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CIECA
The international commission for driver testing

Dear reader,

2009 has in many ways been a particularly dynamic year for our organization. CIECA held a very successful workshop that gave a comprehensive update on driving examiner standards which is a cornerstone in the area of quality assurance of driving standards. CIECA held a second rider event that addressed new progressive access rules for motorcyclists in the 3rd European Driving Licence Directive and as follow-up to the previous CIECA rider event in 2008. CIECA also held a very successful congress in Berlin on technology and its impact on training and testing. I would once again sincerely thank our German member the VdTÜV for hosting this congress.

The issues addressed during the past year, the technical visits that were performed by our Expert Advisory Group and the discussions in the Theory Test Working Group have been very intense. It again became clear that there are differences between the various CIECA member states' testing systems. I am very glad, however, that there is more than ever a willingness to talk about these differences, and a willingness to learn from each other. CIECA has shown in the last year that it can offer the forum that is needed for such discussions and that further discussions are both desired and required. Too many questions remain open, and new insights and ideas will, I am sure, emerge.

As a growing platform organisation, now representing 50 driver-testing authorities from 40 countries in four continents, CIECA is a respected organisation. The CIECA strategy, adopted by the General Assembly in 2006 guides the work of the Permanent Bureau, Expert Advisory Group and our involvement in projects. CIECA is building alliances with sister organisations and is strengthening its network, including our links with DG MOVE of the European Commission. CIECA is dealing above all with road safety; a topic that is high on the political agenda and that has an important social impact. This is what makes our work so valuable.

I would like to sincerely thank all Members, the CIECA Permanent Bureau, Expert Advisory Group and staff members for their dedication and ability in their activities and for their contribution to the success of CIECA.

Sonja Spørstøl, President



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CIECA Highlights 2009

3 new members joined CIECA

- The Ministry of Communications and Works, Cyprus
- The Swedish Transport Agency
- The Licensing Agency from the Roads & Transport Authority, United Arab Emirates.

Driving test audits

CIECA's Expert Advisory Group (EAG) continued its valuable work in auditing driving tests. This year's visits took them to Lithuania, Hungary and Spain.

CIECA-VdTÜV Congress

On 7 and 8 May 2009, CIECA and VdTÜV hosted the 41st CIECA congress entitled *Training, Technology, Testing*. The Congress assembled more than 100 CIECA members and road safety professionals from numerous countries.

Driver examiner standards workshop

On 18 and 19 March 2009, CIECA held its driver examiner workshop. Preceded by a series of 4 thematic meetings, the workshop aimed at discussing the current situation in terms of driving examiner standards in the different CIECA member countries in the light of the new requirements for driving examiners laid down in Annex IV of the Directive 2006/126/EC.

Theory test project

CIECA continued its valuable work on the theory test project to collate the knowledge and experience of as many testing organisations as possible in order to work towards more effective theory testing in the future.

EU projects

CIECA contributed to the EU Module Close to (a peer-to-peer educational programme involving novice driver traffic offenders) and the HERMES (developing the coaching skills of driving instructors) projects.

European Road Safety Action Programme

CIECA contributed to the preparatory works for the next European Road Safety Action Programme 2011 – 2020.

Rider workshop

CIECA held a rider workshop on 16 June 2009 to discuss the new progressive access rules for motorcyclists laid down in the Directive 2006/126/EC.

1 Description of the organisation

CIECA is the international commission of driver testing authorities, based in Brussels, Belgium. It was founded in November 1956. CIECA and its member organisations work together to continually improve the driving test, in addition to researching the broader issues of driver training and driver licensing. Through its various activities (internal and external seminars, workshops and congresses, international project management, publications, etc). CIECA aims to encourage the development of high, common standards for driver testing and training throughout its member organisations.

1.1 MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

CIECA has **50 members from 40 countries**, covering almost all of Europe, and is also represented in Israel, Tunisia, Canada, New Zealand and Australia (Victoria). In 2009, at its congress in Berlin, CIECA welcomed three new members: The Ministry of Communications and Works (Cyprus), the Swedish Transport Agency and the Licensing Agency from the Roads & Transport Authority from the United Arab Emirates.

