

GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF NGOS FOR ROAD SAFETY BUDAPEST NGO DECLARATION

RATIONALE

Each year, the world suffers 1.3 million preventable deaths and an estimated 50 million injuries from road crashes¹. Without serious action, road crashes will cause an estimated 13–17 million more deaths and 500 million more injuries in the current decade².

UN Member States have adopted a resolution 74/299 Improving Global Road Safety³ and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (target 3.6)⁴ and are therefore mandated to reduce road deaths and injuries by 50% by 2030. We know what works to achieve this target: the actions needed are set out in the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030⁵.

Every person must be guaranteed safe, affordable, accessible, sustainable mobility. It ensures access to education, work, and the choices that enable any individual to achieve their maximum potential, leaving no one behind. It is fundamental to any thriving society.

Safe mobility is our right.

OUR CALL TO ACTION:

We call on our governments to commit to act for people's right to safe mobility and a 50% reduction in road deaths and injuries by 2030.

We demand:

- 1 EVIDENCE-BASED ACTIONS:** start with 30 km/h limits or lower where people walk, live, and play, to save lives
- 2 INVESTMENT IN ROAD SAFETY:** allocate comprehensive funding alongside transparent public reporting
- 3 NGO INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES:** include NGOs so that smart road safety decisions are made at every level of government

OUR ROLE AND COMMITMENT

We, as civil society, have a role defined in the Global Plan. We commit to play our part in advocating for and enabling people's rights to safe mobility and achieve a 50% reduction in road deaths and injuries by 2030.

We commit to:

1. Stand up for people's right to be safe on the roads

We empower people and communities. We show the reality of the roads they use and highlight the experiences of road victims and their loved ones who have been affected by crashes. We speak up on decisions that affect road safety.

2. Use data and evidence to show what needs to be done

We amplify data, evidence, and best practices from around the world and we collect ground-level data and evidence that shows the impact of safe and unsafe roads on people and communities.

3. Hold our governments accountable for people's right to be safe on the road and for the 2030 target

We keep road safety on the agenda until every person is guaranteed — through commitment and action — their right to safe mobility. We monitor progress and put a spotlight on action and inaction.

¹ WHO. (2018). *Global Status Report on Road Safety 2018*. Geneva: World Health Organization. <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241565684>.

² WHO & UN Regional Commissions. (2021). *Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030*. <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/global-plan-for-the-decade-of-action-for-road-safety-2021-2030>; Job, RFS. (2019). *Development of a Safe System Approach*, Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, 13 January 2019, Washington DC.

³ United Nations General Assembly. (2020). *Resolution A/74/L86 Improving Global Road Safety*. <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N20/226/30/PDF/N2022630.pdf?OpenElement>

⁴ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. (2015). *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

⁵ WHO & UN Regional Commissions. (2021). *Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030*. <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/global-plan-for-the-decade-of-action-for-road-safety-2021-2030>