

Fit to Drive

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Welcome

CIECA – New orientations

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- An overview of this presentation
 - CIECA – Organisation / structure
 - CIECA – Our links with European safety developments
 - CIECA – New directions



- An international platform organisation
 - 56 members in 36 countries – Mostly in the EU
 - Core members design and deliver theoretical and practical driving tests
 - Some members also regulate driver training and deliver driver Certificate for Professional Competence
 - Managed by a Permanent Bureau elected by a General Assembly
 - Secretariat and offices in Brussels
 - Financed by annual membership fee
 - Annual turnover of around EUR 350,000



- CIECA helps its members
 - to develop technical and scientific knowledge about driver education and assessment.
 - to develop shared solutions to the safe use of motor vehicles within the European and worldwide context.
 - to share a common understanding among our member organizations of the administrative and business consequences of driver training and testing.



- CIECA – Working methods
 - data collection and analysis.
 - workshops, seminars, congresses, audits.
 - permanent expert groups.
 - peer-to-peer learning and exchange of good practice information.
 - cooperation with other experts.
 - participating research and development projects.



- CIECA – Close to EU developments
 - provide support for CIECA members to comply with EU directives concerning driver training and testing.
 - involvement in European research projects.
 - involved with the Commission's 2010 Road Safety Policy Orientation.
 - now designing a CIECA work programme that aligns with the EU Road Safety Framework 2012-2020.



- CIECA – Current activities (Nov 2011- June 2012)
 - Member workshops on
 - C1 subcategory, AM (Moped), Progressive access for motorcycles, Quality control for examiners
 - Driving assistance systems and automatic gearboxes
 - Driving test audits in Croatia and in Cyprus
 - Discussions on theory test item bank
 - Recommendations (in pipeline) on
 - C1, DAS, Automatic gearboxes and ecodriving



- CIECA – new directions
 - the General Assembly in May 2011 approved a new Strategy which included broader appreciation of driving standards including driver education and remedial intervention within CIECA activities.
 - CIECA statutes adjusted to accommodate this broader role and allow a wider range of membership.
 - a new Theory Test Advisory Group was established.
 - other groups – psychological, medical, trainers - envisaged.



- Now preparing plans for the period to 2020 - Special Strategy seminar in February
 - Five goals up to 2020
 - Goal 1: Programming
 - Goal 2: Membership development
 - Goal 3: Exchange and dissemination of information
 - Goal 4: Sustainability and organisational change
 - Goal 5: Partnerships
 - Working programme



- On strategy (1)
 - CIECA will develop plans in order to have an improved, coherent and holistic appreciation of driving standards, including driver education and remedial intervention.
 - Urgent need to consider training and testing from a Life Long Learning perspective

- On strategy (2)
 - Research, workshop, seminar and events agenda is developed on the short term (July 2014)
 - outline for the medium (July 2016) and long term (July 2020)
 - that supports each area taking into account the various UN, European Commission and European Parliament policy papers

 - CIECA wants to develop successful partnerships with academic associations, driver instructor associations, industry, publishers etc.



- On the work programme (1) – Some issues
 - Review experiences of Independent driving findings
 - Review experiences of eco driving findings
 - Attention towards vulnerable road users during training and testing
 - Support further developments in theory testing
 - Common standards on what is tested (GDE matrix / other competence frameworks)
 - Common standards to guide theory test item and format design issues
 - Evaluation of the evidence of results (e.g. Hazard Perception Testing)



- On the work programme (2)
 - Examiner / Instructor training and education
 - Common standards for competence-based training methods for driving examiners
 - Take forward the MERIT project: Education standards for driving instructors
 - Common standards for assessment of ecological driving in driver testing and driver education



- On the work programme (3)
 - Driving licencing process
 - Ageing and safety from a driver licensing and assessment perspective; CIECA aims to build links with partners who have medical and psychology expertise in order to determine better the assessment activities associated with health issues and elderly drivers, and in line with this the development of remedial methods in order to extend the period of “safe mobility” for elderly people
 - Graduated access for new car drivers - Experience within European systems
 - Diagnostics and re-education assessment for your driving offenders



- Common problems – shared solutions
 - driver behaviour, a hard topic in road safety.
 - how to integrate education and assessment to improve safety
 - the challenge of learning from each other – different topics, different jurisdictions.
 - opportunity for experts to meet other experts.
 - an opportunity to influence the EU agenda.
 - CIECA congress in Istanbul, Turkey, 15 June 2012
 - On emerging technologies, including DAS, and their future impact on driver training and testing



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