



Annual Report 2008

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Dear reader,

It is with great pleasure that I present you the CIECA annual report of 2008.

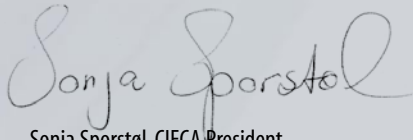
2008 has been a successful year as we work towards achieving our strategic objectives for the period of 2006-2008.

We have secured our human resources by establishing a visionary Permanent Bureau, an experienced Expert Advisory Group and a young, dynamic secretariat. We have a strong financial outlook thanks to an increase in membership fees, leading to a more independent and more stable association which is less reliant on the goodwill of individual members. We have not only retained our members, we have now added 7 more members to our association. CIECA now spreads over 4 continents and includes 46 organisations from 34 different countries. With regard to becoming the most important expert partner of the European Commission in the driver licensing field, our 2008 activities (such as the webpage on driving instructor standards in the EU, the Nimes workshop on category A licensing and the Brussels seminar on the application of the CPC directive) have been greatly appreciated by DG Transport and Energy.

The application of the 3rd Driving Licence Directive (progressive access to powered two-wheelers, new standards for driving examiners, etc) will keep CIECA and its members busy for some time to come. This represents a wonderful opportunity to strengthen contacts amongst CIECA members and between CIECA and the European Commission.

I wish to sincerely thank the Members, the CIECA Permanent Bureau, Expert Advisory Group and staff members for their invaluable contribution to the success of CIECA, and to our Croatian member HAK for hosting a successful 2008 Congress in Zagreb.

Finally, in this, my first year as CIECA President, I would like to congratulate my predecessor Willem Vanbroeckhoven on his strong leadership and effective steering of our association since 2002.



Sonja Sporstol, CIECA President



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CIECA Highlights 2008

Internal projects and workshops

CIECA launched two internal projects on the development of the theory test and driving examiner standards. A workshop was held (in Nîmes, France) to analyse the implications of the new progressive access rules for category A licences, laid down in the 3rd European Driving Licence Directive. The CIECA CPC-D seminar looked at the introduction of new EU rules for the training and testing of professional bus/coach drivers.

CIECA-HAK congress

On 29 and 30 May 2008, CIECA and HAK, the Croatian Automobile Club hosted the CIECA's congress entitled Harmonisation Saves Lives.

CIECA's Guide on driver licensing was launched

CIECA members now have access to the Guide on Driver Licensing, an online member access catalogue for driver licensing information, linked to the CIECA website www.cieca.be.

One-stop shop for Driving Instructor standards

CIECA members now have access to an online catalogue containing national standards for driving instructors in Europe (access, basic training and testing, periodic training and ongoing quality assurance).

7 new members joined CIECA

- The "Federale Overheidsdienst Mobiliteit en Vervoer/Service Publique Fédéral Mobilité", Belgium
- The Ministry of Transport and Communication, Kosovo
- The Société Nationale de Contrôle Technique, Luxembourg
- ANIECA, Portugal
- The Ministry of the Interior, Romania
- The Ministry of the Interior, Republic of Slovenia
- The Bundesamt für Strassen ASTRA, Switzerland

Driving test audits

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

A new recruit for the CIECA office

Ms. Agnes Reikl joined the CIECA office as a new Project Officer.

EU legislation comes into effect

The new motorcycle manoeuvres in the practical driving test, based on Commission directive 2000/56 came into effect this autumn, as did the requirements of EC Directive 2003/59 pertaining to category D professional drivers.

Joint CIECA-ETSC Transport Safety Lunch: Medical testing for drivers

CIECA defined the programme and speakers for an ETSC (European Transport Safety Council) event in Brussels on fitness to drive.

1 Description of the organisation

CIECA is the international commission of driver testing authorities, based in Brussels, Belgium. It was founded in 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 **46 members from 34 countries**, covering almost all of Europe, and is also represented in Israel, Tunisia, Canada, New Zealand and Australia (Victoria). This year, CIECA has welcomed seven new members:

- | The Federale Overheidsdienst Mobiliteit en Vervoer/Service Publique Fédéral Mobilité – Belgium
- | The Ministry of Transport and Communication – Kosovo,
- | The Société Nationale de Contrôle Technique – Luxembourg,
- | ANIECA – Portugal,
- | The Ministry of the Interior - Romania,
- | The Ministry of the Interior - Republic of Slovenia
- | the Bundesamt für Strassen ASTRA – Switzerland.