- I Effective members are entities responsible for the regulation, execution or auditing of driving tests.
- I Associate members are entities that do not regulate, execute or audit driving tests. They are not-for-profit associations involved in activities related to the Association's remit and are willing to support its objectives.

Effective members:

Australia (Victoria)	VicRoads
Austria	Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Innovation und Technologie – BmVIT
Belgium	Groupement des Organismes de Contrôle Automobile – GOCA
Belgium	Federale Overheidsdienst Mobiliteit en Vervoer/Service Publique Fédéral Mobilité
Bulgaria	Executive Agency Road Transport Administration - BEARTA
Canada (Québec)	Société de l'Assurance Automobile du Québec - SAAQ
Croatia	Hrvatski Autoklub - HAK
Cyprus	Ministry of Communications and Works
Czech Republic	Ministerstvo Dopravy České Republiky
Denmark	Rigpolitiets Færdselsafdeling
Estonia	Estonian Road Administration
Faroer Islands	Akstovan
Finland	TRaFi Finnish Transport Safety Agency
France	Ministère de l'écologie, de l'énergie, du développement durable et de la mer en charge des technologies vertes et des négociations sur le climat
Germany	Vereinigung der Technischen Überwachungsvereine – VdTÜV e.V.
Germany	Dekra e.V.
Great Britain	Driving Standards Agency - DSA
Hungary	Nemzeti Közlekedési Hatóság - NTA
Ireland	Road Safety Authority - RSA
Israel	Ministry of Transport
Kosovo	Ministry of Transport and Communication
Latvia	Ministry of Transport, Road Traffic Safety Directorate
Lithuania	Regitra State Enterprise
Luxembourg	Ministère des Transports
Luxembourg	The Société Nationale de Contrôle Technique – SNCT
Malta	Authority for Transport in Malta - ATM
Monaco	Ministère de l'Etat
The Netherlands	Centraal Bureau Rijvaardigheidsbewijzen - CBR
New Zealand	Land Transport Safety Authority - LTSA
Northern Ireland	Driver and Vehicle Agency - DVA

Norway Statens Vegvesen Vegdirektoratet - Norwegian Public Roads Administration
Poland Ministry of Infrastructure, Motor Transport Department
Portugal Instituto da Mobilidade e dos Transportes Terrestres - IMTT
Portugal Automóvel Club de Portugal – ACP
Portugal Associação Nacional dos Industriais do Ensino de Condução Automóvel - ANIECA
Romania Ministry of the Interior
Slovenia Ministry of the Interior
Spain Dirección General de Tráfico - DGT
Sweden Vägverket - SRA
Sweden Swedish Transport Agency
Switzerland Office de la Circulation et de la Navigation – OCN
Switzerland Bundesamt für Strassen - ASTRA
Tunisia Ministère du Transport, Direction Générale des Transports Terrestres
Tunisia Agence Technique des Transports Terrestres - ATTT
United Arab Emirates Roads & Transport Authority - RTA

Associate members:

Germany Deutscher Verkehrssicherheitsrat - DVR
USA American Association of Motor Vehicle Administration - AAMVA
Int. European Driving Schools Association - EFA
Int. The European Transport Training Association - Eurotra



1.2 THE CIECA STRUCTURE

CIECA is a member-based organisation, with the following structure:

General Assembly

The General Assembly is composed of all CIECA member organisations and is the highest decision-making body within CIECA. The financial accounts and activity report of the Permanent Bureau (Board) need to be approved by the General Assembly, and they must also vote on future members of the Permanent Bureau. The General Assembly is convened once a year.

Permanent Bureau (The Board)

The Permanent Bureau is the executive body of CIECA responsible for directing CIECA according to the CIECA statutes and Internal Rules. CIECA's Permanent Bureau consists of the President, the Secretary General, the Deputy President and a maximum of 6 Vice Presidents. The Permanent Bureau meets 5 times a year to discuss ongoing affairs and can meet whenever necessary.

