

CALL FOR PAPERS: CIECA CONGRESS 2026 -

DRIVING INNOVATION: ENHANCING DRIVER ASSESSMENT, EDUCATION, AND ROAD SAFETY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

The 58th CIECA General Assembly and Congress will be held in Dresden, Germany, from May 26th to 29th, 2026. The event will be hosted by TÜV | DEKRA arge tp 21 at the International Congress Center, located in the heart of Dresden's city centre.

We warmly invite policymakers, representatives of authorities, researchers and practitioners to submit presentation proposals for the upcoming CIECA Congress. This global event will bring together key stakeholders to discuss innovative approaches and evidence-based practices that shape driver education, assessment, and road safety in an evolving mobility landscape.

We welcome submissions on topics including, but not limited to:

- *Innovations in driver assessment and testing*
Exploring novel test formats, immersive simulation technologies, and data-driven evaluation methods to enhance the accuracy, fairness, and effectiveness of driver testing. Discussions may also address challenges related to transparency, standardisation, and equitable access to assessment tools.
- *Modern driver education and training methodologies*
Advancing competence-based learning approaches that leverage digital tools and adaptive teaching techniques. Emphasis on the professional development and qualification of driving teachers to ensure high-quality, up-to-date education aligned with evolving mobility needs.
- *Future driver readiness and lifelong learning*
Strategies to prepare drivers for emerging trends such as connected vehicles, automation, and sustainable transport solutions. Fostering continuous learning and adaptability throughout the driver's lifecycle to promote safe and responsible road use.
- *Driver fitness and human factors*
Investigations into the medical, psychological, and cognitive factors that influence driver behaviour and safety. Including approaches to assess and support driver fitness, manage risk factors, and improve overall human performance behind the wheel.
- *Data and technology in driver qualification*
The application of telematics, artificial intelligence, and advanced analytics in driver education and assessment. Exploring how technology can provide personalized feedback, enhance learning outcomes, and support decision-making processes.
- *Road safety impacts of driver education and testing systems*
Evaluating the effectiveness of various education and testing interventions based on empirical evidence. Identifying best practices, highlighting successful outcomes, and understanding limitations to inform future policy and program development.

Please note the deadline for the submission of abstracts is **12th December 2025**. Information on the submission guidelines can be found in the following page. Please follow them carefully when preparing your contribution. All submissions should be sent to Eva Mateo (eva.mateo@cieca.eu). You will receive confirmation of reception by e-mail with an abstract reference number. Please quote this reference number in all correspondence with the Congress Secretariat.

Abstracts for individual papers will undergo peer review by the CIECA Programme Committee, with authors notified of the review outcome by **13th February 2026**. Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria: relevance to the congress theme, significance for improving road safety, quality, validity, originality, technical rigor, and practical impact.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that all speakers presenting in the Congress will be expected to finance their attendance to the event (registration, accommodation and travel expenses). Neither CIECA nor the Congress host will be responsible for the payment of any charges related to their participation in the event. Any presenters willing to have their submissions considered to be included in the event, should bear this in mind.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract submissions must include the following information and comply with the following guidelines:

- **Abstract title:**
A brief, attractive and explicit description of the presentation in less than 15 words.
- **Name and contact details of the author(s) and author's affiliation:**
Please indicate the author(s) and specify who will deliver the presentation.
- **Abstract:**
 - Your abstract must not exceed 2 pages
 - Font (font size): Times New Roman (12 pt)
 - Line Spacing: 1.5 pt
 - Abstracts submitted must be in Word and PDF format.
 - Congress Working Language is English
 - Each presenter will have 20 minutes for the presentation which will be followed by a Q & A session.
- **Author's CV and photo:**
This information will be used by the session chair for introduction purposes, and to announce the presentation in the Congress and / or CIECA website.

For any queries regarding the submission process, please contact Eva Mateo (eva.mateo@cieca.eu).