

OPEN PUBLIC CONSULTATION - INITIATIVE ON DRIVING LICENCES

RESPONSES FROM ORGANIZATION: _____

Problems

Question Q1 - In your opinion, to what extent are the current EU rules on driving licences adequate to meet the EU targets on road safety?

	Very adequate	Adequate	Neutral	Less adequate	Not adequate	No opinion
Drivers' skills, knowledge, experience and risk-awareness						
Drivers' physical and mental fitness						
Drivers' behaviour on the road						
Fight against unlicensed drivers (e.g. forged licences)						

Question Q2 - In your opinion, to what extent are the current EU rules on driving licences adequate to facilitate the free movement of people?

	Very adequate	Adequate	Neutral	Less adequate	Not adequate	No opinion
Recognition of driving licences when travelling in another Member State (MS)						
Obtaining a driving licence as a resident in a MS other than a person's own country (first issuance)						
Renewal, replacement or exchange of a driving licence						

The current Directive includes eco-driving skills in the standards to be met to obtain a driving licence. It also foresees restrictions applicable to driving licences in case the successful driving test has been performed with a vehicle using an automatic gear transmission. In such case, the right to drive manual gear transmission vehicles is excluded and this limitation can be removed by successfully passing a new driving test with a manual gear transmission vehicle.

Question Q3 - In your opinion, to what extent are the following EU rules on driving licences relevant for the objective to become climate neutral by 2050?

	Relevant	Fairly relevant	Not relevant	No opinion
Restrictions when the driving test is passed on a vehicle with automatic transmission				
Rules on driving skills affecting the emissions and energy consumption of vehicles				

Objectives

Question Q4 - In your opinion, how important are the following objectives for the revision of the Directive on driving licences?

	Extremely important	Very important	Important	Slightly important	Not important	No opinion
to improve drivers' skills and knowledge						
to improve drivers' experience and risk awareness						
to ensure drivers' physical and mental fitness						
to reduce dangerous behaviour by drivers						
to reduce unlicensed driving						
to improve the mutual recognition of driving licences in the EU						
to remove unjustified obstacles to obtaining driving licences (first issuance)						
to remove obstacles to renewing, replacing or exchanging driving licences issued by EU/EEA MS						
to remove obstacles to replacing, renewing or exchanging driving licences issued by non-EU countries						

Potential measures

Certain aspects related to driving licences fall outside the scope of the current Directive. Among all the potential measures considered for a possible revision of the Directive, the following are described below:

- Common rules on training and probation periods to improve the driving behaviour and risk perception of novice drivers,
- Introduction of an EU digital driving licence, allowing any resident in the European Union to prove in an electronic format their right to drive,
- Common framework on exchanging driving licences issued by third countries, complementing the existing national frameworks,
- Enabling the withdrawal of driving rights for offenses committed abroad in another Member State (referred to as "recognition of driving disqualifications")

All these potential measures remain subject to further analysis and do not prejudice on the content of the possible revision of the Directive on driving licences.

Question Q5 - In your opinion, how important would it be to improve the following provisions of the Directive on driving licences in order to meet the EU targets on road safety and to remove unnecessary obstacles to the free movement?

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Not important	Not important at all	No opinion
Recognition of driving licences when travelling in a MS other than the state of residence						
Definition of vehicle categories						
Rules on issuing, renewing or replacing driving licences						
Rules on exchanging driving licences when relocating from another MS or a non-EU country						
Standards on drivers' skills and knowledge						
Standards on drivers' physical and mental fitness						
Standards applicable to driving examiners						

Question Q6 - In your opinion, how important would it be to extend the scope of the Directive on driving licences to the following domains of intervention?

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Not important	Not important at all	No opinion
Introduction of an EU digital driving licence						
Rules on training and probation periods (incl. accompanied driving)						
Rules on exchanging driving licences issued by a non-EU country						
Recognition of driving disqualifications						
Procedures to extend the administrative validity of licences in case of a crisis (e.g. Covid-19)						

Question Q7 - In your opinion, how important are the following measures to be considered for the revision of the Directive on driving licences?

