

Safety Requirements for CEDR Contractors

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Improving road safety is a key strategic goal of CEDR. In 2016, the road safety challenges of road authorities to achieve vision zero were published to outline the areas in which actions were needed. Last year, CEDR revisited its road safety strategy as a core part of the priorities of UK Presidency.

There are many concrete actions that road authorities can take to improve road safety and reduce fatalities and harm. One of these is to exercise leadership in the domain; CEDR itself now intends to demonstrate this priority. One of the key opportunities is through our procurement practises. CEDR's procurement only amounts a few million euros each year and collectively our contractors employ only a few hundred people. Therefore, CEDR cannot expect to have a significant effect on overall road safety across Europe, but it is important to demonstrate its priorities and start somewhere. In addition, since many of contracts depend on specific named contractors, CEDR considers this as a risk management to value the safety of its contractors.

Starting from 2021, CEDR is requiring all of its contractors to review their internal road safety practises in different domains.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

For this RSA, the Consultant is agreeing to comply to the road safety requirements listed below during fulfilment of contractual obligations. More specifically, when driving is necessary for performing research activities that are subject of this RSA, underneath safety requirements are to be adhered to.

Provisions of this Annex are to be fulfilled by all consortium partners.

Contractors' Road Safety Requirements

The Consultant confirm by his signature of the RSA that the consortium partners include road safety requirements as part of their employer's health and safety obligations under 89/391/EEC or similar legislation.

Contractors are invited to submit any evidence of compliance (e.g. ISO39001 assessments).

Contractors confirm by their signature of the RSA that this includes at least the following measures:

For driving

- Employees are recommended to receive re-training and refresher courses at regular periods and/or when changing vehicles (especially vehicles with new features).
- Employees receive clear (written) guidelines to actively discourage distracted driving (e.g. texting).
- Employees receive clear (written) guidelines to actively discourage speeding.
- Employees receive clear (written) guidelines to avoid driving when tired including after work.
- Employees receive clear (written) guidelines to avoid driving in adverse weather conditions and understand that they can cancel journeys or make other arrangements.
- In addition, contractors are invited to provide any details of re-training and refresher courses required of employees at regular periods and/or when changing vehicles (especially vehicles with new features).

Vehicles

- Where applicable, all vehicles purchased or leased by the organisation shall meet at least the EuroNAP 5-star criteria and shall wherever possible include C-ITS Day 1/1.5 services.
- All vehicles used by any employees for any professional purposes, including the private vehicles of employees, are required to be maintained to manufacturers requirements and employees are instructed to make regular checks of basic features (tyres, windscreen washer etc).

Planning

- Risk assessments ensure that all professional journeys shall be planned to give sufficient time for employees to drive within the applicable speed limits and provide adequate time for rest breaks¹.
- Measures are in place to ensure that the schedule of working shall be arranged to ensure that adequate rest breaks and sleeping times are ensured before any driving tasks.

Sub-contractors

- Procurement practices are in place to ensure that all sub-contractors and suppliers are encouraged to follow road safety requirements².

¹ Measures that specify the use of other modes (e.g. rail) for longer journeys are also applicable.

² Not applicable to organisations with an annual turnover of less than two million euros.