

## Safe Community Banja Luka



Banja Luka

Country: **Republic of Srpska, BiH**

Number of inhabitants: **225,123**

Programme started: **2007**

Designation year: **2011**

Designation by: **European Safe Community Certifying Centre**

Info: [www.banjaluka.rs.ba](http://www.banjaluka.rs.ba)

**Full application report:** [www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/applicationreports/banja\\_luka.pdf](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/applicationreports/banja_luka.pdf)  
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### *Leaders of the Safe Community Banja Luka*

The city of Banja Luka is the second largest city in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the largest university, industrial, financial, political and administrative center of the Republic of Srpska (one of the two entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina). Banja Luka is located in a valley through which flow the rivers of Vrbas and Vrbanja.

Due to a big number of green areas Banja Luka carries the epithet of a "city of green areas" and some also call it "a city of young people, sport and culture".


In the post war period Banja Luka is opening up to countries of market economy and it sees its chance in the development of trade, tourism, agriculture and the food industry.

As a Safe Community, the City of Banja Luka's goal is to promote safety through prevention of injuries, violence and suicides and through mitigation of consequences of natural catastrophes through activities directed towards all age groups.





Safe community Banja Luka is realized through a number of programs which are realized in cooperation with institutions and organizations of the public, private and non-government sector. By recognizing the experiences of good practice of providing of services in partnership, especially in the field of social protection, Banja Luka was awarded the Beacon status.

A preference in the direction of promotion of security and prevention of injuries is reflected through the vision, goals and the motto of a Safe community of Banja Luka.

#### **Vision**

-  Banja Luka as a Safe Community wants to create conditions for general safety of the citizens.

#### **Goals**

-  Activities on creation of conditions for a safe and healthy school, home, living and working environment;
-  Raising awareness of citizens about healthy lifestyles and the significance of prevention of injuries and promotion of safety of all citizens, especially vulnerable groups;
-  Activities to decrease the number of injuries by supporting the existing programmes of prevention and prevention of injuries with their improvement;
-  Development of a unique system for reporting on injuries according to recommendations of the World Health Organization.

Activities on achieving of goals include multi-partner cooperation and the work of public and private sectors, non-governmental organizations and the media.

The motto of safe community Banja Luka for promotion of safety and prevention of injuries is: **Clean, safe and sound city!**

## The programme covers the following safety promotion activities

### Children 0-14 years:

- Training of children in road traffic
- Security of students in elementary schools in the city of Banja Luka
- Let's protect children in traffic
- Care for children in traffic
- Car seat
- Children in traffic
- The school year has started - drivers drive cautiously
- Safe and dangerous actions in traffic - timetable
- Parents, are you aware of your responsibility – leaflet for parents
- Firecracker is not a toy
- Refuge centers for children caught in the vagrancy



### Projects:

*Drivers carefully – school started; Training of children in traffic*

### Youth 15-24 years:

- Youth Policy of the City of Banja Luka, 2007 - 2011
- Prevention of violence in the peer group
- Protocol on the procedure in cases of peer violence
- School policeman
- By bike to the faculty
- The plan of preventive actions to prevent juvenile delinquency in elementary and secondary schools



*Uniforms for school police patrols*



*Cycling path toward the student campus*

### Adults 25-64 years:

- "Do not endanger others"
- "Young workers"- training and getting the workers acquainted with a safe workplace
- "The specific injuries at work"
- "Safe work in construction"
- "Safe work in agriculture"
- Promotion of a safe workplace
- Prevention of injuries at work (including accidents and illnesses related to work)
- Prevention of alcoholism as a significant cause of accidents at work
- Motorcycle
- Project "Brzina" (Speed)
- Police in community
- Safe House for domestic violence victims
- Mobile Team for Domestic Violence



*Safe house for domestic violence*



*Do not drink and drive*



*Advice for tractor drivers*

### Elderly 65+ years:

- Day care center for the elderly
- Let us help to cross the street safely
- Adjust your homes in order to avoid falls
- Refuge centers for the adults and older persons caught in the vagrancy



*Daily care center for the elderly*



*Home care services*



*Refuge centre*

## **AT THE FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENTS:**

Your Police - Police and citizens together  
The use of protective equipment

### **Traffic:**

- Relation driver – pedestrian
- Safe driving in winter conditions
- Day without cars - 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- Sound signalization and ramp for wheelchairs
- Forced retardants, vibration and sound strips
- Footbridges
- Removal of architectural barriers



*Wheelchair ramps*



*Vibration strips in Borik*



*Cycling paths*

### **Leisure:**

- Children playground with rubber surface
- Save the children from drowning
- Safe beaches and swimming pools
- Removal of unexploded killing means



*Children playground*



*Save children from drowning*

**Programs aiming at "High risk-groups":**

- Day Care Centre for mentally ill persons
- Daily centre for persons with disabilities "Onix"
- 'Prevention and suppression of domestic violence in the Republic of Srpska"
- Days of open doors
- Taxi service for disabled persons
- Service of Personal assistance



*Practical training for independent life*



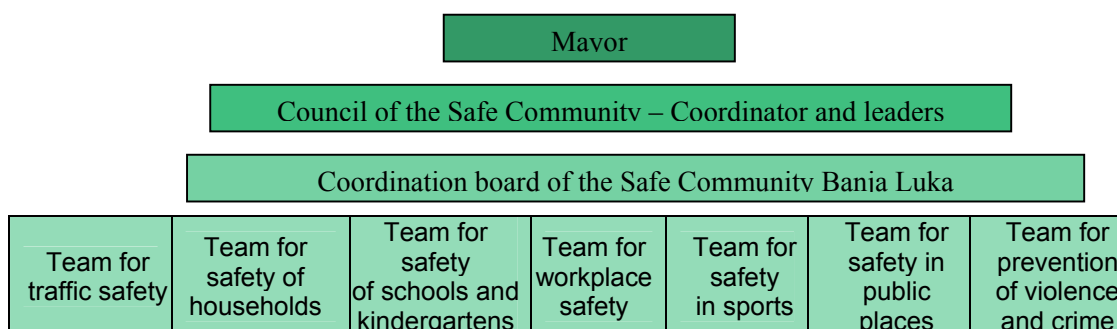
*Personal Assistance*

**Surveillance of injuries**

	2005.	2006.	2007.	2008.	2009.
Number of injuries per 1.000 inhabitants	46.62	48.84	46.6	52.18	64.65

*Number of injuries on 1.000 inhabitants for a year*

**Organization and Structure of a Safe Community Banja Luka**



Coordination board of the Safe Community Banja Luka is consisting of professionals from different institutions covering all areas of everyday life and community functioning.

International commitments: Not yet

Hosting "Traveling Seminars": Not yet