



CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN
ROAD SAFETY AND INJURY PREVENTION IN BAKU

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POPULATION OF BAKU, THE CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
BEFORE THE FIRST OIL BOOM - 143 000
POPULATION OF THE CITY AMOUNTS TO 2 181 800
NOW NUMBER FAR EXCEEDS 3 000 000

THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL DECISIONS ARE NO LONGER SUITABLE FOR
MODERN REQUESTS. THE WHO AND HEALTH MINISTRY OF AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC HAVE
BEEN WORKING TOGETHER AND RAN A FEW INTERVENTIONS IN ORDER TO DECREASE THE
NUMBER OF ROAD TRAFFIC DEATH.

DEATH TOLL OF ROAD ACCIDENTS - 925 CASES IN 2010,
1 016 IN 2011,
1 168 IN 2012,
1 164 IN 2013,
1 124 IN 2014
894 IN 2015. 759 IN 2016.

MAINLY VULNERABLE GROUPS, CONSISTING OF PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS, HAVE BEEN
AFFECTED. ROAD TRAFFIC AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE FAILED TO MAKE CYCLING A SAFE WAY
OF ROAD MOBILITY.

A BRAND-NEW CYCLING PATH HAS BEEN CREATED ALONG THE COAST OF THE SEA UP TO
SHIKHOV SETTLEMENT IN 2012. THE TOTAL LENGTH - 2000 METERS.
THE FACT THAT BAKU IS SITUATED ON THE COAST OF THE SEA LIMITS ROAD TRAFFIC BY
CUTTING OFF ALONG THE BAY LINE. PROBLEM COULD TURN ON
2016 -NEW BICYCLE ROUTE WAS ESTABLISHED ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF ABSHERON
PENINSULA.

THE PEP NFP AND VOLUNTEERS WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS IN IMPROVING EXPERIENCE OF
CYCLING IN BAKU, AIMING TO INCREASE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN THIS HEALTHY AND
ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITY.

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