Effective members are entities responsible for the regulation, execution or auditing of driving tests.

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
Czech Republic	Ministerstvo Dopravy eské Republiky
Denmark	Rigpolitiets Færdselsafdeling
Estonia	Eesti Riiklik Autoregistrakeskus
Faroer Islands	Akstovan
Finland	Vehicle Administration - AKE
France	Ministère de l'Écologie, de l'Énergie, du Développement durable et de l'Aménagement du Territoire
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	Malta Transport Authority - ADT
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
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

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

Faroer Islands



1.2 THE CIECA 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

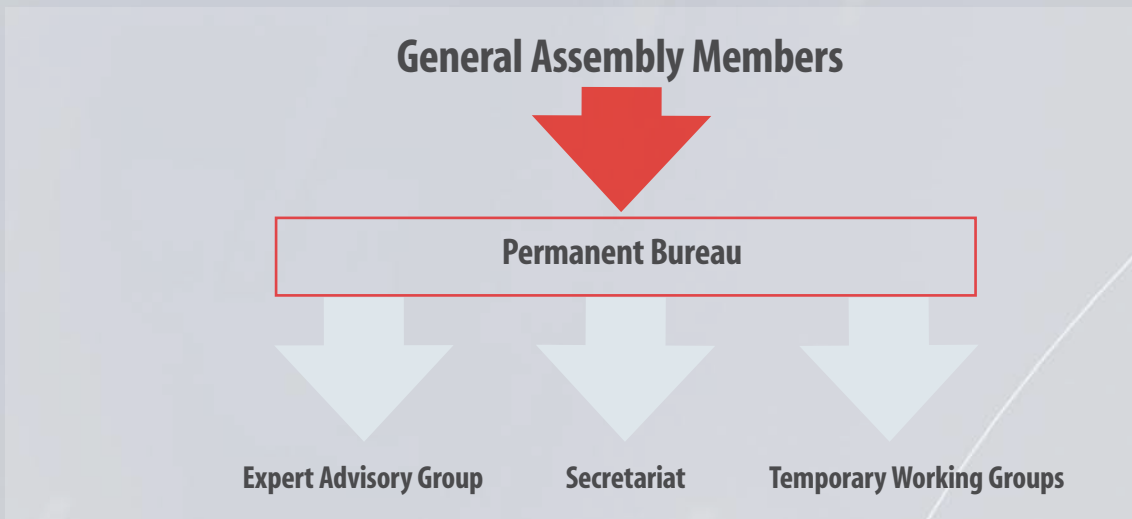
The Secretariat in Brussels is the body responsible for the daily management and administration of the organisation and supports the President and the Secretary General in their administrative work. The Secretariat looks after the:

- | 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 congresses;
- | organisation of topical workshops;
- | management/coordination of projects co-financed by the European Commission;
- | management/coordination of internal CIECA projects;
- | development and management of the Guide on Driver Licensing;
- | website maintenance;
- | dissemination of news articles from CIECA members;
- | member surveys.

In 2008, three persons worked at the CIECA Secretariat: Mr. Nick Sanders, Ms. Agnes Reikl and Mr. Daniel Vandenberghe.

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 2008, the following persons were member of the Permanent Bureau:

- | Mr. Willem Vanbroeckhoven, GOCA, Belgium – President
- | Mr. Jan Molthof, Centraal Bureau Rijvaardigheidsbewijzen, the Netherlands – Deputy President
- | Mrs. Sonja Sporstøl - Norwegian Public Roads Administration, Norway – Secretary-General
- | Mr. Paul Butler, Driving Standards Agency, Great Britain – Vice President
- | Mr. Jean-Pierre Fougère, Ministère de l'Écologie, de l'Énergie, du Développement durable et de l'Aménagement du Territoire, France – Vice President
- | Dr. Wilhelm Petzholtz - DEKRA e.V., Germany – Vice President