Expert Advisory Group

The Expert Advisory Group (EAG) consists of a maximum of 7 members from different member organisations and is the body within CIECA that is responsible for advice on expert matters. The Expert Advisory group audits driving tests, has a scientific advisory role in studies and projects and in the organisation of internal events. The Permanent Bureau appoints the various members of the Expert Advisory Group.

Secretariat

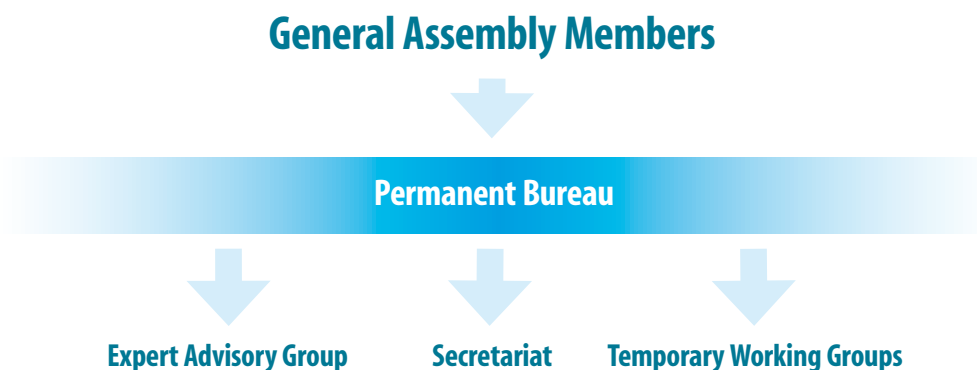
The Secretariat in Brussels (Rue Van Campenhout 22, 1000 Brussels) is the body responsible for the daily management and administration of the organisation and supports the President and the Secretary General in their administrative work. The Secretariat looks after the:

- | daily management and financial management of the organisation;
- | communication and exchange of information with the members;
- | preparation of work and meetings of the Permanent Bureau, Expert Advisory Group and General Assembly;
- | organisation of the annual congress;
- | organisation of topical workshops;
- | management/coordination of projects co-financed by the European Commission;
- | management/coordination of internal CIECA projects;
- | management of the Guide on Driver Licensing;
- | website maintenance;
- | dissemination of news articles from CIECA members;
- | member surveys.

In 2009, two persons worked at the CIECA Secretariat: Ms. Agnes Reikl and Mr. Daniel Vandenberghe. They had the consultancy support of Mr. Nick Sanders who left CIECA halfway through the year.

Ad Hoc Working Groups

In order to deal with specific subjects of current interest, the Permanent Bureau is entitled to create Ad Hoc Working Groups. These groups consist of several members from different countries and have an assignment for a specific subject and a limited timeframe. They report to the Permanent Bureau about their activities.



2 Decision-Making Organs

2.1 THE PERMANENT BUREAU (BOARD)

The members of the Permanent Bureau

In 2009, the following persons were member of the Permanent Bureau:

- | Mrs. Sonja Sporstøl (Norwegian Public Roads Administration, Norway) – President
- | Mr. Jean-Pierre Fougère (Ministère de l'écologie, de l'énergie, du développement durable et de la mer en charge des technologies vertes et des négociations sur le climat, France) – Secretary-General
- | Mr. Jan Molthof (Centraal Bureau Rijvaardigheidsbewijzen, the Netherlands) – Deputy President
- | Mr. Paul Butler (Driving Standards Agency, Great Britain) – Vice President
- | Mr. Luc Caenen (GOCA, Belgium) - Vice President
- | Mr. Reinhard Meyer (VdTÜV, Germany) – Vice President

Halfway through the year, at the Berlin General Assembly on May 7, 2009, the mandate of Mr. Jean-Pierre Fougère came to an end. Mr. Luc Caenen was elected Secretary-General. As of the October meeting, Mr. Peter Ripard from Transport Malta and Mr. Tamás Hima from the Hungarian National Transport Authority attended the Permanent Bureau on (resp.) an a.i. basis and as future congress organiser.

