

Invitation to the 2nd European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers Brussels, 18 January 2012

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.

A first European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers was held in Lyon on 4-5 November 2009 and gathered more than 40 Safety Officers from 16 countries. Among other conclusions, it was wished that such forums should be held on a regular basis and that the next forum should be at least partially dedicated to discussing “guidelines” as a complement to the Safety Officers’ tasks and functions prescribed in the Directive.

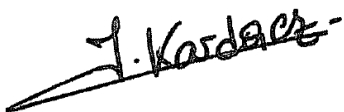
This is the reason why the Committee on Operational Safety of Underground Facilities (COSUF) of the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA) is organising the second European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers, in co-operation with the European Commission and the World Road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

18 January 2012 (from 9:30 to 18:00)
at Meeting Room IRIS, CCN - Gare du Nord, Rue du Progrès 80,
1030 Brussels

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.

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

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



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9:30 – 10:00 Registration – Coffee

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome on behalf of the European Commission** (*Gilles Bergot, deputy Head of Unit, Road Safety Unit*), **ITA COSUF** (*Didier Lacroix, Chairman*) and **PIARC** (*Pierre Schmitz, Past Chairman, Technical Committee on Road Tunnel Operations*)

10:30 – 10:45 **Introduction and reminder of the lessons from the 1st forum** (*Alain Picard - APRR - France*)

10:45 – 12:15 **Strategic issues regarding tunnel safety officers' tasks and functions**

- Focus on an important part of the safety documentation: Description of the organisation of the tunnel manager and instruction specified by the tunnel manager (*André Stein - Ponts et Chaussées - Luxembourg*)
- How to define a continuous process to improve safety? (*Bernt Freiholtz - Swedish transport administration - Sweden*)
- How to define "minimal operating requirements"? (*Hélène Mongeot - CETU - France*)
- Discussion

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 **Feedback from experience (organisational and technical aspects): a key issue to facilitate tunnel safety officers' tasks and functions**

- Feedback from experience regarding the coordination with emergency services (*Joachim Ollé - Spain*)
- Coordinated planning for emergency services (*Les Fielding - Hindead tunnel enterprise Mouchel - UK*)
- How to manage the complexity of our safety systems? (*Johan Bosch - RWS & Delft University - Netherlands*)
- Discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:00 **Tunnel Safety inspections: a case study**

- Experience of tunnel safety inspections in Norway (*Marius Hofseth - Norwegian Public road administration - Norway*)

16:00 – 16:45 **Discussion and plans for the future**

- Discussion
- Follow up, new topics to be dealt with

16:45 – 17:00 **Closure by Gilles Bergot** (*deputy Head of Unit, Road Safety Unit, European Commission*) and **Didier Lacroix** (*Chairman, ITA COSUF*)

17:00 – 18:00 Drinks - Networking