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Not important	Not important at all	No opinion
Minimum number of kilometres or hours of training required to pass a driving test						
Common standards for professional driving instructors and for accompanying persons (case of accompanied driving)						
Possibility to train in more than one MS before passing the driving test						
Introducing a principle of lifelong training for licenced drivers						
Common minimum standards of a mandatory probation period						
Mutual recognition of driving disqualifications resulting from driving under the influence of alcohol or of drugs						
Mutual recognition of driving disqualifications resulting from excessive speed						
Mutual recognition of driving disqualifications resulting from other offenses						
Lowering minimum age requirements for category B in remote areas without access to public transport under specific conditions or restrictions						
Increasing maximum mass of vehicles for category B to 4,25t subject to a specific training						
Simplifying the access to licences for commercial vehicles (bus and trucks)						
Integrating smart mobility means (e.g., e-scooters) with a maximum speed of between 25 and 45 km/h in the category AM						
Ensuring a same period of administrative validity for driving licences of categories A and B across MS						
Establishing mutual recognition of national licences for agricultural vehicles and forestry vehicles when on the road						

Question Q8 - In your opinion, for which of the following offense(s) should driving disqualifications be mutually recognised in the EU? (TICK THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE)

- None
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or of drugs
- Speeding
- Other

Question Q9 - In case “speeding” offence would be selected for mutual recognition, what should be the minimum excess above the speed limit triggering the mutual recognition of such driving disqualification?

	30 km/h	50 km/h	70 km/h	in all cases	No opinion
Urban areas					
Rural areas					
Motorways					

Question Q10 - In your opinion, would it be beneficial to have licenced drivers’ skills and knowledge, in particular in relation to new technologies, updated by means of new training or tests? (TICK THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE)

- On a mandatory basis
- Only on a voluntary basis (incentivised to insurance contract for example)
- No
- No opinion

Question: You may want to recommend other relevant measures for the revision of the Directive on driving licences: 500 characters max.

Impacts

Question Q11 - In your opinion, what would be the impacts on road safety of the following potential measures?

	Fully positive	Somewhat positive	Neutral	Somewhat negative	Fully negative	No opinion
Training/testing of licensed drivers on new technologies (e.g., when renewing licences or buying a vehicle with certain features)						
Mutual recognition of driving disqualifications for speeding						
Mutual recognition of driving disqualifications for driving under the influence of alcohol or of drugs						
Decrease of the minimum age for category D to 18 years for professional drivers						
Removal of the requirement to hold a licence of category C, C1, D or D1 to obtain a licence of category CE, C1E, DE or D1E						
Increase of the maximum mass for vehicles of category B to 4,25t subject to a specific training						
Use of digital means for practical training (e.g., online platforms, simulators)						
Use of digital means for practical testing (e.g., simulators)						

Question Q12 - In your opinion, to what extent do you agree with the following statements on the possible introduction of the following measures?

	Fully agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree	No opinion
Costs on business and households will be important in case of mandatory training/testing of licensed drivers on new technologies (e.g., when renewing licences or buying a vehicle with certain features)						
A MS should be able to refuse the mutual recognition of a driving disqualification resulting from an offence committed by one of its residents in another EU MS on the basis of limited grounds (for example if the remaining time of suspension is less than two months)						
Simplification of the access to licences of category C and D are needed to address the shortage of professional drivers						
Privacy and cyber-security are important in the design and operation of digital driving licences						
Common rules on the exchange of driving licences issued by a non-EU country are needed to address the shortage of professional drivers						
Digital administration of driving licences can make it easier for people to change their place of residence to another Member State						
The use of digital means for training (e.g., platforms, simulators) can reduce costs for applicants						

Question Q13 - In your opinion, to what extent would the following measures contribute to positive environmental impacts?

	To a great extent	To a moderate extent	To a little extent	No change	Not at all (negative impact)	No opinion
Rules providing the possibility to remove current restrictions on licences for automatic gear transmission with specific training or testing						
More stringent standards on eco-driving skills to be met at the driving test						

Final remarks

Question: You may want to add further comments: **2000 characters max**

Question: If you would like to attach a document to complement or to support your reply you can do so here