The Expert Advisory Group was represented in the Permanent Bureau by its chairman, Mr. Trevor Wedge from the Driving Standards Agency, Great Britain.

The meetings of the Permanent Bureau

In 2009, the Permanent Bureau met six times:

- | 30 January in Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- | 27 March in Paris, France
- | 6 May in Berlin, Germany (in combination with the annual General Assembly)
- | 17 June in Brussels, Belgium (in combination with the Rider Workshop)
- | 2 October in Glasgow, United Kingdom
- | 11 December in Budapest, Hungary

Topics discussed during the meetings

The Board Members, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sporstøl addressed a wide range of topics during 2009. Among the highlights:

- | Steering the CIECA-VdTÜV Congress 2009;
- | The preparation of the Berlin General Assembly;
- | The progress of the two internal CIECA projects on the development of the theory test and driving examiner standards;
- | The driver examiner workshop (3rd European Driving Licence Directive) to analyse the new rules of minimum standards for driving examiners;
- | The category A workshop on the Directive 2006/126 (3rd European Driving Licence Directive) to analyse the implications of the new progressive access rules for category A licences;
- | The progress of the European projects HERMES and Module Close-To;
- | The ongoing activities and audits conducted by the Expert Advisory Group;
- | The Permanent Bureau ordered, as in previous years, a financial audit;
- | The preparation of the activities and budget for 2010;
- | Monitoring the strategic actions for the period 2006-2009 and establishing the work programme for the second half of 2009 and 2010.



The Cieca Permanent Bureau - second half of 2009

2.2 THE EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP

The members of the Expert Advisory Group

The members of the Expert Advisory Group, elected in 2008, continued their work. In 2009 the EAG was composed of the following members:

- | Mr. Trevor Wedge (DSA, Great Britain, EAG Chairman)
- | Mr. Jörg Biedinger (TÜV Nord, Germany)
- | Mr. Jean Malinowski (Ministère de l'écologie, de l'énergie, du développement durable et de la mer en charge des technologies vertes et des négociations sur le climat, France)
- | Mr. Sami Mynntinen (TraFi, Finland)
- | Mr. Per-Olof Nilsson (SRA, Sweden)
- | Mr. Jacques Quoirin (GOCA, Belgium)
- | Mr. Han Rietman (CBR, the Netherlands)

The meetings of the Expert Advisory Group

The Expert Advisory Group met 4 times in 2009:

- | 11-13 February, Vilnius, Lithuania
- | 23-24 March, Birmingham, Great Britain (assessment meeting)
- | 22-24 June, Budapest, Hungary
- | 14-16 October, Madrid, Spain

Topics and activities of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG)

In addition to carrying out audits of driving tests in various countries the EAG also provides expert feedback on specific questions raised by CIECA members, is involved in the preparation of workshops and carrying out of projects as well as convenes special meetings on specific topics.

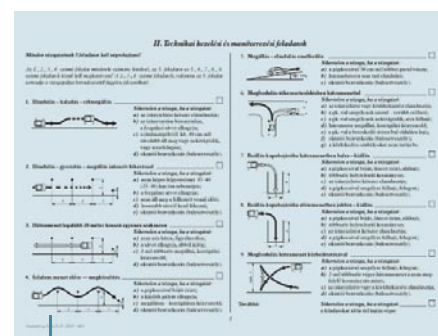
In 2009 the EAG conducted audits in Lithuania, Hungary and Spain and provided a full feedback report with recommendations for the future driver training and testing system in the respective countries.

During 2009 the EAG further translated its three main goals into a detailed work programme for the group. An agreement on the number and format of the visits to different countries was made and the exact role of the EAG in terms of preparation of the programme of the yearly Congress and the work programme overall was defined. In this context the EAG, in its role as Programme Committee, developed the programme of the CIECA Congress 2010.

