



PIARC - Presentation

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What is PIARC?

- **PIARC is the new name of the World Road Association**
- **We were founded in 1909** as a non-profit, non-political association
- **Our goal is to organise exchange of knowledge, policy and practice on all matters related to roads and road transport**
 - Expert Committees, Reports, International Seminars...
- **We have 125 member governments**, as well as regions, groups/companies and individuals.
- **The Association mobilizes the experience and knowledge of 1,200 experts** from more than 80 countries in **20+ Technical Committees and Task Forces.**



PIARC's four key missions

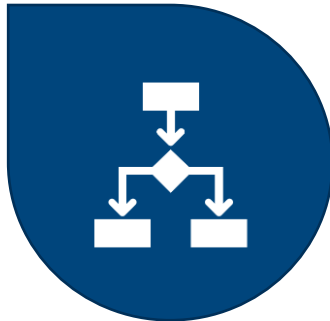
- Be a leading international forum for the analysis and discussion of the whole spectrum of transport issues related to roads and road transport.



- Identify, develop and disseminate good practices and give better access to international information.



- Consider within our activities the needs of low and middle-income countries fully.



- Design, produce and promote efficient tools for decision making on matters related to roads and road transport.

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Operations are guided by a 4-year Strategic Plan.

Knowledge exchange: The core of PIARC

- **PIARC mobilises international road and transport experts through more than 20 groups (Committees and Task Forces):**
 - Ad-hoc dialogue among peers
 - Network building
 - Joint work towards commonly-agreed deliverables
- **These deliverables are widely accessible:**
 - Reports, Case studies, Literature reviews, etc.
 - Seminars or workshops
 - Online manuals
 - Software and tools
 - Usually in English, French and Spanish. Usually free of charge.
- **PIARC Congresses and events are world-class focus points for:**
 - Dissemination of these deliverables



What we do - What we don't do

- **Our mission: Serve the needs of our members**
 - Member countries
 - Experts
- **We share best practice, research results, knowledge and recommendations**
- **Rather than research**

- **We do not engage in standardization (we encourage harmonization where appropriate)**
- **We do not have a mandate to represent our members**
- **We do not express opinions or analysis on national or regional issues**

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PIARC Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023

1. Road Administration	2. Mobility	3. Safety and Sustainability	4. Resilient Infrastructure
TC 1.1 Performance of Transport Administrations	TC 2.1 Mobility in Urban Areas	TC 3.1 Road Safety	TC 4.1 Pavements
TC 1.2 Planning Road Infrastructure and Transport to Economic and Social Development	TC 2.2 Accessibility and Mobility in Rural Areas	TC 3.2 Winter Service	TC 4.2 Bridges
TC 1.3 Finance and Procurement	TC 2.3 Freight	TC 3.3 Asset Management	TC 4.3 Earthworks
TC 1.4 Climate change and resilience of Road Network	TC 2.4 Road Network Operation/ITS	TC 3.4 Environmental Sustainability in Road Infrastructure and Transport	TC 4.4 Tunnels
TC 1.5 Disaster management			
TF 1.1 Well-Prepared Projects	TF 2.1 New mobility and its impact on road infrastructure and Transport	TF 3.1 Road Infrastructure and Transport Security	TF 4.1 Road Design Standards
(TF 1.2 HDM-4)	TF 2.2 Electric Road Systems		
TF 1.3 Well-Prepared Projects in LMICs			
Terminology Committee			
Road Statistics Committee			

Key horizontal issues

- Our Plan needs to reflect mega-trends, including those that go beyond roads
- It also needs to place roads in the context of the global transport system

- **Climate change**
- **Resilience**
- **Road safety**
- **Innovation**

Many recent PIARC publications

- COVID-19: initial impacts and responses to the pandemic from road and transport agencies
- Improving Road Tunnel Resilience, Considering Safety and Availability - PIARC Literature Review
- Road Related Data and How to Use it
- The Contribution of Road Transport to Sustainability and Economic Development
- How Countries Undertake Well-Prepared Projects: A Review on Ten Countries
- Snow and Ice Databook

<https://www.piarc.org/en/activities/PIARC-Directory-Technical-Reports/PIARC-Technical-Reports-2020-2023>
■ **Many more coming in the next months**



27th World Road Congress

2 - 6 October 2023

▪ **Very rich technical Content:**

- Ministerial session
- All our 25 Committees will present their work
- Papers from the call for papers on 49 topics will be presented too
- Foresight Sessions with our partners

▪ **Great opportunity to:**

- Engage with ministries, with experts, with industry...
- Learn more about PIARC outputs
- Discuss new ideas



Call for Papers

- **Good results already**
- 15 September: 735 abstracts from 72 countries

- **Top 12 countries:**

Czech Rep.	81	Australia	31
Japan	57	Indonesia	29
France	49	UK	25
Spain	40	Korea	23
Italy	37	Mexico	23
Germany	35	S. Africa	15

- **Countries:**

- *Lower than usual turnout from:* USA, Canada, Quebec, Belgium, Austria...
- *Good turnout from (among others):* Indonesia (!), Colombia, Iran, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire...

- **Technical committees & Task Forces:**

- *Most successful:* Pavements, Road Safety, Asset management, Planning...
- *Less successful:* Security, Finance, Project preparation, ERS...

Romania in PIARC

- **Member country since 1909**
- **Active involvement in PIARC:**
 - 24 experts in technical committees
 - One active national committee
- **2023 Congress (Prague):**
 - Several abstracts submitted by Argentina experts
 - And many delegates to Prague, hopefully



Moldova in PIARC

- Member country since 2008
- Quoted in several PIARC Congress Proceedings
 - Prague 1971
 - Vienna 1979
 - Sydney 1983
- A new path for cooperation is open



Thank you for your attention!



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