

Save Lives - #SlowDown: Bishkek to hold the Fourth United Nations Global Road Safety Week

The Fourth UN Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW) will be held from 8-14 May 2017. This Week will focus on speed management and features the slogan: #SlowDown. The Week in Bishkek is aiming to raise awareness of the dangers of speed among state institutions, other decision-makers and the public in order to take measures and change the situation.

Nearly 1.3 million people die in road traffic crashes each year, an additional 50 million are injured or disabled. In Kyrgyzstan, more than 1,000 people die in such crashes each year, which is on average 2-3 deaths a day.

Among the proven strategies to solve the problem include: adopting required legislation and its legal enforcement, developing a safer roads infrastructure and safer vehicles. It is important to mobilize the society and generate action from each participant of road traffic to create an intolerant attitude towards those who exceed speed.

The “Road Safety” Public Union conducts such Weeks for the third time. The Public Union has initiated collaborative events and coordinates them. The Road Safety Week is supported by the EASST, Global Road Safety Alliance, Main Directorate of the Patrol Militia under the MIA, Directorate of Patrol Militia of Bishkek Internal Affairs Management, Association of Driving Schools and Drivers, and the WHO Representative Office in Kyrgyzstan. Articles to be published by Autoguide, Kutbilim, Fabula and Super.kg newspapers. AutoRadio and Romantics Radio Stations will provide the information support with announcements and prizes.

The Weeks Action Plan is attached.