A series of EAG meetings on the topic of assessment at the practical driving test, which will ultimately result in a workshop, was launched with the special assessment meeting in Birmingham in March 2009. The Members of the EAG and independent experts gathered primarily in order to familiarise themselves with the different national assessment systems applied in the practical driving test and discuss to identify the competences that novice drivers need in order to be safe drivers and how to assess such competences, with a view to moving towards a more realistic and holistic assessment system in the future. Competence based assessment forms were developed and trials were carried out at the EAG visit in Hungary and Spain.

Format of the EAG visits

- | Structured 3 – day visits
- | Presentations on specific topics requested by the host
- | Audit of the driver testing and licensing system (in-car feedback forms)
- | Carry out a complete review and analysis of the driver testing and licensing system
- | Identify strengths and areas where improvement is possible
- | Targeted feedback report (confidential) to the host providing recommendations



Category B manoeuvres, Hungary



EAG meeting in Spain



State Enterprise REGITRA Headquarter building, Vilnius, Lithuania



Official test vehicle and examiner REGITRA, Vilnius, Lithuania

3 Projects



3.1 EU HERMES PROJECT (2007-2010)

Background

Traditional driving school training tends to rely more on instructing (teacher-oriented rather than learner-oriented learning) to prepare the candidate for the driving test more than for safe solo driving. It also tends to neglect high order skills which are known to play a role in novice driver accidents (withstanding peer pressure, avoiding alcohol/drugs, understanding the effects of fatigue, etc). The HERMES project aims to address these shortcomings by giving driving instructors the skills to develop greater self-awareness and responsibility amongst learner drivers, thereby preparing them for a more sustainable and safe driving career.

Project Goal

HERMES stands for: High impact approach for Enhancing Road safety through More Effective communication Skills for driving instructors. The goal of the project is to design and evaluate a 4 day training course for driving instructors on 'how to coach', particularly with a view to addressing emotional and social factors when driving, and to developing greater self-awareness.

Description / Content

The HERMES project began in March 2007 with a view to designing a 'coaching' training programme for driving instructors. The first phase of the project was to reach a common understanding of the aims, principles and methods of coaching, including a survey of the current use of coaching in the driver training field. The second phase of the project, from 2008 onwards, was to design and implement a pilot training programme and to evaluate its effectiveness. In 2009 the project members were working towards the finalisation of the project deliverables such as a report comprising more than 60 coaching scenarios to be applied in different areas of driver training and the final coaching seminar manual for driving instructors. Further the HERMES film was prepared and the HERMES Info Day, to be held in Vienna in February 2010, was prepared.

Project Consortium

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| alles-führerschein.at GmbH, Austria
(project manager) | Finnish Driving Schools' Association | RACC Automobile Club, Spain |
| CIECA | ECF (Ecole de Conduite Française), France | Performance Consultants, UK |
| EFA (European Driving Schools' Association) | DVR (German Road Safety Council) | a2om Ltd, UK |
| Turku University, Finland | Centre de Formation pour Conducteurs, Luxembourg | Austrian Driving Schools' Association |
| | Lauk Woltring, Netherlands | Traffic Academy of Bohemia, Czech Rep. |

CIECA's Role

CIECA's involvement was project support and advice. CIECA members are critically concerned with driving standards through setting theory and practical tests, and some members are also responsible for regulating driver training. CIECA will monitor the effectiveness of the HERMES approach where it is adopted.

Four meetings were held in 2009:

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| Full project meeting (5 th), Luxembourg, 9-11 March 2009 | Full project meeting (6 th), Helsinki, 22-23 June 2009 |
| Steering group meeting (3 rd), Berlin, 11-12 May 2009 | Steering group meeting (4 th), Vienna, 18-19 November 2009 |

Reports

All project results (State of the Art report, coaching scenario report, seminar manual) as well as the film are either already available or will be made available upon completion of the project in February 2010 on the following websites www.cieca.be/template_subpage.asp?pag_id=49&spa_id=51&lng_iso=EN and <http://www.alles-fuehrerschein.at/HERMES/>.

