



+120  
countries



+1,200 experts



+20 Technical  
Committees



Since  
1909

**INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION  
FOR ROADS AND  
ROAD TRANSPORTATION**

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# OUR TOPICS

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## 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*)



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## 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?

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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

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**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?

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### 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

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### 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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