



Invitation to the 3rd European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers Luxembourg, 27 - 28 March 2014

The EU Directive 2004/54/EC of 29 April 2004 on minimum safety requirements for tunnels in the trans-European road network has created the position of Tunnel Safety Officer. After transposition of the Directive by Member States during the two following years, Safety Officers have been appointed throughout Europe and have started to perform their tasks to improve road tunnel safety.

Two meetings of the European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers were organized in 2009, respectively and 2012 gathering more than 40 Safety Officers from 16 countries. During the second Forum it was concluded that the next forum should be a 'two day event including a site visit, workshops and an informal meeting to further enhance the exchange of experiences and good practises among Safety Officers'.

This is the reason why the Committee on Operational Safety of Underground Facilities (COSUF) of the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA) is organising the third European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers, in co-operation with the European Commission and the World Road Association (PIARC). This event is open to Safety Officers from all over Europe and will take place on:

27-28 March 2014

**at Meeting Room M2 – Jean Monnet Building,
Rue Alcide de Gasperi, Jean Monnet 2920 Luxembourg**

This forum is intended and reserved for Safety Officers. It will be an opportunity for them to meet and exchange experience with colleagues from other countries. It has been prepared by a devoted Activity Group (AG4) of ITA COSUF which has convened several times since the first forum. The programme is attached to this invitation. The forum will be held in English but simultaneous translation in German and French will be available.

Safety Officers appointed according to Directive 2004/54/EC are invited to take part in this forum at no charge. Prior registration is compulsory and must indicate name, company, email and concerned tunnel(s). It should be made as soon as possible at the following email address: secretariat@ita-aites.org no later than 19 March 2014

Additional information will be sent to registered participants in order to facilitate their arrival.

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