Next Steps

The last project meetings will be held in early 2010 to allow for the completion of the project by February 2010. The HERMES Info-Day, planned to be held in Vienna in February 2010, will be the official closing of the project and allow all stakeholders to gather and discuss the project results presented at this occasion.



HERMES definition of coaching in driver training:

Coaching is a learner-centred method that engages body, mind and emotions to develop inner and outer awareness and responsibility with an equal relationship between the learner and the coach.

3.2 EU MODULE CLOSE TO PROJECT: (2007-2010)

Background

The EU Module Close To project builds on the 'Close To' project and focuses on more effective learning through the peer-education method in which "equals relate to equals". It aims at establishing systems for novice driver traffic offenders to tell learner drivers (in a classroom environment) about their actions and consequences. Research has shown that young drivers who are confronted with stories of severe road accidents presented by traffic offenders of the same age are less likely to engage in risky and reckless driving.

Project Consortium

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| FGM - Forschungsgesellschaft
Mobilität (project coordinator), Austria | Avenir Santé France | INTRAS. Universitat de Valencia, Spain |
| Styrian Provincial Government, Austria | Verkehr Human GmbH, Germany | P.A.U. Education, Spain |
| Lardis&Partners, UK | 4Safetrack, Greece | Trivector Information AB, Sweden |
| CDV, Czech Republic | Terrace, Hungary | EFA (European Driving Schools' Association) |
| | University of Maribor, Slovenia | CIECA |

CIECA's Role

CIECA's involvement was project support and advice. With the responsibilities CIECA members have for driving standards, CIECA will monitor the effectiveness of this initiative where it is adopted.

Project Aims

To set up peer-to-peer training structures in a range of EU member states so that serious novice driver offenders can share their experiences with pre-test learner drivers.

Meetings

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| May 2007, Graz (Austria) | February 2008, Brno (Czech Republic) | July 2009, Lyon (France) |
| September 2007, Lund (Sweden) | October 2008, Barcelona (Spain) | |

Reports

The first step of the project was to draft a state-of-the-art report on the current training and education structures within each country, with a view to identifying opportunities for peer-to-peer education. This work culminated in a state of the art report, which also identifies legal obstacles to peer-to-peer education and how to establish a network of novice driver offenders in each country. The second step of the project was the conceptual phase, developing course material, a course manual, and motivational material to attract peer mentors (novice driver offenders), lasting until March 2008. The effect of the training is also being evaluated.

In 2009 the demonstration phase of the project continued in which peer mentors were recruited, trained and actually used in driver training itself. Towards the end of the year the different project members in 11 countries started with the preparations for carrying out the national conferences informing about the project results.

Material available so far can be downloaded at www.close-to.net

Next Steps

Until the End of the project in March 2010 the evaluations will be completed and a final set of recommendations will be made. In addition the national conferences of the different project partners will take place and allow for a presentation of the results to the different stakeholders.



Module Close-To consortium

4 Congresses, workshops and Seminars



4.1 BERLIN CONGRESS 2009: TRAINING, TECHNOLOGY, TESTING

CIECA's 41th international congress was hosted by the VdTÜV in Berlin on 7 – 8 May 2009. The programme included speakers from 9 different countries including Australia and the US. A full day of presentations and discussions on best practice in the following areas took place:

- | Driver assistance technology
- | Driver training and
- | Driver testing

Two keynote speakers from the European Commission - Joel Valmain and Wolfgang Höfs – as well as Jacob Bangsgaard from the FIA Foundation opened the Congress before giving the floor to speakers providing an overview of the vast experiences in the three different topic areas of the Congress and various linked projects. The Congress assembled more than 100 CIECA members and road safety professionals from numerous countries. All presentations and related documentation can be downloaded from http://www.cieca.be/template_events.asp?eve_id=16&lng_iso=EN.