Halfway through the year, at the Zagreb General Assembly on May 29, 2008, the Secretary-General Mrs. Sporstøl was elected President and Mr. Jean-Pierre Fougère was elected Secretary-General. Furthermore, the Permanent Bureau mandate of Dr. Petzholtz came to an end in May 2008 and the following persons were elected member of the Permanent Bureau:

- | Mr. Luc Caenen, GOCA, Belgium – Vice President
- | Mr. Reinhard Meyer, TÜV Süd, Germany – Vice President

The Expert Advisory Group was represented in the Permanent Bureau by its chairman, Mr. Reinhard Meyer from TÜV Süd, Germany. Halfway through the year, he was replaced by Mr. Trevor Wedge from the Driving Standards Agency, Great Britain.

The meetings of the Permanent Bureau

In 2008, the Permanent Bureau met five times:

- | 8 February in Oslo, Norway
- | 17 March in Munich, Germany
- | 28 May in Zagreb, Croatia
- | 4 July in Berlin, Germany
- | 17 October in Hasselt, Belgium

Topics Discussed during the meetings

The 7 Board Members, under the chairmanship of (resp.) Mr. Willem Vanbroeckhoven and Mrs. Sporstøl addressed a wide range of topics during 2008. Among the highlights:

- | Steering the CIECA-HAK Congress 2008;
- | The CPC-D workshop on Directive 2003/59 (3rd Driver Licensing Directive) on the introduction of new rules for the training and testing of professional bus/coach drivers;
- | 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 preparation of the Zagreb General Assembly;
- | The progress of the various CIECA projects;
- | The progress of the two internal CIECA projects on the development of the theory test and driving examiner standards;
- | The ongoing activities of the Expert Advisory Group;
- | The Permanent Bureau ordered, as in previous years, a financial audit;
- | The preparation of the activities and budget for 2009;
- | Monitoring the strategic actions for the period 2006–2008: focus on securing human and financial resources, on keeping members and increase the number of members and on starting the process of becoming the most important expert partner of the European Union in the field of driving licences.



The new Permanent Bureau 2008



The former and new president:
Willem Vanbroeckhoven
and Sonja Sporstøl

2.2 THE EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP

The members of the Expert Advisory Group

In 2008, the following persons were member of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG):

- | Mr. Reinhard Meyer (TÜV-SÜD, Germany, and EAG Chairman)
- | Mr. Sami Mynntinen (AKE, Finland)
- | Ms. Eveliis Nagel (ARK, Estonia)
- | Mr. P-O Nilsson (SRA, Sweden)
- | Mr. Jacques Quoirin (GOCA, Belgium)
- | Mr. Han Rietman (CBR, the Netherlands)
- | Mr. Trevor Wedge (DSA, Great Britain)

Halfway through the year, Mr. Trevor Wedge (DSA, Great Britain) was elected as new EAG Chairman and the mandates of Ms. Nagel (ARK, Estonia) and Mr. Meyer (TÜV SÜD, Germany) came to an end. Two new persons joined the EAG:

- | Mr Jörg Biedinger (TÜV NORD, Germany)
- | Mr Jean Malinowski (Ministry of Transport, France)

The meetings of the Expert Advisory Group

The Expert Advisory Group met 4 times in 2008:

- | 10-12 March, Lisbon, Portugal
- | 27 June, Brussels, Belgium (internal EAG meeting only)
- | 1-3 October, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- | 12-14 November, Ballina, Ireland

Topics and activities of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG)

The EAG in general has two main tasks – firstly, to carry out audits of driving tests in various countries and secondly, to provide expert feedback to the various projects of CIECA and questions raised by different CIECA members.

In 2008 the EAG conducted audits in Portugal, Slovenia and Ireland and provided a full feedback report with recommendations for the future driver training and testing system in the respective countries.

The introduction of a feedback process with the host following the visits to the different countries is just one part of the efforts made to further professionalize the work of the EAG. Apart from the confidential feedback report delivered to the host countries a public version providing a complete overview of the training, testing and licensing system of the visited country is now made available.

