



+120
countries



+1,200 experts



+20 Technical
Committees



Since
1909

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR ROADS AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION



OUR TOPICS

ALL ROAD AND ROAD TRANSPORT-RELATED TOPICS





Roads are the oldest mode of transport and still account for over 80% of transport in most countries. They are faced with increasingly stringent requirements in terms of demand for transport, new trends, societal pressures, and budget efficiency.

Experts, researchers and practitioners throughout the world are working on these issues with a view to formulating and implementing the most appropriate responses.

International cooperation is a powerful tool in this process.

- **Rather than reinventing best practice, it is shared through meetings and collaboration among peers, which saves time and money,**
- **Ideas can also be challenged, which facilitates the emergence of new concepts,**
- **Such cooperation also enables participants to promote national practices.**

PIARC, the World Road Association, was founded in **1909** to facilitate this type of cooperation on all road-related issues. Our international association is **apolitical and not-for-profit**. It forms networks of road experts from around the world, provides these experts with collaborative working methods, and publishes their recommendations and reports. All this occurs within a context of integrated and sustainable transport.

Our products and services are widely accessible and focus on expectations and requirements expressed by our membership, which primarily includes the governments of over 120 countries.

OUR MISSIONS

PROVIDING A CUTTING-EDGE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR ANALYSING AND DISCUSSING ISSUES RELATED TO ROADS AND ROAD TRANSPORT

- The World Road Congress, which has been held every four years since 1908
 - Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) in 2019
 - Prague (Czech Republic) in 2023
- The International Winter Road Congress
 - Gdansk (Poland) in 2018
 - Calgary (Canada) in 2022
- 1,200 international experts
- Sitting on over 20 Technical Committees and Task Forces
- Statutory meetings of our Executive Committee and Council
- National level meetings (National Committees)



SHARING BEST PRACTICE AND PROVIDING OPTIMAL ACCESS TO GLOBAL INFORMATION

- Publication of reports accessible free-of-charge – 1 per month
- Quarterly trilingual *Routes/Roads* magazine
- Conferences – Tunnels, Pavement Characteristics, ...
- Brief summaries (*Special Projects*)



TAKING ACTION IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING AND TRANSITIONING COUNTRIES

- Requirements incorporated in our working topics
- International seminars – one every six weeks
- Regional working groups
- Financial support mechanisms



DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING EFFECTIVE TOOLS TO HELP WITH DECISION-MAKING ON ROADS AND ROAD TRANSPORT

- Our flagship online multilingual Road Dictionary
- HDM-4: road maintenance policy and investment analysis software
- DG-QRAM: a tool for managing transportation of hazardous goods in tunnels
- Themed online manuals: road safety, tunnel operations, management of road assets, network operation/intelligent transportation





HOW DO WE WORK?



The **Technical Committees** and **Task Forces** are the most visible elements of PIARC.

They bring together over 1,200 experts from around the world, making PIARC **the world's largest network of road specialists**. Their work revolves around two annual meetings and seminars in low or middle-income countries, culminating in the publication of reports on priority technical topics.

The main part of our products are available in English, French and Spanish – which are the three work languages of PIARC – and sometimes in other languages.



PARTNERSHIPS

PIARC actively pursues partnerships with a view to positioning roads as a key component in the transport system, ensuring that our products are widely distributed, contributing to sharing best practice, providing us with greater access to road communities, coordinating action plans and devising joint projects.

PIARC National Committees: national road associations, set up at national level in over 40 countries.

Regional road associations: CEDR in Europe, AGEPAR in French-speaking Africa, REAAA in Asia, and DIRCAIBEA in Latin America.

Development organisations including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Development Bank of Latin America, etc.

International technical organisations: TRB (United States), International Tunnelling & Underground Space Association (ITA-AITES), FISITA, etc.



WHY JOIN PIARC?

TAKE PART IN

- Our events
- Cooperation on road-related topics at international level
- The Technical Committees and Task Forces
- Identifying road-related issues

ACCESS

- Our *Routes/Roads* magazine
- Our online reports library
- Our online road dictionary
- Our software products

We offer several membership categories: national governments, regional authorities, companies or universities, individual members.



THE PIARC TEAM

The Council

**Responsibility
for managing
the Association**

It is composed of delegations from member countries, each led by a First Delegate

The President

**Elected by
the Council**

For a 4-year term

The Executive Committee

**Manages the
Association**

Assisted by several Commissions

PIARC General Secretariat

**Coordinates
all activities**

Based in Paris, France

Leaders and experts provided by certain member countries

Employees

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