4.2 CIECA INFORMATION DAY ON 'DRIVING EXAMINER STANDARDS'

The 2-day event on "Driving Examiner Standards" was hosted by the Norwegian Public Roads Administration and took place in Oslo on 18-19 March 2009. The event was preceded by a series of 4 thematic meetings for CIECA members in 2008. It aimed at discussing the current situation in terms of driving examiner standards in the different CIECA member countries in the light of the new requirements for driving examiners laid down for the first time on European level in Annex IV of Directive 2006/126/EC.

Prior to the Information Day a project report based on the findings of the individual thematic meetings was prepared which was further discussed and amended directly in Oslo. The event was held in plenary sessions and smaller working groups on either the "initial qualification process" or "ongoing quality assurance" and allowed for clarification of specific questions with the representative of the European Commission. In addition national approaches to Driving Examiner Standards were presented.

The event was restricted to CIECA members only, who can obtain more information via the member pages of www.cieca.be



4.3 CIECA RIDER WORKSHOP

The second CIECA Rider Workshop (following the event in Nimes in April 2008) took place in Brussels on 16 June 2009. This CIECA workshop should be seen in the context of the new progressive access rules for motorcyclists in the 3rd European Driving License Directive with the main aim to clarify and discuss the category A requirements. The European Commission's DG TREN played a major role in leading this debate. The workshop attracted around 60 participants from CIECA members, the different partner organisations as well as industry representatives.

Other important aims of the workshop were:

- ! To discuss the pros and cons of the 'training or testing option' for progressive access between future licence categories A1 to A2 and A2 to A
- ! To highlight the importance of high rider trainer standards
- ! To draw attention to the training of rider examiners and to the organisation of the practical motorcycle test

All presentations, the official workshop report and additional documentation is available for download from http://www.cieca.be/template_events.asp?eve_id=8&lng_iso=EN

In cooperation with our partners:



5 Internal Working Groups and other activities

5.1 THEORY TEST PROJECT

Background

The majority of European countries already employ a PC-based theory test system. However, the use of moving images and other innovative test formats in the test are still quite rare. The novice driver problem and their higher accident risk is well known and measures need to be developed to efficiently address this situation. At the same time countries are struggling with the high costs of developing new and expensive applications for improving their theory test.

Project Aims

CIECA has taken steps to find out about the current theory test, and future plans, for the category B license in its different member countries. The focus is especially on finding out about innovative methods for delivering the test and assessing candidates. The CIECA theory test project aims to collate the knowledge and experience of as many testing organisations as possible in order to work towards more effective theory testing in the future and to define good practice guidelines for the future role of the theory test.

Expert Partners

A broad range of CIECA member organisations and expert partners participated in the kick-off meeting and/or contributed in the different working groups.

Meetings

- I Kick-off meeting, Munich, Germany, 17 – 18 March 2008
- I WP 300 meeting, Dresden, Germany, 6 October 2008
- I WP 400 meeting, Dresden, Germany, 13 October 2008
- I WP 400 meeting, Riga, Latvia, 19 -20 November 2008
- I Mid-term meeting, Paris, France, 20 January 2009
- I Presentation of results of WP 200, 300 and 400 and new focus of the Theory Test Project at the CIECA Congress in Berlin in May 2009

Reports

So far a literature study and survey on the “current situation and trends with regards to the theoretical driving test” involving information from 32 countries in total were carried out within WP 200. The work of WP 300, dealing with the item format of test items, was also summed up in a final report. The respective reports are available on the CIECA website in the Member-only part at the following link http://www.cieca.be/MemonlyTT_EN.pp

Next Steps

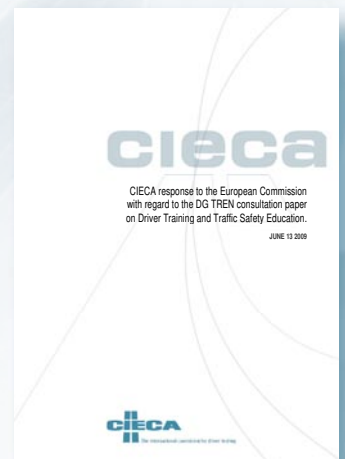
The meeting in Paris in January 2009 showed that an adaptation of the goals of the project will be necessary. The original aim of working towards one single European theory test seems not possible to be realised due to the many differences in the current national systems. A re-orientation of the project will therefore be carried out to continue working efficiently on theory test issues.