In its second function the EAG was involved in the Programme Committee for the CIECA congress 2008 and provided information on specific questions such as the publication of pass-fail rates of the theory test and practical driving tests.



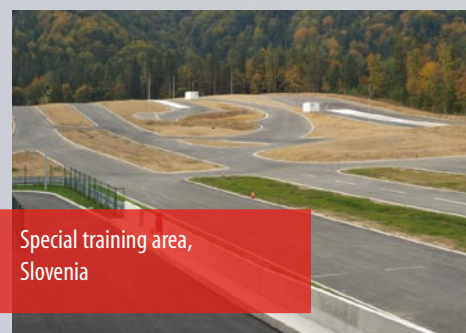
The new EAG 2008



EAG meeting



RSA Headquarter Ballina, Ireland



Special training area, Slovenia



EAG visit, Lisbon

3 Projects

3.1 EU HERMES PROJECT (2007-2010)



Background

For a range of reasons, traditional driving school training is characterised by a tendency to instruct (teacher-oriented rather than learner-oriented learning) and 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 3-5 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.

Project consortium

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

Meetings

- | Kick off meeting, Brussels, March 2007
- | Steering committee meeting, Vienna, June 2007
- | Full project meeting, Barcelona, September 2007
- | Steering committee meeting, Berlin, December 2007
- | Full project meeting, Prague, March 2008
- | Full project meeting, Vienna, October 2008

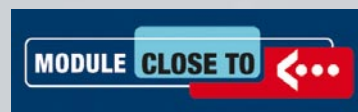
Reports

"HERMES State-of-the-Art report on Coaching (in the field of driver training)", downloadable at http://www.cieca.be/Hermesdoc_en.pp.
HERMES 4-day coaching training course, available on request at the CIECA Secretariat.

Next steps

Completion of the evaluation of the 4-day training programme, which was implemented in Austria in 2008. Development of in-car, track and classroom-based 'coaching scenarios'.

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



Background

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. If you hear about real accidents in a face to face situation rather than from books about road safety, you are more likely to be emotionally struck and to drive more prudently in the future. The EU Module Close to project builds on the 'Close to' project by establishing systems for novice driver traffic offenders to tell learner drivers (in a classroom environment) about their actions and consequences.

Project consortium

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

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

- | May 2007, Graz, Austria,
- | September 2007, Lund, Sweden
- | February 2008, Brno, Czech Republic

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 state of the art report is available on request at the CIECA office. The second step of the project was the conceptual phase, developing course material, course manual, motivational material to attract peer mentors (novice driver offenders), lasting until March 2008. The current phase of the project is the demonstration phase in which peer mentors are recruited, trained and actually used in driver training itself. The effect of the training is also being evaluated.

Next steps

Following the demonstration phase, the teaching materials and manuals will be adapted based on experience. The evaluations will be completed and a final set of recommendations will be made by early 2010.

4 Congresses, workshops and Seminars



4.1 ZAGREB CONGRESS 2008: HARMONISATION SAVES LIVES

CIECA's 40th international congress was hosted by the Croatian Automobile Club (HAK) on May 29-30th in Zagreb. The programme included speakers from 14 countries, focusing on best practice in the following fields:

- | Technological innovation in the theory and practical driving tests
- | 2nd phase training (post-licence obligatory training for novice drivers)
- | Youth Culture and young driver road safety campaigns
- | Innovative methods in driver training

Keynote speakers were Joel Valmain (European Commission), Antonio Avenoso (ETSC) and Martin Winkelbauer (KfV and manager of the EU SUPREME project). Several hundred Croatian road safety professionals also attended the congress. The full range of presentations can be downloaded from http://www.cieca.be/Congress08_EN.pp.



4.2 CIECA WORKSHOP ON 'PROGRESSIVE ACCESS TO CATEGORY A LICENCES'

This workshop was hosted by the French Ministry of Sustainable Development on 9-10 April 2008 in the beautiful Provençal city of Nîmes, France. The aim of the workshop was twofold:

- | To see, on paper and in practice, how different EU member states have implemented the new motorcycle manoeuvres in the practical rider test, based on the revision of Annex II of the 2nd European Driving Licence Directive.
- | To analyse the new progressive access rules to powered two-wheelers to be introduced from 2013 under the 3rd Driving Licence Directive.

