

CALL FOR PAPERS – 59TH CIECA CONGRESS 2027

When Mobility Meets Responsibility: Shaping The Future Of Driver Education And Assessment

The 59th CIECA Congress will be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on 20 May 2027. The event will be hosted by CBR at the ss Rotterdam conference and hotel ship.

We warmly invite policymakers, representatives of public 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 are shaping driver education, assessment and road safety in an evolving mobility landscape.

In 2027, CBR will also celebrate its 100th anniversary, and we would be delighted to mark this milestone with our international partners at the Congress in Rotterdam. The event aims to promote discussion and shared learning on developments and innovations that are already being implemented, are expected to emerge, or arise from research, pilot projects and similar initiatives.

WE WELCOME SUBMISSIONS ON TOPICS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- **Driver assessment and testing**

Innovations and best practice in driver assessment, including test design, examiner performance, simulation, digital tools, and approaches to improving the quality, consistency and accessibility of testing systems.

- **Driver education and training**

Current and emerging approaches to driver education, from classroom-based and practical instruction to digital and competence-based learning. Contributions may address curriculum development, instructor training and preparation for changing mobility environments.

- **Preparing drivers for the future**

How can drivers be equipped for new vehicle technologies, automation, connectivity and evolving mobility services? Papers may explore the knowledge, skills, attitudes and learning strategies that support safe and responsible participation in future transport systems.

- **Driver fitness and human factors**

Research and practical experience relating to medical fitness, cognitive abilities, driver behaviour, risk perception and human interaction with increasingly complex vehicle technologies.

- **Digitalisation, data and innovation**

Applications of artificial intelligence, telematics, simulation and data analytics in driver education, assessment, licensing and regulatory processes. Contributions on opportunities, challenges and lessons learned are all welcome.

- **Effective and resilient driver qualification systems**

Policies, governance models and operational practices that help driver qualification systems respond to changing societal, technological and mobility demands while maintaining public trust and effectiveness.

- **Evidence, evaluation and impact**

Studies assessing the outcomes of driver education, testing and licensing initiatives. Contributions may highlight lessons learned, successful practice, implementation challenges and approaches to measuring impact.

KEY DATES AND REVIEW PROCESS

The deadline for submitting abstracts is 7 December 2026. The submission guidelines are set out below. Please follow them carefully when preparing your contribution.

All submissions should be sent to Eva Mateo at eva.mateo@cieca.eu. You will receive an acknowledgement by email, including an abstract reference number. Please quote this reference number in all correspondence with the Congress Secretariat.

Abstracts for individual papers will be peer-reviewed by the CIECA Programme Committee. **You will be informed of the outcome by 22 February 2027.** Submissions will be assessed against the following criteria: Relevance to the congress theme, originality and innovation, quality of the content, clarity and structure, and interest for CIECA audience.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: All speakers who accept to present at the 2027 Congress are expected to fund their own attendance, including registration, accommodation and travel. Neither CIECA nor the Congress host will cover any costs associated with participation. Prospective presenters should bear this in mind when submitting a proposal for consideration.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract submissions must include the following information and comply with these requirements:

- **Abstract title:** A brief, engaging and explicit description of the presentation, of fewer than 15 words.
- **Names, contact details and affiliations of the author(s):** Please list all authors and clearly identify the person who will deliver the presentation.
- **Abstract:** The abstract must not exceed two pages. Use Times New Roman, 12 pt, with 1.5-line spacing. Submit the abstract in both Word and PDF formats. The working language of the Congress is English.
- **Presentation:** Each presenter will have 20 minutes for the presentation, followed by a Q&A session.
- **Presenting author's CV and photograph:** These will be used by the session chair when introducing the speaker and to promote the presentation at the Congress and on the CIECA website.