5.2 ACTIVITIES WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

In 2009 CIECA's activities with the European Commission involved the contribution to the consultation paper on Driver Training and Traffic Safety Education as well as the attendance / contribution to two preparatory workshops for the Road Safety Action Programme 2011 – 2020. The DG TREN Consultation Paper on Driver Training and Traffic Safety Education was released in late April 2009. CIECA responded to the consultation paper providing a consolidated response approved by the BP and EAG. In addition CIECA was involved in the preparation workshops leading up to the preparation of the next Road Safety Action Programme 2011 – 2020. The first workshop on “vulnerable and unprotected road user safety” took place on 15 July 2009. The second workshop, involving a presentation on CIECA's views on the issue on the topic of “safer driving in the EU through training, education and enforcement” was held on 18 September 2009.

5.3 DRIP PROJECT

The DRIP project is a short CIECA project on driving instructors standards which was carried out for the Portuguese member IMTT. CIECA was given a contract by IMTT to conduct a short project between April and May 2009. Individual experts from Germany, Finland, France, Norway and Portugal were involved in the project. The final report will be made available on CIECA's member-only website after approval of IMTT.



5.4 RENEWED DATA GATHERING PROCESSES

Also in 2009, the CIECA Secretariat has been running a number of data collection activities to face an increasing need of its members to find useful and relevant comparative (statistical) data on driver training and testing. The CIECA Secretariat gathers this information and provides corresponding information to its members in form of reports. CIECA started to publish these survey reports in the members' only pages of the CIECA website.

In addition, these data were increasingly used to populate the CIECA Guide on Driver Licensing. The Guide on Driver Licensing is an online member access catalogue for driver licensing information, linked to the member-only part of the CIECA website. It is envisaged that members through the Guide will be able to request reports drawn from the data in the following major areas: the driving licence, the theory test, the practical test, test centers, examiners, legislation, minimum/maximum driving ages, professional competence for the carriage of goods and passengers, etc.



6 External Representations

CIECA representatives spoke at / attended the following non-CIECA conferences in 2009:

- I European Transport Safety Main Council, Brussels, Belgium, 3 April 2009 (Daniel Vandenberghe, Developments within driver training and driver testing in Europe)
- I European Youth Conference, Brussels, Belgium, 9 July 2009 (Agnes Reikl, presentation on category A)
- I EuroTra, Milan, Italy, 16 September 2009 (Daniel Vandenberghe)
- I European Commission workshop – “Safer driving in the EU through training, education and enforcement”, Brussels, Belgium, 18 September 2009 (Luc Caenen & Daniel Vandenberghe, presentation about CIECA’s views)
- I EFA Congress, Budapest, Hungary, 8 October 2009 (Sonja Sporstøl, Developments within driver training and driver testing in Europe with regard to driver assistance systems)
- I IRU Bus World, Kortrijk, Belgium, 19 October 2009 (Luc Caenen, participation in panel)
- I ViaAzul Driving Examiner conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 21 November 2009 (Agnes Reikl, presentation on new elements in the driving test and results of the DES project)
- I EU Road Safety Action Programme 2011-2020 conference, Brussels, Belgium, 2 December 2009 (participation Luc Caenen & Agnes Reikl)

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7 CIECA website www.cieca.be

At the end of 2009 CIECA undertook a major revision of its website which was entirely renewed in order to allow a relaunch early 2010. The purpose of this work was to improve the navigation and the look & feel, since enhanced graphics and new page layouts were also a part of this work.

The information on the CIECA website is regularly modified and extended, thus making the new CIECA website a very valuable and up-to-date source of information for both CIECA members and other interested organisations. The website also contains a an increasing members’ only section as part of CIECA’s efforts to engage its members in sharing information.

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