The workshop was attended by more than 70 participants with a strong representation from France. The programme and presentations can be downloaded from http://www.cieca.be/WSCatA2008_EN.pp.



4.3 CIECA CPC-D SEMINAR (STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL BUS/COACH DRIVERS)

New training and testing requirements came into force in September 2008 for professional category D (bus/coach) drivers (under European Directive 2003/59). The CPC-D seminar took place in Brussels on December 16 2008 with a view to presenting the different systems for initial training, testing and periodic training introduced by the EU member states. The programme included speakers from 12 countries and was attended by 81 delegates from around Europe.

The seminar provided a forum to discuss a number of cross-border issues related to the Directive, such as the recognition of periodic training taken partially in another country and how to accredit foreign drivers who have completed their periodic training in another country. Of the two basic choices for initial qualification provided by the directive, there appears to be an even balance of countries choosing either the 'course attendance and a test' approach (option 1) or the 'test-only' approach (option 2). There is also an even balance of countries choosing to record the CPC qualification on the driving licence or on a driver qualification card.

The programme, seminar report and presentations can be downloaded from <http://www.cieca.be/CPC-DEN.pp>.



4.4 ETSC-CIECA TRANSPORT SAFETY LUNCH: "FIT TO DRIVE: IS MEDICAL SCREENING THE ANSWER?"



The objective of mandatory medical testing is to identify drivers who pose an unacceptable risk to themselves and others when driving. These drivers can then get the medical problem treated, compensate for – or learn to overcome - the problem, reduce the scope of their driving or stop driving altogether. However, many questions remain as to how effective mandatory medical testing is. Speakers from Spain, Ireland, Norway, Switzerland and the Netherlands debated this issue in one of ETSC's (European Transport Safety Council) renowned Safety Lunches on November 5 in Brussels. To access the report and programme (designed by CIECA), see <http://etsc.be/lunches.php>.

5 Internal Working Groups

Three working groups were launched in 2008:

- | Development of the Theory Test
- | Driving Examiner Standards
- | Driving Instructor Standards

5.1 THEORY TEST PROJECT

Background

Currently, most European countries employ a PC-based test for carrying out the theory test. However, few countries take advantage of the possibilities of moving images and other innovative test formats in the test. At the same time, all countries face the same problems regarding novice drivers and their higher accident risk, and the high costs of developing new and expensive applications for improving the 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

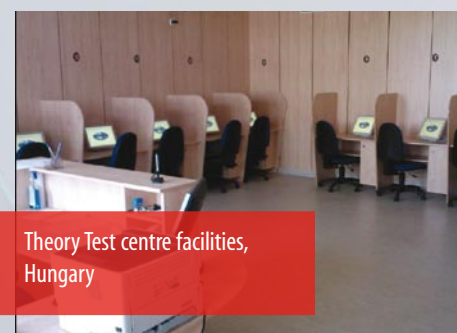
- | Kick-off meeting, Munich, Germany, 17 – 18 March 2008
- | WP 300 meeting, Dresden, Germany, 6 October 2008
- | WP 400 meeting, Dresden, Germany, 13 October 2008
- | WP 400 meeting, Riga, Latvia, 19 -20 November 2008

Documentation

All documentation available so far (WP 200 literature study and survey report (32 countries) and WP 300 report) can be found on the CIECA website in the Member-only part at the following link http://www.cieca.be/MemonlyTT_EN.pp.



Test item example
Hungary



Theory Test centre facilities,
Hungary



Theory Test centre facilities,
Sweden

5.2 DRIVING EXAMINER STANDARDS

This internal project on Driving Examiner standards should be seen in the context of Annex IV of the 3rd European Driving licence Directive (2006/126/EC) which lays down, for the first time, minimum requirements for driving examiners.

The aims of this project were to identify current practice, and future good practice, in the following 4 thematic areas:

- I The recruitment and selection of driving examiner applicants
- I Initial training and testing of driving examiner recruits
- I Quality assurance and ongoing training of driving examiners
- I Career development opportunities for driving examiners.

The project took place primarily on the basis of meetings with a range of CIECA member organisations. Additional information has been obtained through a questionnaire survey of existing examiner standards (completed prior to the kick-off meeting).

Four meetings took place in 2008 (Trondheim, Brussels, Madrid and Brussels) with a view to completing the project by March 2009. This project has its own webpage in the members-only section of the CIECA website the following link http://www.cieca.be/memonlyexa_en.pp.

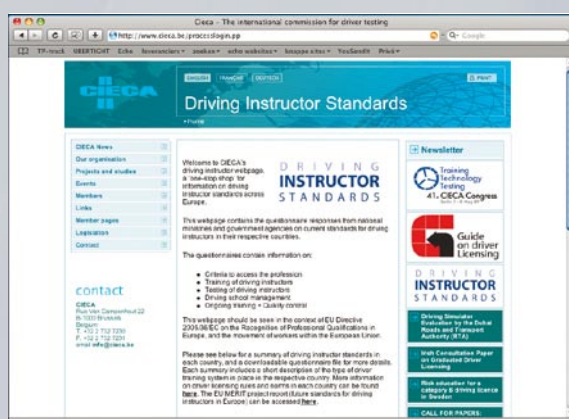
5.3 DRIVING INSTRUCTOR STANDARDS

Background

In the context of the EU Services Directive countries might face the situation where driving instructors from one country come to work in another country. Information about the type of training the driving instructors have followed and the requirements for this profession in their country of origin are therefore vital to facilitate recognition of such workers

Project Aims

To facilitate the information exchange CIECA is providing for its members a one-stop shop for driving instructor standards. This online service is provided on a separate driving instructor standards website in the CIECA Member-only area at the following link: http://www.cieca.be/dis_en.pp. The aim is to provide complete information from all CIECA member countries.



6 External Representations

CIECA representatives spoke at the following non-CIECA conferences in 2008:

- | 3. Sachverständigentag 2008, VdTÜV, 25-26 February, Berlin, Germany
- | EFA congress, 1-3 May, Tallinn, Estonia
- | E-Safety Aware, 18 September 2008, Brussels, Belgium
- | Argetp-21 seminar, 23 September, Dresden, Germany
- | Road safety improvement – a joint mission of diving teachers and examiners, 2-3 October 2008, Warsaw, Poland
- | 2nd International Conference for driving instructors and traffic safety professionals, 7-9 October, Lake Balaton, Hungary
- | CNAE international congress, 5-6 December, Caceres, Spain



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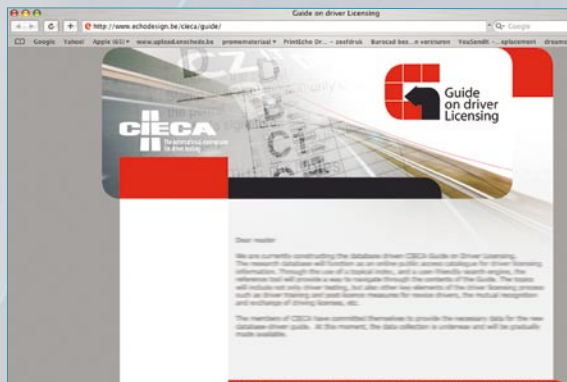
7 Guide on driver licensing

The Guide on Driver Licensing is an online member access catalogue for driver licensing information, linked to the CIECA website. Through the use of a topical index and a user friendly search engine the tool provides a way to navigate through the contents of the Guide. The topics that are covered so far are: License issue and renewal, practical test category B, statistics, test centres, the theory test and examiners.

It is envisaged to create new sections in the Guide that will cover:

- | Conditions / Minimum Ages (starting practical/theory training, doing the theory test, practical test, and obtaining the licence, ...)
- | Medical examination, prior to the theory test
- | Medical examination after obtaining the driving licence
- | Appeal procedure
- | Practical Test Category A, A1
- | Practical test category B1, BE
- | Practical test category C, CE
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- | Certificate of professional competence
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- | Post License measures

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