



Memorandum of understanding between PIARC - World Road Association and the Conference of European Directors of Roads (CEDR)

Given that

PIARC is a worldwide organisation dedicated to knowledge exchange on roads and road transport policy and practices within an integrated sustainable transport context and considering that the European countries have been important contributors to PIARC since its establishment in 1909;

the Directors of Roads of CEDR are generally members of PIARC's governing bodies in their capacity as their country's First Delegate to PIARC;

the Conference of European Directors of Roads (CEDR) was founded in 2003 to create an organisational structure that facilitates exchange and co-operation between the national road administrations of Europe (and was built on the foundations of the Western European Road Directors established within the framework of PIARC in 1988);

Reflecting the distinctions and synergies in the objectives of the two organizations, namely:

- For PIARC, to improve international co-operation and to foster progress in the field of roads and road transport,
- For CEDR, to provide direct support to the Directors of Roads of European countries on issues they are confronted with, especially with regard to European developments,

the two organisations entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on October 13th, 2005 at the World Road Association Council in Beijing;

This being the fifteenth anniversary of that co-operation, PIARC and CEDR, henceforth referred to as "the organisations", have decided to renew the MoU and agreed on the following:

1 Aim of the memorandum of understanding

The aim of this MoU is to formalise relations between the two organisations in order to promote synergy and avoid duplication in the work undertaken by both organisations. This MoU replaces previous agreements.

This includes the organisation of joint activities such as:

- The mutual exchange of information and co-operation in the area of roads, road transport, and related issues

- Coordination between PIARC technical committees and the corresponding relevant CEDR working groups
- Dissemination of information
- Organization of joint or participation in, select activities

2 Strategic plans

Each organisation draws up activity plans to outline its objectives and the methods of implementing the work planned: most recently PIARC's 2020-2023 strategic plan and CEDR's 2020-2022 rolling action plan.

Joint activities between PIARC and CEDR will continue to correspond and contribute to each organisation's strategic plan.

Each organisation will continue to consult the plan of the other one when preparing or updating its own plan.

3 Coordination processes

Before establishing a working group or new activities of its own, each organisation shall consider if the issue has already been or is being addressed by the other organisation. This analysis will naturally reflect each organisation's specific goals. For example, in the case of CEDR, this may relate to the specificities of developments in European legislation.

For the sake of good coordination and to strengthen the coherence between respective messages affecting the road sector; PIARC will inform CEDR on all activities with a solely European focus that it considers undertaking, especially where this may relate to developments in European legislation, in turn, CEDR will inform PIARC on all activities with global or international focus outside Europe that it may consider undertaking outside of the scope of the on-going PIARC-CEDR activities.

4 Communication and dissemination

Each organisation's website shall feature a link to the website of the other organisation.

Relevant news and updates from each organisation can be replicated on the platforms of the other.

PIARC and CEDR shall investigate how to ensure greater dissemination of the work produced by their respective working groups by making the most of their respective means of publications.

For example, CEDR contributions to PIARC publications, e.g. PIARC's Routes/Roads magazine, are welcome. This is subject to each organisation's editorial process. Each organisation is responsible for developing the material to be published.

5 Conferences and events

Facilitating the role of regional organisations in the co-operation at a global level

On the occasion of the PIARC annual Council meeting, a meeting will be organized by PIARC General Secretariat between representatives of relevant regional associations. This co-operation between the different regions of the globe complements (but does not supersede) the existing national memberships and views represented in each organisation.

Event participation

PIARC and CEDR shall be associated, whenever possible, with the conferences and other events organised by the other organisation by contributing in the fields in which they are active in order to present the perspective of the broad world vision or the vision of the road administrations of Europe.

In particular, the two organisations will cooperate on joint activities held in Europe in relation to TRA2022 Lisbon, WRC2023 Prague and TRA2024 Dublin. Wherever practical CEDR and PIARC will coordinate on relevant PIARC activities taking place in Europe.

The organisations will also consider each other as possible contributors to online events, such as webinars.

6 Dialogue between the General Secretariats

There shall be a regular dialogue between the General Secretariats of the two organisations in order to ensure co-ordination of the work of the two organisations.

This dialogue will adhere to the following principles.

- 6.1 The Secretaries-General of both organisations shall arrange two meetings a year to achieve synergy and ensure complementarities of work. During these meetings, current ongoing activities will be discussed, as well as planning for future possible collaborations.
- 6.2 The Secretaries-General of both organisations (and the deputy secretary general in the case of PIARC) shall have access to the members' area of the website of the other organisation.
- 6.3 The President or Secretary-General of PIARC is invited to attend meetings of the CEDR Governing Board and other relevant events and meetings including the Executive Board.
- 6.4 The President or Secretary-General of CEDR is invited to attend meetings of the PIARC Council and other relevant events and meetings.
- 6.5 Where necessary, each organisation may request confidentiality in cases where commercially or politically sensitive information is concerned.

7 Duration of the memorandum of understanding

This memorandum of understanding shall come into force on the day it is signed and is valid for a period of five (5) years. Clauses may be amended by mutual agreement.

Each organisation may decide at any time to terminate this memorandum of understanding. This decision must be made by PIARC's Executive Committee and CEDR's Governing Board.

Signed Friday 27th November 2020.

On behalf of CEDR:

On behalf of PIARC:

