

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY  
2023 CALL FOR PROJECT CONCEPT NOTES  
UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

## **I. Overall approach to UNRSF 2023 Call for Concept Notes**

Despite strong and consistent efforts by Member States, the international community was not able to achieve by 2020 the target of the Sustainable Development Goals on road safety owing to increasing, rather than decreasing, road fatalities and injuries globally. A key underlying reason is that Governments and key stakeholders, especially those that suffer comparatively most casualties, lacked strategic and coherent guidance on ways to identify gaps in the development of their national road safety systems and prioritize solutions based on best worldwide practices but tailored to their country's specific needs.

In response to this shortcoming and the ongoing road safety crisis, the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of ECE adopted at its 82<sup>nd</sup> session (Geneva, 25-28 February 2020), effective 1 April 2020, the [ITC Recommendations for Enhancing National Road Safety Systems \(ECE/TRANS/2020/9\)](#), providing much needed direction and guidelines to Member States on how to strengthen regulatory support in road safety and enhance their systems. Through the adoption in 2019 of the ITC Strategy until 2030, the subprogramme elaborated a 360-degree approach – regulatory, policy dialogue, analytical, capacity-building and technical assistance – to road safety in order to reap more benefits for its main beneficiaries. The ITC Recommendations have been developed as part of the Strategy and the 360-degree approach to Road Safety. Furthermore, in line with the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 74/299 on “Improving global road safety” ECE partnered with WHO and its sister United Nations Regional Commissions to develop the “Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030” integrates seamlessly the core United Nations Road Safety Conventions under the purview of the Committee, as well as the “ITC Recommendations for Enhancing National Road Safety Systems”.

This strategic, short-medium-to-long-term approach will guide the overall UNECE approach to the 2023 UNRSF Call for Proposals.

All proposals received will be evaluated on the basis of their potential contribution to enhancing national road safety systems in one or more countries that are or may become contracting parties to UN Road Safety Conventions, across one or more pillars and critical areas in the National Road Safety System matrix ([ECE/TRANS/2020/9](#), figure 1, p.3).

## **II. Application strategy**

Applications will be accepted by low- and middle-income UNECE member States, in line with United Nations rules and regulations. UNECE member States may also choose to submit collaborative proposals, with the support of external stakeholders, including NGOs, if they so wish.

Completed “**Concept notes**” should be submitted via email to UNECE by **Friday 18 March 2023**. Shortlisted proposals will be further elaborated during the month of June, until the final selection of the proposals submitted through/by the UNECE PUNO to the Fund, in line with the UNRSF 2023 Call for Proposals specifications.

### **III. Contact information**

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