

# 57<sup>th</sup> CIECA CONGRESS

## CALL FOR PAPERS

**"Assessing the difference -**

**Different strategies towards a common goal: Vision Zero"**

The 57TH CIECA General Assembly and Congress will take place in Porto, Portugal, on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 May 2025. The General Assembly and Congress will be hosted by ANIECA in the Sheraton Hotel, which is situated in Porto City Centre.

Over the last few decades, we have witnessed the creation of several common international standards with the main goal of facilitate free movement of people and promote a safer road environment. However, when it comes to the driving test, these standards tend to establish assessment criteria that apply identically to all candidates from different countries, disregarding the history, context, climate conditions, geography, infrastructure of each State and the individual needs and motivation of each candidate.

Some candidates have specific physical, intellectual and psychological conditions, but are assessed with the same methods and criteria as all the rest. And, even if they do not have any limitations, different generations have different ambitions and motivations that must be considered.

Today's vehicles offer drivers very different technology and features compared to those we knew 30 years ago, when the EU Driving Licence Directive was created. The transition to electric mobility requires drivers to adopt specific driving strategies. This is a challenge for current and future drivers.

Many candidates are trained in areas far away from driving centres. They will be evaluated in an environment very different from the place they are used to and where will be driving most regularly. Other candidates will train exactly in the test areas.

And we have now a significant increase of foreign candidates, who were born and raised with a road environment very different from the one they found in their host country. Passing your test in a very different environment and in a language that you do not speak requires a tremendous effort.

Some categories allow the driver to drive a wide variety of vehicles, by mere equivalence. There are countries where category B allows you to drive certain agricultural vehicles, two-wheeled motor vehicles or trailers, although they are not subject to any type of assessment.

The aim of this event is to discuss and learn about the projects and strategies that have been implemented to face the challenge of assessing all situations that deviate from standard.

### **Abstracts on the following topics can be submitted:**

1. Assessment of candidates with physical limitations
2. Assessment of candidates with intellectual and psychological limitations
3. Assessment of candidates with dyslexia
4. Assessment of candidates from generation Z, X or Y
5. Assessment of foreign candidates
6. Assessment of candidates in rural or non-urban areas
7. Use of electric vehicles in the practical test
8. Use of ADAS in the practical test
9. Use of autonomous driving systems in the practical test
10. Adaptation of the assessment to accident statistics
11. Use of new technologies in drivers' assessment
12. Assessment of offending drivers
13. Assessment of drivers involved in accidents
14. Hazard perception assessment

The CIECA Congress 2025 will be a forum to find answers to the challenges ahead, and to discuss the future of road safety, and potential speakers are invited to comment on these and similar issues.

Please note the deadline for the submission of abstracts is **6 December 2024**. 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](#). 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 be peer reviewed by the CIECA Programme Committee and you will be informed of the outcome of the review by **21 February 2025**. The abstracts will be assessed according to the following criteria: relevance to the congress topic, importance to road safety improvement, quality, validity, originality, technical strength, and practical significance.

### **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**

All presenters are required to register for the conference. Please note that once an abstract is accepted, the production of a PowerPoint presentation to accompany the session is compulsory. Guidelines and a template for preparation of PPT presentations will be provided to authors on acceptance of abstracts.

**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 should not exceed 2 pages
- Font (font size): Times New Roman (12 pt)
- Line Spacing: 1.5 pt
- Abstracts submitted should 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 & PHOTO**

This information will be used by the session chair for introduction purposes and will be uploaded to inform participants on the content of the event.

**We look forward to receiving your submissions. Please feel free to forward our call for papers to colleagues and people who might also be interested in submitting a paper and/or attending our event.**

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

#### **THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

ANIECA (Portugal), and CIECA

#### **THE LOCAL COMMITTEE**

Miguel Soeiro, Director of Services

#### **THE CHAIR OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

Augusta Sica (CIECA)

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Abstract submission deadline: **6 December 2024**
- Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the authors **by 21 February 2025**