



The European Union Road Federation (ERF)

The European National Road Associations Forum (ENRA Forum)

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ERF is a signatory of the European Road Safety Charter, associating civil society to Europe's goal of halving the number of road deaths by 2010



“The Voice of the European Road”



- 🌐 ERF is a *platform for dialogue and research* at the service of the European road community.
- 🌐 ERF gives the *road community* a consistent and united voice in all transport areas :
 - ✓ Socio-economic contribution of roads to society
 - ✓ Safer road engineering
 - ✓ Infrastructure financing
 - ✓ Sustainable road construction, management and operation
 - ✓ Intelligent roads
- 🌐 ERF initiates and supports *scientific studies and publications* aimed at improving the knowledge of the European road system.



“The Voice of the European Road”



 A strong network of road sector organisations present in all European Countries :

- ✓ National road associations
- ✓ Road equipment manufacturers
- ✓ Operators and contractors
- ✓ Road research laboratories
- ✓ Road user organisations

...representing the interests of thousands of organisations working for a safe, sustainable and interoperable road network at the service of Europe's citizens.




“The Voice of the European Road”



 ERF is the Brussels Programme Centre of the International Road Federation (IRF), founded in 1948 to offer an international forum to public and private road sector organisations

 Three regional programme centres (Washington D.C, Geneva and Brussels) serving over 350 Members in 90 countries

 An unparalleled range of services:

- ✓ Networking and business development
- ✓ Education and training
- ✓ Conferences and seminars



Policy priorities: Socio-economic benefits of roads



ERF provides the conditions for a facts-based debate on the role of roads in the socio-economic development in Europe

1. By looking beyond the raw (and often incomplete) figures on road sector published by official statistics
2. By showing real-life examples of the true extent of road-enabled mobility in our daily lives
3. By working alongside EU institutions in all major transport policy orientations

THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF ROADS IN EUROPE



Policy priorities: Engineering Safer Roads



- ① Poor road design & maintenance is a participating factor in the causes and consequences of up to a third of road accidents
- ① Europe has a duty to offer targets, support research and promote best practices that address all the root causes of road accidents
- ① European Member States must align themselves with the road management policies and standards of Europe's best-performing countries



ERF is one of the leading promoters of integrated safety policies associating driver, vehicle and infrastructure measures



Policy priorities: Sustainable road construction



ERF believes the construction and operation of Europe's road networks can be made compatible with legitimate environmental concerns through a balanced mix of innovation and regulation.

① Transport measures implemented today fail to reconcile societal aspirations for cleaner & quieter road transport with legitimate individual mobility needs

① The road network itself offers a significant environmental potential:

- avoiding habitat fragmentation
- increased use of recycled materials
- quieter road surfaces
- environmental impact assessments



Policy priorities: Infrastructure financing



ERF urges Europe's policy makers to learn from years of dead ends and explore new approaches



- that are fairer to motorists,
- that guarantee stable road funding
- and that ensure legitimate fiscal needs are met.

① Ambitious investment programmes combined with **sustainable financing mechanisms** are required to complete the TEN

① Europe's new Member States collectively need **14,000 km of new motorways**

① Road user taxes **easily cover all the external costs** identified as being inflicted by road users on society

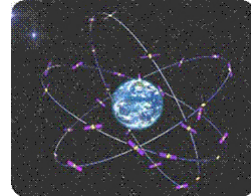


Policy priorities: Intelligent Roads



ERF believes Galileo has the potential to become a key enabler of European and national transport policies.

- ① Galileo is quickly becoming a reality
- ① Galileo is increasingly perceived as an important component of the global answer to the challenges raised by increased private and freight transport demand
- ① 24 applications have been identified by ERF's GIROADS Project as being of immediate economic and social interest to the road sector:
 - liability-critical applications
 - safety-critical applications
 - others



Services to the Members: Our information services



- 📖 **Web site:** www.irfnet.eu
- 📖 **Publications**
 - European Road Statistics
 - International Road Directory
- 📖 **Newsletters**
 - Policy & Action
 - Voice of the European Road
 - Engineering Safer Roads
 - Intelligent Roads

Engineering Safer Roads

A Directive on Road Infrastructure Safety Management
The Commission has adopted a Directive on Road Infrastructure Safety Management (RISM) to improve the safety of roads across the EU. The Directive sets out the requirements for the design, construction and maintenance of roads to ensure they are safe for all road users. It also sets out the requirements for the management of roads to ensure they remain safe throughout their lifetime.

ERF's role
ERF has been instrumental in the development of the Directive, representing the interests of road users and road operators. ERF has also been working to ensure that the Directive is implemented in a way that is consistent with the interests of the road sector.



Infrastructure Safety Directive
"A Victory for road users"
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European Road Congress
Just 4 weeks to go
The European Road Congress is the largest and most important event in the road sector. It brings together road operators, road users and road operators from across Europe to discuss the latest developments in the road sector. The Congress is a key opportunity for the road sector to voice its views and influence policy.



Services to the Members: Programmes & Working Groups



Road Safety Programme

- WG on Road Restraint Systems
- WG on Road Markings
- WG on Vertical Signs
- WG on Tunnel Safety

Infrastructure Financing Programme

- WG on Infrastructure Financing

Intelligent Roads Programme

- GIROADS Club

Environment Programme

- WG on Road Traffic Noise
- WG on Sustainable Road Construction
- European Noise Barrier Federation (ENBF)

EuroAudits

- Training Programme for Road Safety Auditors

European National Road Associations Forum

- Dialog Platform for NRA's



The ENRA Forum



- **The European National Road Associations Forum (ENRA Forum)**

- **Independent Forum dedicated to the European National Road Associations**
- **Under the umbrella of the ERF**
- **Offers a unique platform of dialogue and an interactive space**



The ENRA Forum



• OBJECTIVES

- Provide the NRAs with a European platform for dialogue and exchange of information
- Compare National issues and challenges in terms of Road Safety Policies
- Identify major political and technical trends
- Share best practices and solutions
- Measure results and impacts of National Programmes on European Safety Regulations
- Develop tools and programmes to improve Road Safety in Europe



The ENRA Forum



• ACTIVITIES

- Regular Meetings
- Participation to relevant National and International Events (MAUT Conference, IRF WM Lisbon 2010...)
- Cross participation of the Members to National Events
- Information Relay in the National Media
- Organisation of Road Safety Seminars and Trainings
- Publication of a Directory (in project)



The ENRA Forum



MEMBERS

- **Asociación Española de la Carretera (AEC) – Spain**
- **Centro Rodoviário Português (CRP) – Portugal**
- **Dansk Vejforening - Denmark**
- **Opplysningsrådet for Veitrafikken - Norway**
- **Road Federation Belgium – Belgium**
- **Road Users Alliance (RUA) – U.K.**
- **Suomen Tieyhdistys – Finland**
- **Union Routière de France (URF) – France**
- **Via Vita – Croatia / Slovenia / Bosnia-Herzegovina**



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