the report on the drunk driving for the next meeting. The Patrol Police representative Maryna Kulbachna said that the amendments on strengthening responsibility (more severe punishment and drunk driving would be equal to criminal offence) for drunk driving were already adopted and they were supposed to come into force from the beginning of this year, but their entering into force was postponed for some reason.

- 2) The UkrAvtodor interactive map of Ukraine's Roads: UkrAvtodor sent a letter to EUAM FO Kharkiv outlining the main obstacles in sharing the information by NPU with UkrAvtodor about the road traffic accidents and the orders of the Interior Ministry which need to be amended in order for NPU and Ukravtodor to have legal basis for efficient exchange of information. (See the letter attached). Tuomo Korhonen will forward the letter to EUAM MHQ to come up with solution for this issue.
- 3) The KHADI course on Audit of RTS for police officers in Kharkiv Region dealing with RTAs: the Road Traffic Safety Unit of Patrol Police in Kharkiv Region hasn't provided their expert opinion about the curriculum of the course because they are involved in stablishing routs for vehicles crossing the border and following the cars on the root to self-isolation. EUAM will send the curriculum to MHQ after 2 weeks the way it is at the moment if no amendments will be suggested. The course will be postponed until after the quarantine measures (midsummer or autumn), because it is impossible to have it online. In the meantime FO Kharkiv will prepare the paperwork for the course in order to have it as soon there is a possibility.
- 4) RTS week in May 2020: PP representative Maryna Kulbachna informed that so far there was no official information from NPU HQ about the dates of the RTS week in May, but it does not prevent the WG to choose the dates for Kharkiv Regiona and to have this campaign. She suggested to have the week of 18 May 2020 and to implement the ideas on that week. Maryna Kulbachna presented some of the ideas for the RTS campaign:
 - To use all channels of communications (TV, radio, media and social media);
 - During the week, everyday remind about the main traffic rules;
 - To use specific hashtags for the campaign;
 - Police can donate blood for the victims of road traffic accidents (they donate blood on regular basis);
 - To make videos for their social media reminding about the RTS rules that everyone forget about.

Tuomo Korhonen will make a draft plan and will share experience of Finland in implementing awareness campaign.

Follow-up actions:

• Next meeting will take place via Skype on 29 April 2020 at 14:00.

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